



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term everyone. I trust you all had a good week and enjoyed time with your children. We continue to focus on our termly Rudgwick value of **Belief** this term and we talked in assembly on Monday about the importance of self-belief and **confidence** (our other value of focus for this half term) in ourselves. The power of 'yet' is vital to the children's attitude to learning, if there are challenges for them they should take the approach that they, perhaps, can't do something...yet! But with effort, determination and perseverance, they will. Do remind your children that they are superstars who have no limits on what they can achieve!

They have started the half term with that self-belief and confidence in so many aspects of the curriculum and beyond.

Reception Class and Year 6 have begun working with Coach Ben from Sports Stars UK in PE and have engaged in the sporting challenges he has set.



As part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic, Year 1 were visited by Sarah, a nurse from Brighton Hospital. She talked to them about her job and about how nurses help us when we are unwell. The children showed the confidence to listen carefully and ask lots of interesting questions which our visitor was happy to answer. The class got to take home a wrist band with their name on and a book all about staying in a hospital.



And our Sports Leaders' lunchtime football tournament came to a climax this week as the finals were played. A winning team from each of the three Houses took part in a final league tournament which led to the last game, between Kestrels Team 2 and Eagles Team 2 being a 'winner-takes-all' match. All three teams, as well as those that did not make the finals, competed brilliantly and it was lovely to see children from classes across KS2 working together for their teams. Eventually, the winning team were Eagles Team 2.

Congratulations to Ronnie (Yr3), Jonie (Yr3), Aiden D (Yr4), Fred B (Yr5) and Alex (Yr5) and a big thank you to all of the Sports Leaders who organised and officiated the tournament, as well as designed and made the certificates that the children received.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Poppy A, Felicity, Sidney, Bree, Evelyn, Juniper, Eleanor and Oscar. We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

Thank you to Austin, Ethan and Amber for sharing your birthday photos with us. We hope you all enjoyed your yummy looking cakes.



Awards



This term's core value is **Believe** and the wider value for the half term is **Independence/Collaboration**.



