



Ralph Butterfield Primary School

School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

I can share that this week we have had 6 children isolating with Covid-19 and 3 staff members (1 teacher and 2 midday supervisors). Symptoms experienced have generally been mild and as always, we wish everyone well. You will have noticed media pieces this week in relation to the Government's abolishment of Plan B and a return to Plan A on Thursday 27th January. In school, we are going to continue with our risk assessment as it is for a while longer, which includes staff and visitors wearing face coverings in communal areas.

There has been much excitement in the school office this week as box after box of fabulous new books has arrived! We have invested in a wide range of texts that promote and celebrate diversity and inclusivity. These books are for all age ranges in school to enjoy and they also support the delivery of our PSHE curriculum. Just last week, we also had hundreds of new books arriving as part of our new phonics and early reading programme and we look forward to sharing more information about this with you soon. It is fantastic to have brand new, beautiful resources for the children to enjoy.




Attached to this week's newsletter you will find the term dates for the academic year 2022-2023; I hope you find this helpful with your forward planning.

Thank you for your continued support and for working openly with us, so that everyone has their voice heard both to celebrate achievements and also to address concerns.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.



Upcoming Events

28/01/2022	Break The Rules Day—PTA 
W/c 7 th March	Year 6 Parents' Evening Week - further information will follow.
W/c 21 st & 28 th March	Reception - Year 5 Parents'/Carers' Evening Weeks - further information will follow.



EYFS



This week we have been very busy learning about the animals that live in the jungle and the habitat itself. The children have created some wonderful toucans and parrots which are all individual and very colourful.



In phonics this week the children learnt the sounds th (as in moth and this), ch (as in chip), sh (as in shop) and ng (as in ring). This weeks tricky words were 'we', 'me' and 'be'.

In maths this week we have been looking at the number 6 and have been learning to write it, work out different combinations of objects to make 6 and learnt how to solve number sentences to 6. In our shape, space and measures session, the children learnt all about weighing and became experts at heavier and lighter and investigating how many cubes heavy an object was.

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

Miss Griffiths & the EYFS team

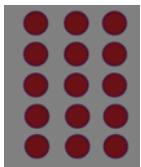


Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

In English this week, we went on an amazing adventure with Lottie. We planned a story where our own character was transported into 'toy world' when she entered her Grandmother's toy room. Lottie and our characters had to do their best to solve the problem before she returned home from her adventure. Our writing has included developing the use of punctuation within sentences, choosing describing words and learning how to use conjunctions (joining words) to extend sentences.



We also started our new science topic, learning about materials and their properties this week. All three classes explored lots of different materials, discussing their properties and grouping them in a range of different ways- hard, soft, bendy and rough.



It has been all about arrays in maths this week, as we learnt about the number of columns and rows we needed to build our array, to help us answer our multiplication questions. For example, 3×5 is the same as 3 lots of 5 and $5+5+5$ (as a repeated addition).

Don't forget that you can always log on to Bug Club to read different books and have fun with the questions asked throughout the book. <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>



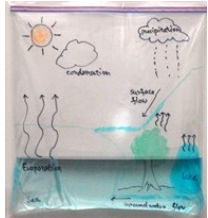
Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been another great week in Year 3 and 4 and the children have thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities.

In our French 'La Jungle' topic, the children have started to learn the vocabulary for a variety of animals such as snake, monkey and tiger through games and miming activities. The classroom quickly turned into a jungle of animals as they worked with a partner to mime and guess the different jungle animals. They also used this new vocabulary to ask the question *Qu'est-ce c'est?* (What is it?) and respond in short simple sentences *C'est un tigre* (It is a tiger).



Geography was a highlight this week, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning the water cycle song, sharing their brilliant musical talents as well as their geography knowledge. The songs and actions helped them remember the different stages and the related vocabulary so they could make their own water cycle model in a food bag. The children's images were brilliant and it was fascinating to see the process first-hand in the classroom as the water evaporated throughout the day.

The children have shown great perseverance during our touch typing computing session. It's a hard skill to learn, remembering where all the keys are, keeping your hands in position on the keyboard whilst also trying to be quick and accurate at the same time. The touch typing activities can be accessed on Purple Mash, through the computing 2Type app if your child wants to practise more at home.



Well done Year 3 and 4 for a super week!

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

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Clapham



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

In English, the children have revisited the use of direct speech within their writing. They considered carefully their use of punctuation, layout and effective vocabulary choices in order to convey characterisation. We then looked at how to interweave description or action to move the story forward.



Working with Mr Stephenson from Total Sports, all classes have engaged with a range of archery activities. The children have learned how to safely draw back their bow, aim accurately and release their arrow. Team management and tactical skills continue to be developed throughout.

In computing, we are starting to look at spreadsheets and the technical vocabulary that will be introduced throughout the topic. The children learnt how to create simple formula in order to convert units of measure.

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

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker



BREAK THE RULES DAY

We are looking forward to the 'Break The Rules Day', on **Friday 28th January**. Children are able to paint their nails, get a temporary tattoo, wear odd socks, bring orange squash to school plus many more rules can be broken. A letter has been sent out with all the details on or please check our [Facebook](#) page.

For every rule broken, it will be **50p** to pay. We will have buckets in the playground on the Friday morning.

We hope the rule breakers have fun!!



Bags2School collection will be on **Friday 11th February**, from 8.45am - 9.05am in the School playground.

If you are having a sort out please keep – any unwanted clothing, bags, bedding (not pillows or duvets though), shoes (tied together), hats, scarves, jewellery, curtains, towels and belts. All money raised goes to our school.

Thank you







DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.



ROLEPLAY is vital to a child's development and increases social interaction, problem solving and communication skills. Through imaginative plays, we explore emotions and feelings which helps to boost **WELL-BEING** and **SELF-AWARENESS**.

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