



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 24th February 2023

Spring Term Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you all had a pleasant half term break. The children returned full of enthusiasm for what awaits in the next half term. With our new values now in place the focus for this half term, alongside our termly core value of BELIVE, is CONFIDENCE. We want to instil a confidence in the children to be able to take on the challenge of their learning with the self-belief that they can enjoy many successes this half term. Indeed, I have seen many examples already this week of children displaying confidence in their learning, from demonstrating paired work in gymnastics in Year 2, to taking themselves back in time to 1485 to write newspaper reports about The Battle of Bosworth in Year 4 and beginning to create vector drawings in computing in Year 5. We do have confident learners here at Rudgwick.

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week for your parent consultations with class teachers. It will be a chance for you to find out how that confidence and belief is impacting on the learning and progress your children are achieving.

We will also be enjoying Book Week next week where the children will continue to develop that love of reading that so many of them have and that we value so much. They will enjoy many activities including our author visit on Wednesday and dressing up for our World Book Day celebrations on Friday. Of course, sandwiched between these events is the partial closure of the school which you will have read about in yesterday's letter. Do make sure you have seen the details of this and once again, thank you for your understanding.

Birthdays



Birthdays this week include: Amber P, Poppy A, Felicity B, Sidney B, Bree F.

We hope you all enjoy your special days.

Awards



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



House Points

Eagles - 260

Kestrels - 217

Falcons - 210

Book Awards

Rosey Y5

Zaine Y2

Number Bond 5 Badge

Jess YR

Number Bond 10 Badge

Seren Y3

Number Bond 20 Badge

Freddie W Y3

Norah Y3

Times Tables Awards

Bronze: Christine -Y4

Silver: Max G - Y4

Gold: Theo – Y3

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Ellis Eva P	For sharing thoughtful answers and ideas with the class. For always giving 100% effort to further your reading and number skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Amelia and Chloe	For always showing resilience and perseverance in your learning and showing more confidence in your independent work.

Europe (Year 2)	Daisy	For showing more confidence and belief in herself as a learner and developing her listening skills. Well done!
	Aiden D	For having more confidence to ask for help if he needs it, rather than worrying what to do.
Australasia (Year 3)	Theo	Both for inspiring others and having the courage to use role play in front of the rest of the class, acting out a possible scene from our key text.
	Bonnie	
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ivy	For being an active and engaged learner in class.
	Sidney	For showing resilience and acting on advice, even when he finds it challenging.
North America (Year 5)	George	For making a fantastic start at RPS and already being a great member of North America class.
	Albie	For making a fantastic start at RPS and already being a great member of North America class.
South America (Year 6)	Hugo	For demonstrating a positive attitude in maths which has been reflected in fantastic learning.
	George	For taking care with his work and making sure he is accurate.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class the children have been introduced to their new topic with facts on how to look after 'Our Wonderful World'. We have begun to look at the story 'Michael Recycle' by Ellie Bethel and discussed how we look after the planet in our own homes. In Maths we have been discovering how to measure height and length. We have used cubes, rulers, trundle wheels and even our own feet to measure the length and height of objects in the classroom environment. Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight continue to be amazed by our reading skills, they say we are doing so well and are very proud of all of our effort!
Asia (Year 1)	Although it has been a short week, we have managed to fill it with lots of fun and wonderful learning! We have started our new topic 'The Land Before Time'. Our focus text is called Tyrannosaurus Drip and we are looking forward to exploring our new book and learning about all things Dinosaur! In science we learned about what animals eat, sorting animals into the categories; carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. In maths we have been exploring numbers to 50, thinking about the term 'digit' and exploring one more and one less.
Europe (Year 2)	A short, snappy week for us but filled with fun and excitement! On Wednesday we found out our new learning journey is called 'Ready, Steady Sow!' We will be learning all about plants in science, as well as discovering new core texts. We talked about all the things we already know about gardens, plants and growing and wrote questions about what we wanted to find out. In maths, we have moved on to division and looked at sharing and dividing by 2. In Science, we planted our own seeds to take care of and

