



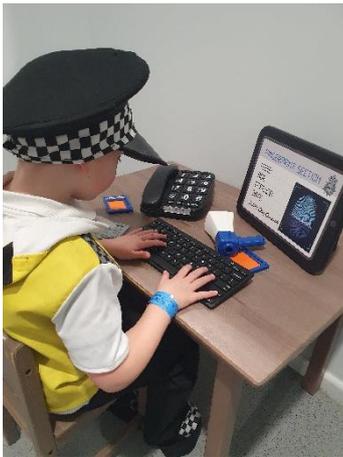
# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Spring Term Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw our youngest members of the school venture out on their first 'trip' to Little Street. The children were so well-behaved and sensible walking from the school and once there had a wonderful time exploring the different areas with their friends. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to use their imagination and creativity.



The theme of creativity has also been evident in other areas of the school this week, both in terms of curriculum learning, as well as during our extra-curricular clubs: Dance Club has been learning new routines in preparation for a performance at the end of the Spring Term; Year 4 have been using collage techniques to create cityscapes based on their class text *Varjak Paw*; and Year 5 have been working on masks based on an Anglo-Saxon helmet, thought to have been buried around 625 and recovered during the excavation of the Sutton Hoo ship-burial in 1939.



## Birthdays



Birthdays this week include;

Beatrice L, Eddy T, Dylan W, Norah B, Imogen C,  
Jasmine C, Freddie E, Emily P, Molly G.

We hope you all enjoy your special days.

## Awards



This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider values for the half term are **Resilience** and **Collaboration**.

## House Points

**Falcons - 290**

**Kestrels - 240**

**Eagles - 230**

## Book Awards

Eva B – YR

George A – Y6

## Times Tables Awards

**Gold:** Benjamin W.

**Silver:** George M, Louie C, Jack T.

## Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Harry	For always being reliable and a focused learner.
	Dylan	For working hard on his blending skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Eleanor	For showing a growth mind set and believing in herself and her abilities in English and maths.
	William	For always being on task, focusing on his learning and trying his best in all of his learning tasks.
Europe (Year 2)	Nelly	For showing exceptional belief in herself, especially when it comes to her learning in maths. She is making great strides because of this!
	Barnaby	For being able to work in collaboration with anyone and everyone in the classroom. He is always helpful and wants everyone to achieve their best.
Australasia (Year 3)	Seren	For super effort this week in all areas of her learning.
	Matthew	For demonstrating kindness and understanding, being cooperative in PE.
Antarctica (Year 4)	George	For really challenging himself with his understanding of equivalent fractions.
	Ben	For taking ownership of his learning and practising some of his new skills at home.
North America (Year 5)	Evie D	For showing resilience with her understanding of multiplying fractions by whole numbers.
	Martha	For always asking for feedback to enhance her understanding and showing improvements in her work.
South America (Year 6)	Luca	For demonstrating resilience when writing his poem this week.
	Katie	For having a positive attitude in maths and really believing that she can do it.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	It has been another busy week in Africa class. The week began with a Chinese New Year celebration, where we learnt how this is celebrated in China and in the U.K. We made lanterns, dragon, rabbit collages and blossom trees. We enjoyed eating Chinese food at snack time and had great fun dancing to Chinese music. Our Fairy Tale topic has continued with Little Red Riding Hood. We were shocked to hear that the wolf in the
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	<p>story had been spotted in the school, so we all made 'wanted posters' to help track him down. On Thursday we went on our first trip out of the school, when we visited Little Street. Whilst out, we really impressed all of the adults with how sensible we were. We all enjoyed Little Street and all the role-play areas it has to offer. What a fantastic first trip, Mrs Worth says we really are an amazing class!</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>This week in Asia Class we have been very busy bees! In maths we have been learning all about subtraction, working on using a number line to help us subtract a one digit number from a two digit number. In English we have been practising spelling high frequency and common exception words as well as sentence writing following the three golden rules. In science we have been focusing on the weather and changing season and in geography we have been looking at the different countries of the UK. We had fun in computing, starting our new programming topic exploring the Beebots and in PE we enjoyed practising our brilliant ball skills. Well done Asia Class, have a well-deserved rest this weekend, ready for another action packed week!</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Another lovely week in Europe Class, with lots of wonderful learning. In English, we finished our retellings of Goldilocks and chose a part of the story we wanted to publish. We worked hard to proof-read and edit and then wrote this part out to share with others. In Maths, we moved into the first steps of learning multiplication. We learnt to recognise and make equal groups and then moved this onto adding equal groups and writing the repeated addition. In science, we developed our enquiry into how everyday materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We used playdoh to develop this idea before exploring the classroom for all sorts of other materials – it was great fun! In PE we are developing our use of unison and mirroring techniques and in Computing, we used algorithms to create routes for our Beebots.</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>This week we have been designing our own dragon following on from our key text 'The boy who grew dragons'. We have drawn and labelled our dragon and have described him to a friend. We have looked at similes and metaphors to make our writing more interesting. In maths this week we have been learning all about arrays, and we have used these for repeated addition and multiplication. We have been learning how to draw arrays to match a given multiplication calculation. In Science we have learning all about the bones and muscles in our body, and are starting to learn the names of different examples and where they are found within us.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>A busy week in Antarctica Class began in Maths as we explored equivalent fractions. We worked hard on recognising and showing, using diagrams initially, families of common equivalent fractions. In English we looked for clues in the text to infer meaning and produced a piece of writing, written in first person, in which we were in role as our text's title character, Varjak Paw. We also wrote a city description in the style of the book's author, SF Said. We really tried hard to use multi-clause sentences, contrasts, pairs of adjectives and expanded noun phrases with a verb. We continued the theme of Varjak Paw in our Dance session and combined a sequence of movements based on the story. We made string telephones in Science last week and this week we focused on explaining how they work as we explored how sound works. Well done, Year 4, there's been lots of active learning taking place!</p>

<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>In North America class this week, we have edited and published our letters which were written in role as Beowulf, and moved on to identify powerful language the author has used when describing the battle scene between Beowulf and Grendel. In maths, we have been multiplying proper and improper fractions by a whole number and understanding how to convert improper fractions to a mixed number. The children worked incredibly hard in their final dance session with Mr Meaney, where he challenged them to perform a Capoeira-style dance routine in front of Mr Ryan. They demonstrated different phrases of movement, improvisation, as well as working in canon and unison. In woodland learning, the children were offered noodles by Mrs Davies, however they had to whittle their own chop sticks to be able to eat them. In art, the children put the finishing touches on their masks based on an Anglo-Saxon helmet found during the excavation of the Sutton-Hoo ship burial.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>A great week in Year 6. We have been creating our descriptive poems this week which are really starting to take shape. In maths, we have been learning about fractions of amounts and using this knowledge to move onto multiplying fractions. In history we have started our topic of the Ancient Egyptians and been looking at what life was like during these times. In science we have been learning more about classification and thinking about sorting animals using classification keys and in computing we have learnt all about copyright laws and have been choosing images for our webpages.</p>

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesdays AM – Y3 Swimming  
6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y6 Residential  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb-17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

### **Cake Raffle**

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

A huge thank you to Jane Thomas for baking a beautiful floral cake.

The raffle winner this week was Leo Fievez.

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.

Terry Ryan

Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

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

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