



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 8th September 2023

Winter Term Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term and the new year. It has been lovely to have all the children back in school, settling into their new classes, which they have done so well. And what wonderful weather we have returned to...we could have done with more of that a few weeks ago but I guess we'll take it whenever we can!

I would like to welcome our new members of staff, Mr Christmas and Mrs Bateman. I think they are already realising how lucky they are to be working here at Rudgwick. You will, of course, have the chance to meet your children's new teachers next week so I hope as many people as possible can attend our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings:

Monday 11th (2:50 – 3:10)	–	Y2
Monday 11th (3:20 - 3:40)	–	Y3
Tuesday 12th (2:50 – 3:10)	–	Y5
Tuesday 12th (3:20 – 3:40)	–	Y4
Wednesday 13th (2:50 – 3:10)	–	Y1
Thursday 14th (2:50 – 3:10)	–	Y6

Welcome also to some of our new children that have joined in different classes, as well as our amazing new Reception Class children. They have settled to school life brilliantly this week, coming in with confidence, saying goodbye to parents with a smile on their faces and a spring in their step and they have begun to explore all that our Early Years environment has to offer. They have had a tour around the school so they know where everything is and are already showing us that they are kind, polite, helpful and hard working. I think they, and all of our children, are going to have a super year.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week:
Archie B, Martha H, Mika S, Alex L-G, Leo B.

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.

Awards



This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **Confidence**.

House Points for the Term

Eagles – 214

Falcons – 200

Kestrels - 179

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Everyone in Africa Class!	For all being so amazing and kind during their first week at Big School!
Asia (Year 1)	Ellis	For contributing so well to class discussions and for having a great can do attitude to his first week in Year 1.
	Dylan	For wowing us with such a positive attitude to year 1 and for starting the day in an enthusiastic way.
Europe (Year 2)	Noah	For settling not only into Year 2 brilliantly but being so brave and friendly when starting a brand-new school!
	Mitzie	For showing that she is totally ready for Year 2, by being calm, settled, well-behaved, a great listener and so much more! Thank you Mitzie!
Australasia (Year 3)	Everyone in Australasia class!	For making such a fabulous start to the new school year and being role models for everyone in the school values. It's a leap in expectations and the children are off to a great start. They should feel very proud of themselves.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ewan	For being positive in his learning this week and showing a pleasing have a go attitude to new things.
	Madison	For being enthusiastic and curious in her learning and being willing to share ideas in all lessons.
North America (Year 5)	Oscar	For demonstrating his kind nature in class by being polite throughout the week.
	Harley	For being curious and contributing consistently to discussion across all lessons.
South America (Year 6)	Rosey	For having a really positive attitude to learning. A great start to Year 6!
	Harry	For a fantastic start to Year 6! You have worked hard, engaged in all lessons and challenged yourself.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What an amazing first week in Africa Class! We have all really impressed the grown-ups in the school with how well we have come in to each morning. We have been busy discovering our new classroom and learning everyone's names. We have been on a tour of the whole school and were very excited to see some of our brothers and sisters in their classrooms. We have begun to share our 'All about Me' summer books and we will continue to do this next week too. We have enjoyed listening to stories, with 'No-Bot the robot with no bottom' being our favourite. We loved it so much that Mrs Worth had to read it to us twice! Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight think we have been such superstars and can't wait to see us all again next week.
Asia (Year 1)	What a wonderful first week in Year 1 we've had. Mrs Hoyte and Miss Lee were so impressed with all the children's positive attitude to their learning

	<p>and for adapting so quickly to the new routines. In English we have been exploring the story of Miranda the Explorer, making predictions, role playing the balloon landings and writing sentences about how she was feeling. We even remembered to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We have brushed up on our knowledge of the set 1 sounds and then used these to write cvc words. In Art we learnt about Japanese cherry blossom trees and created our own spectacular painted cherry blossom trees.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Welcome to Year 2! We have had a lovely first week as Europe Class and the children have all been so kind, friendly and helpful. We have spent most of our time settling into the rules and expectations of Year 2 this week, as well as getting to grips with where everything is! In English, we wrote an A-Z of me – to help Mrs. Hutchings learn more about us. In maths, we have recapped on counting in 1s to 100, tens and ones and finding 1 more and 1 less. We have played lots of ‘get-to-know-you’ games and had great fun playing the ‘snowball fight’ game! In art, we carefully drew our front covers for a little mini topic called ‘What a wonderful world’. We have decided that we love Europe Class and we are going to stay! Let the fun begin!</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>Thank you for your support enabling your children to make a positive start to the school year. It is going to be a real privilege teaching your children and getting to know them. They really have been a credit to you.</p> <p>In class this week, we learnt a little about our class name: Australasia. Our knowledge of Australia facts will be used to support us to write informatively. Amongst the knowledge developed, we discovered where Australia is, what makes its geographical position unique and we learnt a little about the climate in the Australian Outback. We also learnt a little about the first nation’s people of Australia and how these people were the world’s first conservationists. We also learnt how this can be evidenced as a historical fact. In art, we observed Aboriginal artists at work and considered how we might use symbols to teach our descendants about the landscape we experience in and around Rudgwick. We will be creating our own Aboriginal inspired artwork next week.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>It has been a fantastic week for the children in Antarctica class who have welcomed me as their new teacher in Year 4 brilliantly– It has been a pleasure to teach them this week. We have explored and developed key questions about their continent which have helped them in their research within English, where they have been developing their note taking skills ready to produce a report next week. Pupils have learnt about the art work of Nerys Levy in preparation for producing their own ideas in the coming weeks. In maths, we have been learning to count on and back in 100s and 1000s from different starting numbers using different manipulatives and strategies. In computing, we have discussed being safe when using the Internet and finally, we have used the school values to create our class rules and identified roles of responsibilities within the class. A great and very busy for week!</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>It has been amazing to welcome the children into North America class - they have all contributed to an awesome first week back.</p> <p>We started on Monday by coming up with a set of Class Rights and discussed the responsibilities we all have to make sure these rights are honoured. We then explored the continent of North America by using atlases to locate different countries. We recapped what lines of latitude and longitude are as well as how places can be located using coordinates. In maths, we have been practising how to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000 and in English, have discussed the poem ‘Recipe to Make a</p>

	Wolf' by Pie Corbett which we will use as inspiration to write our own poem based on the bald eagle, a bird that is native to North America. This will be accompanied by a bald eagle sketch that the children have been drafting in art. In computing, we have considered the moving parts on a bicycle to how different parts of a computer work together to create a system.
South America (Year 6)	An amazing first week back in South America class. I have been so impressed by the mature attitude shown in lessons and the motivation of all children to learn. We have kick started our maths learning by looking at large numbers and place value and also in English we have been analysing poetry written by Gabriela Mistral – a South American author. The children have also been planning some art work inspired by Torres Garcia and experimenting with pastels and how to achieve different effects. In Geography we have been learning all about our continent and located countries, major cities and significant human and physical features. Keep up the amazing work year 6!

Upcoming Events

Fri 28th Sept - Jeans for Genes Day (Wear something denim)

Tues 10th Oct - Hello Yellow Day (Wear something yellow with your uniform)

Fri 20th Oct – Show Racism the Red Card (Wear something red with your uniform)

Mon 30th Oct – Inset Day

Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need (Wear something spotty with your uniform)

We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

Diary Dates

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.



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