	watched them grow. In music, we made up our own beats to practice playing the C chord. In RE, we learnt about Ash Wednesday and the meaning of Lent.
Australasia (Year 3)	Welcome back year 3! What a fantastic start we have already had to the half term – a new topic (the Romans) a new key text and.... a visitor! We were so lucky to be able to see and touch real Roman coins this week with our visitor, and we hope that this has started to bring the Romans to life. We have begun to read and explore our text “Roman Diary – the journal of Iliona a young slave” and have ordered key events in the story so far, as well as using drama to bring scenes to life. In maths we have been revising measuring as well as revisiting our column methods for addition and subtraction, to help us with problem solving.
Antarctica (Year 4)	After a well-earned break, Antarctica Class returned to school ready to embrace the second half of the Spring Term and their new topic, The Terrible Tudors. We investigated the Battle of Bosworth in English this week and created a word bank in which we recorded key words and phrases related to this bloody battle, which signalled the start of the Tudor dynasty. We then planned and wrote a newspaper article detailing the Battle of Bosworth, whilst adopting the features of a newspaper. We continued our Tudor topic in History by placing key Tudor dates on a timeline. In Maths we explored the properties of 3D shapes including vertices, edges and faces, then the properties of quadrilaterals including acute and obtuse angles. We enjoyed the start of our RE unit as we explored what temptation is and the Bible story of Jesus in the desert.
North America (Year 5)	After a brief cameo away with South America before half term, it is great to be back with North America this week. We have explored the opening of our new topic book Viking Boy, discussing the themes of the opening chapter as well as making predictions about what may happen next. Linked to the opening chapter, the children had the opportunity to design their own Viking sword complete with a name written using runes. In maths, we have explored the vertical and horizontal relationships between the numerator and denominator linked to equivalent fractions. The children have been exploring grouping and duplicating their vector drawings in computing and added the drawings to a background. In woodland learning, the children were shown King Alfred’s Cakes that have been growing. We found out this type of fungus gets its name after the Anglo-Saxon King forgot to watch some cakes baking on the hearth and was scolded when they burnt.
South America (Year 6)	It has been great to be back this week. We have been working hard this week on area and perimeter in maths and extending our knowledge by looking at compound shapes. In English we have continued reading Beetle Boy and looking at meanings of words in context and also started to plan a news report that we will be writing next week. In science we have learnt about fossilisation and what we can learn from them, and in geography we have looked at how coastal features change over time and the impact this has on people living in these areas. The children have also started looking at images they would like to use for their printing in art and have been sketching them out ready to use as a template.

Woodland Learning

We have had a great week back in woodland learning with YR, Y4 and Y5.

We are focusing on all things nature this term, and the changes the season of spring brings in the wildlife.

We had fun doing litter picking and planted some acorns, in hope they will one day become some wonderful oak trees.

Year 5 very much enjoyed starting to dig a set of natural stairs down a slope that many have slipped down which is very helpful, and lots of team work skills seen whilst doing this.

We are looking to rebuild our bug hotel and wondered if anyone had any materials that might be suitable, ideally some bamboo would be great. Please talk to Mrs Weller who can advise what we might be looking for.

Also we are going to be making bird feeders from coconut shells, so if anyone is able to help contribute to this, that would be extremely helpful.



The timetable for woodland learning for the rest of the academic year is:

Tuesdays

Spring 2nd half term – YR, Y5, Y4

Summer 1st half term – YR, Y1, Y2

Summer 2nd half term – YR, Y3, Y6

Mrs Weller and Keith (woodland learning team)

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays AM – Y3 Swimming

Monday 27th Feb – Parents' Consultations

Wednesday 1st March – Parents' Consultations

Thurs 2nd March – Industrial Strike Action Day

Fri 3rd March – World Book Day

World Book Day



Don't forget to dress up for World Book day on **Friday 3rd March.**

We have lots of fun activities planned for you!

Cake Raffle

Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket this week.

We were so lucky to have 2 cake prizes!

A huge thank you to Mrs Goundry for baking beautiful cup cakes and Jane Thomas for baking an amazing lemon and chocolate egg cake.

The raffle winners this week were Lewis S and Miss Gaynor.

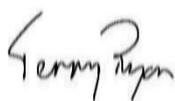
Congratulations!

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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