

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

It has been another busy and exciting week in school. The children continue to work fantastically well in their class groups. Every day they are all superstars!

Remembrance Day and Poppies

Although we couldn't all get together to mark the event the school fell silent for a period on Wednesday at 11 o'clock as we remembered those who have sacrificed so much over the years in this and other countries. Thanks to everyone who supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Judging by the fact that we have very few items left we should have raised a good amount again this year.



Face Masks – As you know we took the decision to introduce face masks at certain times of the day this week. Thank you to you all for your support with this and everything else we do. It is much appreciated and does really help.

Children In Need

We all had lots of fun for Children In Need with individual classes holding fun races, games and competitions. Everyone was very generous and it looks like we raised an excellent amount of money. We will give you the total early next week.



Flu Vaccine for Children aged 2-12



Flu Immunisation

On Wednesday the school nursing team will be in to give the flu vaccination to those children whose parents signed up for it via the link to the immunisation service. They will be based in the hall, see one class at a time and be set up following social distancing protocols.

Chance To Shine Cricket

It was lovely to see Kevin again on Wednesday. The children really love his cricket sessions. He is with us for 2 more Wednesdays the 18th and 25th November so as usual children in those classes should come in to school in their PE kits. After these 2 weeks children should still come in to school in their PE kits unless the class teacher informs you otherwise.



Paying for dinners, trips and music lessons – Having had so many problems with the School Ping payment system we have decided to continue our system of invoicing as a way of paying for school activities and services. Separate invoices will be sent out for different payments and we would ask that if a parent has 2 separate invoices then they pay each invoice separately. This is essential for our record keeping and audit process. Invoices will be sent out as shown in the schedule below:

- After School Club – Monthly
- School Dinners – Every 4 weeks
- Music lessons – Termly
- Trips – As and when depending on the trip

After School Club



Open

The club has started very successfully and is able to carry on through lockdown. Just a reminder that when picking up from the side entrance to the hall parents can knock on the door to gain the attention of staff but must not come into the hall itself.

There are still spaces on all 5 days if anyone needs a long term place or just needs to use the club occasionally. We would need to know no later than 2pm if anyone needed a space for that evening so staff have time to prepare and set up the hall space accordingly.



Reception

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Reception have really enjoyed exploring the book 'Supertato' and they made some fabulous superhero potatoes of their own, in order to help rescue the kidnapped vegetables in our classroom! We then also learnt about some real-life superheroes from the war and we remembered them by making some lovely poppy pictures in class.

In maths we were finding 'one less', using number lines to help us and then in phonics we continued to learn our sounds j, v, y and w, as well as practice our reading and writing skills.

However, the real highlight of the week was finding out our parts for the Nativity play! The children are so excited to begin to practise this and have already made a super start to learning some of the songs. Prepare to be serenaded from now until Christmas!

Year 1

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Year 1 have had a really interesting week finding out about War Heroes and why we have a silence for Remembrance Day. The highlight of this learning was our visit from Janet who told us about Stan and Joe (her father and grandfather!) who were real life heroes in the Second World War. She also taught us a lot about the war that we didn't know – we even did some wartime dancing! Harvey and Olivia C dressed up as evacuees, complete with gas mask in a box. We hope you like the poppies in our window.



In Maths we have been superstars at subtraction by taking away ducks and hopping back along number lines. We have been learning the sound 'oi' and comparing it to 'oy' in Phonics. In Literacy, we have been reading and reciting The Gingerbread Man – we decorated our own Gingerbread Man and ate it! Yum!

Year 2

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Year 2 have had a fabulous week at school beginning with a visit on Monday morning from Janet Marshall in the role of WW2 mother Mrs Ethel Brown. She told the children all about life in the war, evacuation, rationing and air raids and brought with her lots of interesting artefacts for us to look at. The children had a lovely morning which included learning to dance the Jitter Bug!

During the week we thought more about Remembrance Day and had our own 2 minutes silence during which time we thought about all those who have died or been injured in wars. The children very kindly made beautiful poppy crosses and cards for the residents of Heathcote House where my mother is a resident and have had a message back thanking them, telling them that they are wonderful children!

