

# Rackheath Primary School



## Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

It has been another good week at school. The children have been amazing and are now settled fully into all the new routines. They are working hard and producing some super work already. Our new Reception class have all been in school together for the first time this week and yesterday stayed for school lunch. Again they took everything in their stride and have settled brilliantly into the school.



### Remote Learning

In school we are spending time over the next few weeks drawing up plans for remote learning in the short and longer term. As a result of the testing situation we have brought forward our plan to create packs for children who are having to isolate to access work from home.

Our plan is to send everyone an envelope with their class pack which will have enough work for approximately 2 weeks and could be used at any point during the term. You would only need to open and use the pack in the event that your child needed to self-isolate.

In the longer term if we get to the point where a class group needs to isolate our plan is for staff to be in direct contact teaching the class for periods during the day.

### Class Facebook Pages

Linked to this over the next few weeks the new class teachers in Year 1 to 6 will be setting up or taking over the class Facebook pages that were used successfully in the summer. Reception will be doing something similar with Tapestry.



We are also looking to film some video updates over the next few weeks so you can all see what is happening inside school!



**COVID 19 Update** – Over the past week we have sent out advice via SchoolPing and email linked to the virus, testing and coughs and colds.

**Music, Sport and Mandarin** - It was lovely to welcome Mr Hodson and Mrs Song back to the school this week. On Thursday next week Kevin from Chance To Shine Cricket is in taking sessions for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 through the day. These will only take place if it is okay to work outside. We also welcome back Mrs Smith and Mrs Brown 2 of our 3 peripatetic music teachers. Mrs Smith is in on a Wednesday and Mrs Brown on a Friday. Mrs Masterson, the third of our music teachers, will be starting the week after that. All of their teaching groups will be made up of children from the same class.



### Reception

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The children in Reception are all in together now and have thoroughly enjoyed playing with all their friends and making new ones as well. For the last two days the children have also stayed for lunch which has been a big hit. We have all been impressed by how much the children eat and their willingness to try new things. Another fantastic week!

Make sure they get lots of sleep, ready for full-time school next week!

### Year 1

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It has been another fantastic week in Year 1. We have had lots of time to Explore (play!) outside in the beautiful weather. We have also been practising our sounds 'igh' and 'ow' in Phonics. We have been reading the story of Bob the Bubble and thinking about how we can be useful. In Maths we have been spotting missing numbers, counting forwards and backwards. We have been learning about keyworkers and Covid-19 heroes this week and we have made rainbow pictures to send to say thank-you. We started our Guided Reading groups this week and have enjoyed getting back to reading! Please see your email about spelling practice at school and at home.

### Year 2

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Year 2 have had a fantastic second week back at school! They have been taught by several different teachers this week and have worked incredibly hard for all of them. In maths our focus has been on ordering and comparing numbers from 0-100. Some children still find counting from 0-100 tricky and others are securing counting backwards from 100! This is something which you can practice at home please. In phonics we have revised the different ways in which the 'ay' and 'ee' sounds are made, read and written words and also sentences. Next week the children will begin to bring home books to read so please send in their empty book bags. Thank you.

### Year 3

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We have been very excited to start our heroes topic this week in year 3! We began by looking at heroes we knew and discussing what made them heroes and finished the week by writing some wonderful pieces about what makes us heroes and our own superpowers! In maths, we have moved on to 3-digit numbers and have been producing some brilliant place value work (both Mrs Milligan and I have been extremely impressed!). We also started a new English unit on Monday around the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', and have been writing some super sentences based around its amazing illustrations. I am looking forward to seeing what amazing work year 3 produce next week!

## Year 4

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Year 4 have continued to blow us away this week! We have continued our work on place value, looking at rounding numbers and we have also begun to look at which times tables we need to work on. In literacy this week, we have been so amazing that we even managed to earn an extra break time! We wrote our first extended piece of writing; a letter to Professor Brownstone about his magical vault. What a packed and amazing week - well done Year 4!

## Year 5

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In year 5 we have got into the full swing of things now and we have been working incredibly hard. In maths we have been looking at Place Value (and reading numbers in the trillions), rounding numbers and then multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In literacy, we have continued to focus on The Midnight Fox by writing letters in character and a diary entry; I was particularly impressed with Emilia's and Luke's writing! For our topic, we turned ourselves into Superheroes and then made a class set of top trump cards by rating our skills such as Friendship, Listening and Artistic skills – it led to a brilliant Top Trumps game with Holly thrashing me!

## Year 6

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Similar to last week, the Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard and have shown lots of perseverance and determination. In Maths lessons, we have been focussing on subtraction with missing numbers as well as balancing equations. I have been impressed with their guided reading skills too, as the class have been able to discuss their thoughts and opinions in a lot of detail linked to our class book (Boy Overboard). As well as enjoying the sunshine in P.E lessons, they have produced more work linked to our whole-school topic of 'Heroes and Heroines' including making Top Trump cards with themselves as the super heroes! Well done again, Year 6. Keep up the amazing work!



Well done to Years 3, 4 and 6 who  
had **99%**  
Attendance last week!

**Star, Angel and Diamond Certificate Winners** – Well done to the following children who got their certificates in assembly today.

|        | <b>STAR</b>       | <b>ANGEL</b>        | <b>DIAMOND</b>  |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Year 1 | Amelie Richards   | Vinnie Johns        | Alexander Hough |
| Year 2 | Maxwell Sweatman  | Rachel Bryan        | Freddie Colk    |
| Year 3 | Lexi-Louise       | Cody Ketland        | Olive Champion  |
| Year 4 | Honey Wright      | Natalia Lukaszewicz | Jack Fleetwood  |
| Year 5 | Ollie Brett       | Josie Solomon       | Skyla Downing   |
| Year 6 | Charlotte Ritchie | Caitlyn Moore       | George Solomon  |

Here's to another good week of weather and an NCFC win on Saturday!!

*Chris Ashman*