



Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Hello.

This week, four of our children have been in isolation due to Covid-19 and no staff members. In case you missed it, Health Secretary Sajid Javid announced yesterday that the self-isolation period following a positive test for Covid-19 will be cut to five full days from Monday 17th January. People will be able to leave isolation on day 6, after producing negative lateral flow test results on days five and six of their isolation. Please note that day 1 is the day following either a symptom beginning, or a positive test result, whichever occurred first. Also, it has been clarified that neither asymptomatic nor symptomatic individuals need to arrange confirmatory PCR tests after a positive lateral flow test result.

Schools are expected to incorporate the 5 'British Values' into their curriculum: these are democracy, rule of law, mutual respect, individual liberty and tolerance of different values and beliefs. Throughout the year, our school has a 'big question' linking to these values and this term we are focussing on 'mutual respect'. This fits beautifully as it is also one of our three school expectations (be respectful, be ready, be safe). Our big question is 'What does it mean to me?' and classes are exploring this in a wide variety of different ways. I have seen such thoughtful and interesting work around this theme over the last week or so; it is a joy how considerate the children are and how they are able to consider and express the many positive qualities that respect elicits in a person, such as being inclusively kind and caring.

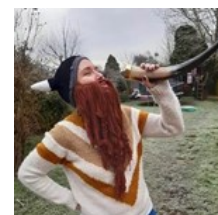


I hope you are able to have a good weekend.



The Bloodaxe Book Challenge

The Bloodaxe Book Challenge being run by York Explore Libraries and Archives and the JORVIK Viking Centre finishes Saturday 15th January. If you are taking part please come along to your local library by this Saturday to complete the challenge and collect your rewards. All children who complete the challenge will be invited to a visit by Cat Weldon author of the How to Be a Hero series on Sat 19th February. They will hear all about what it's like to be an author as well as lots of interesting facts and tales about what it was like to be a Viking.



EYFS

The children have had a lovely first full week back finding out about animals that live in the arctic and antarctic. They made polar bear hand prints and enjoyed painting their hands! We have investigated how salt melts ice and the children have enjoyed exploring ice independently in the outdoor classroom.



In phonics this week the children learnt the sounds y (as in yes), z (as in zap) and qu (as in quit). This weeks tricky words were 'he' and 'she' and the children also learnt how to write 'to' and 'the'.

At the beginning of the week, we learnt all about zero in maths. Our number work at the end of the week focussed on sharing numbers equally. We had a great number disco where we had to share equally with a partner. In our shape, space and measures session, the children learnt all about prepositions and became experts at moving their polar animals into different places e.g. under the bench, in between two things.

Just a reminder that the children only get free milk at school until they turn 5. If you would still like your children to have milk you will need to go through the 'cool milk' website where you can order milk for your child for a small cost. We have a snack for the children each day which consists of a piece of fruit or a vegetable. We are seeing a lot of children starting to bring in their own snacks; this is absolutely fine but could we ask that it is a healthy snack e.g. fruit, cereal bars or crackers and that it is nut free. Please can this just be a small amount as it is just a snack to keep us going until lunchtime.

We are off to the jungle next week to find out about jungle animals!



Miss Griffiths, Miss Knowles, Mrs Greenwood, & the EYFS team.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

We've had a fantastic week in Key Stage One as we have dived into our history topic and went into the past to the Victorian Era. We developed our understanding further of toys, sorting old and new toys and discussing the changes over time. Then we explored the differences and similarities between houses and schools in the past to 2022. We enjoyed learning about how these elements have changed over the years and influenced our toys, homes and schools today.



This week we met the new PE specialist, Miss Eaton, and began working with her to develop different styles of dance. We were challenged to practise our freeze styles and became quicker at freezing on the spot! We look forward to working with her each Thursday over this half-term to further develop our dance moves and routines.

Our PE days this half term are as follows,

Class 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Class 4 – Monday and Thursday

Class 5 – Wednesday and Thursday



Please ensure we have full PE kit in school, this includes pumps/plimsolls for lessons in the hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

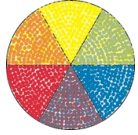
Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

The Year 3 and 4 children have had a brilliant week and thoroughly enjoyed starting our new science topic 'Rocks'. We can't wait to find out more about the three rock forms and how they are formed.

The children continued to use the atlases this week in geography. They showed off their super map reading skills whilst locating and naming rivers in the UK and major rivers around the world. They impressed us all with how well they had remembered how to find information using the different sections of the atlas, including the content page and index.



In art this week, we looked at how to mix colours and created our own pointillism colour wheels. The pointillism technique was a lot trickier than we thought it would be. The accuracy needed to get the dots close enough together with the added challenge of mixing two colours took a lot of concentration.

Well done Year 3 and 4 for a fabulous week!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Clapham.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Following one final shunt, the children's model trains rolled into the station. This week, pupils focused on accurately measuring the card needed to create the sides and base of their train. They then carefully used the glue gun to attach their pieces and complete their model.



Throughout the week, we have discussed our personal goals, aspirations, hope and dreams. We have considered the importance of ambition when striving to achieve our goals and overcoming obstacles and setbacks. We have discussed the need to take ownership for our own learning in order to take the first steps in reaching our potential.

We are very proud of the way the year 6 pupils have approached their informal assessments and hopefully they will feel more confident about them going forward.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker.



Upcoming Events

28/01/2022

Break The Rules Day—PTA







TOTAL SPORTS FOOTBALL ACADEMY



Reception & Year 1 Football Sessions

Tuesdays 5-6PM @ PlayFootball, Roko








- A perfect introduction to football for boys and girls!!!
- Each week children partake in high energy football games which develop the basics of the game!!!
- Perfect for children who love football, love running and have lots of energy to burn!!!
- Enjoy an hour of football fun with our fantastic team who work in schools across the region!!!

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TOTAL SPORTS FOOTBALL ACADEMY



2021-2022

Total Sports Football Academy has sessions for all abilities!!!

- Elite and gifted sessions; for players looking to take the next step in their football journey
- First Kicks; football for beginners, learning the basics
- Friday Night Footy; simply games games games






- FA and UEFA qualified coaches who teach PE in Primary Schools across the region!
- Opportunities to play against local grassroots teams and academy sides!
- Fantastic sessions designed to bring your child's football skills on in a fun, challenging and progressive way!
- Block bookings and individual session bookings available via our website;

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TIMETABLE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 5 & 6 Elite & Gifted 5:30-6:30pm	Reception & Year 1 5-6pm	Year 2 Elite & Gifted 5:30-6:30pm	First Kicks Year 1, 2 & 3 5-6pm	Friday Night Footy Reception- Year 7 5-6pm
		Year 3 & 4 Elite & Gifted 6:30-7:30pm	First Kicks Year 4, 5 & 6 6-7pm	Elite and Gifted Fixtures TBA

TSFA SHIRTS ARE BACK!!!

Enquire on
Facebook
(@TotalSportsFA)
to get yours!







- TSFA has successfully been coaching over 300 boys and girls from across the region for over 4 years!
- Our aim is to support the development of footballers from across the region alongside their grassroots clubs, providing exciting opportunities for them to grow as footballers and as young people with their friends!

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR CHILDS PLACE FOR THE BLOCK!!!

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