We have begun the story of Grandpa's Great Escape which the children are loving. Thank you for all of your help at home with learning the 2x table – there has been an obvious improvement this week!

Year 3

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We have had a very sports heavy week in year 3 and as always the children have been enthusiastic, engaged and full of energy throughout! On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have Kevin back to take us for some more cricket sessions; on Thursday, we went swimming; and we finished the week off by taking part in Joe Wick's final workout for his 24 hour sports challenge for Children in Need!

In English we have been writing descriptive paragraphs and looking at powerful verbs to move a story on. We started our multiplication and division unit in maths and will be continuing with this next week but moving onto multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. It is clear to see that the children have been doing lots of work on their times tables at home, which is fantastic! As they become more confident with their times tables, please start to practise the division facts as this will help them a lot in the coming weeks. Have a wonderful weekend year 3 😊

Year 4

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I'm finding it hard to believe it's Friday again, what a quick week!

Year 4 have been working their socks off this week. We have loved the work we've been doing on suspense stories, writing extended pieces and we were even able to reward our first pen licenses - amazing! In Maths, we've been looking at length and perimeter, converting between cc and mm using a decimal point.

Next week, we will be continuing with our work on suspense stories and also writing some instructions on how to look after a unicorn. In Maths, we are continuing with our work on length, looking at how to add and subtract different lengths.

Year 5

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We have had a brilliant week this week – I feel that all of the children are really focussed in class and are pushing themselves to do well. This is pleasing to see as having a good work ethic in class is so important. In maths, we were looking at how to multiply using decimals, something that stumped us at the start of the week but now we are flying! We have been looking at questions like 12×5.3 . Why not ask your child to show you how we do it! We also moved onto dividing by chunking, which we will continue into next week. In English, we have continued our work based on 'How Rabbits Really Work' and have been looking at using brackets and dashes to improve our sentences. In the afternoons we have finished our letters to the people in our community who we want to say thanks to and they are now ready to send off. It was lovely to see so many reading records handed in today – all signed by parents.

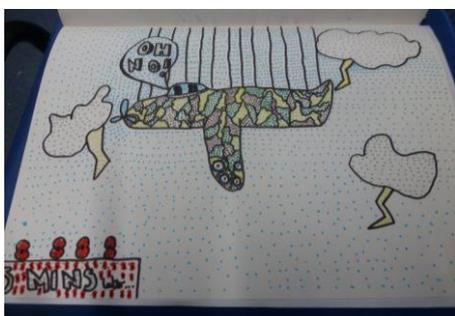
Just a reminder that these reading records must be handed in on a Friday and signed by parents. The expectation is that children read 3 times a week – every time they read more than that they will receive a raffle ticket and a prize draw will be made at the end of the half term with 3 lucky people winning prizes. The more they read, the greater chance they have of winning!

Year 6

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The Year 6s have carried on their super work rate and positivity from last week and have impressed both Ms Holmes and myself on numerous occasions! In Maths lessons, the children have been learning about equivalent fractions, how to simplify fractions and how to use the bar model to solve worded problems. I have also been thoroughly impressed by the children’s work in Literacy. In addition to learning about orientation paragraphs as part of our report-writing topic, the children have planned their own newspaper article linked to their recent invention ideas.

On Wednesday, the Year 6s were brilliant at understanding the significance of Remembrance Day. I was blown away by their incredible artwork, which included a poppy drawing with words that they believed best described those who were injured or sadly lost their lives during World War I. Also, they used their recent Pop Art knowledge to produce a second piece linking to Remembrance Day. The children demonstrated further knowledge in this area when we used a Remembrance Day text as our main guided reading activity.



Attendance Bear
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Well done to Reception Class for
100%
Attendance last week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Oscar Bunn	Sidney Scarfe	Parker Ward
Year 1	Harvey Cogman	Iris Campion	Niall Odedra
Year 2	Mia Richards	Ellis Tomsett	Kian Woodcock
Year 3	Alex Bland	Finn Murley	Maxell Warren
Year 4	Scarlet Curle	Ben Newson	Fred Beckham
Year 5	Amy-Leigh Knights	Xane Brister	Theo Hallam Dylan Symons-D’Souza
Year 6	Zach Dawson	Chloe Smith	Callum Mickleburgh