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Headteacher's Message

Hello

This week we have had 4 children and 0 staff members test positive for Covid-19. As always our thoughts are with those who have the virus, and their families.

While Covid-19 case numbers are low, and staffing issues reduced (I am touching wood as I write that!), it has been lovely to be able to move away from day to day operational matters and back into more school improvement work, which I am passionate about. Staff have begun training in our new phonics programme, we are renewing our curriculum development work as we strive towards our ambitious, inspirational vision and plans are now in motion in relation to creating some **very** exciting outdoor areas, including on the playground - when implemented, the children will absolutely love these. Many of our plans are only possible due to them being supported by our fabulous PTA. I would like to thank them again for their amazing, hard work on the children's behalf and thank you for continuing to support PTA events, including the 'Break the Rules' day today. I am really looking forward to parents/carers being able to see how these contributions make such a positive difference for us; I appreciate that with the pandemic preventing so much going ahead, originally planned in 2019, parents/carers haven't seen the benefits for some time. Just a reminder too that our School Development Plan summary can be viewed on our website.



We are now in the position where we have waiting lists for many of our year groups. Whilst I don't want any of our current families to leave us, relocations do happen. Please could I ask that families who know they are moving, do let school know as soon as possible in order to support our forward planning? Thank you.

I would like to apologise for an oversight in calendar dates. We identified a clash after the parents'/carers' evening dates for March had already been shared in last week's newsletter. The correct dates are below and I will write to you with more information about these in due course.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the type of weekend that they would most benefit from.



Upcoming Events

10 th Feb	PTA Film Night—Yr 1 & 2 4:30-5:45
11 th Feb	Bags2School 
3 rd March	World Book Day 
W/c 7 th March	Year 6 Parents' Evening Week - further information will follow.
W/c 21 st March & W/c 4 th April. <i>Please note change of date.</i>	Reception - Year 5 Parents'/Carers' Evening Weeks - further information will follow.

Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



28th January 1936 – School closed due to King George V Funeral

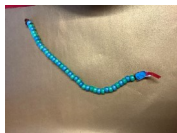
Animals that live in the desert was our focus for this week's topic work. We have been finding out about camels, lizards, scorpions, tarantulas and tortoises. Our amazing facts for the week included learning that a desert tortoise only needs to drink water once a year.

Our maths work this week has focussed on numbers 5, 6 and 7. We have been making 7 in lots of different ways including finding lots of different ways to make 7 using Numicon.



Our outdoor maths lesson involved counting sets of objects and using dominoes to make an addition sentence.. we got really good at saying sentences such as "5 spots add 2 spots makes 7 spots altogether".

In phonics this week the children learnt the sounds ai (as in chain), ee (as in meet), igh (as in light) and oa (as in goat). This weeks tricky words to spell were 'no' and 'go' and to read; 'was'.



In our art sessions this week all the children made a wonderful snake out of pipe cleaners, beads, tissue paper and card. We were looking at the patterns of snakes and many children chose to create a repeating pattern with their beads.



We are really enjoying our chinese restaurant role-play area. It is going to be Chinese New Year next Tuesday. If anybody has any plastic or wooden play food at home they no longer require it would be gratefully received.

We are off on Safari next week!

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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

This week in science we have continued to explore and learn more about the properties of materials. We tested a range of materials to find out if they are bendy, transparent, opaque, waterproof or absorbent.

In English, we have continued our history theme. We wrote stories about Lottie's old toy room adventures and stepped through a mystery door which transported us back to a Victorian classroom. This acted as a stimulus when writing our next adventure story, focusing on adjectives, conjunctions and accurate punctuation.



In dance, we have been developing our own creative pieces based on the stimulus of seasons. Last week, our dance moves reflected winter activities and this week we focused on spring.

If you would like to practise number skills at home, please remember you have access to....

Numbots - <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

Your child will have their own unique login details.

TT Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>

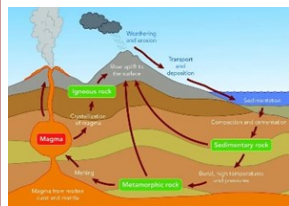
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Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been a thoroughly engaging and thought-provoking week in Year 3 and 4. In PSHE, following on from our work about rights and responsibilities within our community, the children have been introduced to the Crisp Packet Project which recycles used crisp packets. They have started sharing some fantastic ideas for developing posters to help promote the idea to everyone around the school.



In science, we have continued working on our rocks topic. The children have started to learn about the rock cycle and deepened their understanding by discussing the process and the different stages of the rock cycle. As well as recapping the different types of rocks including Sedimentary, Igneous and Metamorphic.

Well done year 3 and 4 for a fantastic week; you have worked extremely hard!

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

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hodgson, Mr Taylor, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Clapham



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



As part of our RE topic, we have been looking at different places of worship. We have discussed what we already know and compared similarities and difference between them. This week, we focused on Christianity and considered common features of different churches. The children were surprised to see that even when celebrating the same faith, places of worship could differ massively.

In English this week, we have been learning to create an atmosphere as part of our writing. We followed the story of Fagin travelling from his lair all the way to a local tavern to meet with Bill Sykes. When writing, we considered our choice of vocabulary carefully to ensure that we were creating the desired mood.



The trains have left the station for the last time! With all of our finishing touches completed, this week we reflected upon our hard work and considered what we could make even better. The children recorded their thoughts and findings as part of an evaluation of their project.

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

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





Year 1-2 Film Night - 'Basil the Great Mouse Detective'

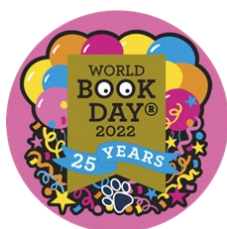
Year 1-2 Film Night will be on **Thursday 10th February** from 4.30-5.45pm.

Tickets will be £3 on the night, which includes a drink, a pack of sweets and a packet of popcorn. In addition, hotdogs can be bought for an extra £1.

The Film is not too long so we hope it will be a nice introduction to Film Night for our Year 1s and 2s. A letter will be sent next week with further details on. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Please bring along 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.



World Book Day will be held on Thursday 3rd March this year and we are planning something special for this - please keep look out on our [Facebook](#) page and the weekly newsletter for details.

Thank you



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