House Points

Eagles

Falcons

Kestrels



Number Bonds to 5 Award

Alice, Elena, George, Isabelle, Leo, Maddy, Rose, Winnie, Grace - YR

Number Bonds to 10 Award

Lexie, Eleanor, Margot – Y3

Number Bonds to 20 Award

Libby Jackson – Y1

Ethan and Bertie – Y3

Nelly and Daisy – Y4

Number Bonds to 100 Award

Orla – Y4

Bronze Times Table Award

Henry – Y4

Silver Times Table Award

Ronnie – Y3

Austin – Y4

Platinum Times Table Award

Aidan – Y4

Book Awards

KS1 – Finn YR

KS2 - Eloise Y4

Africa (Year R)	Vinnie Holly	For his enthusiasm to discover facts about dinosaurs. For working so hard to learn 'Red Words'
Asia (Year 1)	Anna Ivy	For being an awesome member of the class – we will miss you and wish you all the best for your time in Australia. For amazing participation during group discussions this week and for asking interesting and relevant questions to our visitors.
Europe (Year 2)	Harvey Austin	For using amazing descriptive adjectives to describe a scene. For fantastic reading and using his phonic knowledge to sound out unknown words.
Australasia (Year 3)	Amelia Ronnie	For always showing the Rudgwick values and giving her best in her work For his excellent focus on his learning this week
Antarctica (Year 4)	Martha Aiden D	For showing an excellent learning attitude, belief and determination to achieve in her learning. For showing super confidence in sharing ideas and contributions to discussions. He has also worked very hard with improving handwriting and presentation.
North America (Year 5)	Bonnie Oliver	For showing great focus when working with clay and producing a fantastic clay tile. For writing a strong opening to his Beowulf narrative, thinking carefully about the purpose of his writing.
South America (Year 6)	Immy Louie	For being really creative with her writing this week and clearly thinking about the effect on the reader. For being a really focussed learner all week and making great progress with his writing and maths.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	It is lovely to see everyone well and back at school after the half-term break! This week we have begun to think about different communities and places in the village of Rudgwick. We have learnt that there used to be dinosaurs in Rudgwick and been excited to discover facts about them. In Woodland Learning we had a scavenger hunt, looking for different types of leaves, rocks and feathers. In Maths, we have been measuring each other and items around the classroom with rulers, meter sticks, tapes measures, cubes and even with our feet! We also met Coach Ben for PE this week. He will be teaching us ball skills this half-term. This week we got to practise
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	some rugby ball skills; Coach Ben was very impressed with our listening skills and technique.
Asia (Year 1)	What a great start to the half term we've had with not one but two visitors as part of our People Who Help Us topic. On Tuesday we were visited by a paediatric nurse who told us all about her job and how she helps us if we are poorly. We then wrote fact pages about the role of a nurse as the first page of our People Who Help Us books. On Tuesday we also had a visit from Southern Water who talked to us about saving water. She gave us lots of ideas for how we can save water at home and at school – including turning the tap off when brushing your teeth. Thank you to Ruby and Sarah Matthews for our talks. In Maths we have been exploring measure, using non standard measurements before progressing to using a ruler accurately. In Art we have been learning about the work of Andy Warhol and the types of colours he used.
Europe (Year 2)	Welcome back, this term we are learning all about plants and growing. We started the week by exploring the school grounds looking for signs of Spring! Amazingly, the children found quite a few different types of flowers and a bird's nest. In science we began to design and set up a test to find out what plants need to stay healthy. We have also started to look at the book <i>The Curious Garden</i> by Peter Brown and have used adjectives to describe the scene at the beginning of the story. In maths we have been using different vocabulary to describe 3D shapes. In music we learnt to create our own four beat patterns and then listen to and copy ones our friends had composed.
Australasia (Year 3)	Welcome back! This half term, we are continuing with our Roman topic and reading 'Escape from Pompeii'. We were very grateful to River for bringing in some fascinating artefacts that were found on his farmland or close to and we learnt that his drive cuts through the Roman Road of Stane Street. We have also started woodland learning which the children love and they thoroughly enjoyed their scavenger hunt, looking for things that began with the letters of the alphabet. There were very creative with adjectives to help with the more obscure letters! In Maths, we have started looking at measure and the relationship between mm, cm and m. We began looking at the work of Megan Coyle in art and looked at landscapes using collage instead of painting. A busy time was had by all!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Welcome back, A busy start to our next half term with lots of new learning already underway. In English, we have looked at how to write and present a news report online and have written our own based on the Battle of Bosworth. In Maths, we have learnt how to classify and organise shapes according to their properties. A new topic has begun in history with the Tudors and how they came to the throne of England. In PE, new units are underway with dance and orienteering which the children have enjoyed. The children are making great progress with their playing of the clarinet and are now beginning to learn some different tunes. In art, the children have been exploring how to adapt a photograph using different effects.
North America (Year 5)	We are back! This week has flown by with all of our learning that's gotten under way. In maths, we have started thinking about area and perimeter of squares and rectangles, as well as using this knowledge for composite shapes. In English, the children have edited the first part of their narratives linked to Beowulf and have written a first draft of a fight scene with the sea-hag using powerful vocabulary. We looked at the events that led up to the Battle of Hastings and who the multiple claimants to the throne were when King Edward the Confessor died. The children created records for a paper database as part of our new computing unit. The children chose different to file a record using multiple fields for which they could use to sort and order

	their database. We had a great time getting back out for woodland learning and in DT we discussed what a mechanism is before looking at how levers function.
South America (Year 6)	And we're into the second half of the year!! What a week back we have had. In maths, we have been learning about algebra and finding unknowns in an equation. In English, we have been writing our narratives and thinking about including dialogue for a purpose; either to advance the action or to convey a character. In science, we have continued learning about fossils and thought about what we can learn from them as palaeontologists and in geography we have thought about different types of weathering and saw how they can affect our landscape. We have also started a new computing topic, where we are learning about variables in games using scratch. We have learnt how to create our own variable and apply it to a simple game. Finally, on Tuesday we started our PE sessions with coach Ben. He will be teaching us gymnastics each week this half term.

Upcoming Events

Spring Term

Tuesday's ongoing – Y3 Swimming

Thurs 6th March - World Book Day – Children to dress up as a book character

Mon 10th March – Parent Consultations

Wed 12th March – Parent Consultations

Tues 25th March – Y4 Trip to Hever Castle

Wed 26th March – West Sussex Music Concerts

Fri 28th March - Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase

Sat 29th March – Rudgwick Primary School Car Boot Sale 10:00am – 2:00pm

Fri 4th April – Last day of Spring Term

Ellen's Green Hall – Table Top Sale

Mrs Norman would like to advertise that there is a table top sale being held tomorrow at Ellen's Green Hall from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. There will be children's clothes and toys on sale.

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/>

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.

