

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 7th May 2021

I'm actually writing this little piece for the newsletter on Wednesday as for the next two days I will be going to Horstead with the Year 4 children. I know the children are really excited and I hope we have two super days. To be honest I am really excited too. Going away to a new place will be the closest thing to a holiday for a quite a while.

Next Thursday and Friday Year 6 will be off to Aylmerton which should be great too!



Aylmerton - November 2021

We are excited to announce that we have booked up for our usual residential visit to Aylmerton in November. The current Year 5 class have all taken a letter home about the trip today which we very much hope will take place as normal during the Autumn Term of Year 6.

Parent Survey 2021

Thanks to everyone who has returned a parent survey. It has been lovely to read the replies. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Reading all your kind comments has meant a lot. Thank you.



Polite Reminder

We understand that there was a near miss yesterday morning on one of the roundabouts. Please can we just remind you all to drive safely and considerately on the surrounding roads. There can be quite a lot of traffic and obviously there are lots of families both walking to and from school and crossing the roads.





Bombers

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The children have been exploring lots of counting and numeral recognition activities with 'number fishing', 'number elephants' and shopping for currant buns. There has been some lovely imaginative play and small group turn taking and sharing. Well done 'Bombers'.

Reception

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Our theme this week within Reception has been Farmer Duck. The children have heard and joined in with the key language within the story. Alongside this theme the children have been learning about farm animals and their offspring. They have written some super sentences about the story. The children have had the opportunity to hot seat a character from within the story. Which was great fun.

In math's this week we have been learning to add and subtract. We have had lots of practical experience and it's always good fun to remember which symbol is which.

In phonics we have been learning the 'igh' sound. Well done to everyone who is persevering at improving their sentences.

Year 1

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This week, we have started a new Literacy unit on poetry! The children explained that a poem is usually shorter than a story, with short lines rather than sentences. They said it was like a song and it sometimes rhymed and sometimes repeated words. We have been reading, reciting, comparing and writing poems. We have also been practising writing plurals by adding 's' or 'es'.

In Maths, we have been finding a half of a shape or an amount. We have been folding shapes and sharing toys equally.

We have been looking at plants we can find nearby and naming them. We then looked further afield at plants around the world and made our own mini Eden Project domes. In RSE this week, we named the parts of our bodies.

Year 2

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What a fabulous week we have had – the best since we have returned to a fully reopened school with all children listening well and working hard. In maths the children have enjoyed being the teacher and marking my subtraction number sentences, using addition to check them. They have revised their knowledge of related facts so that if we know that $3+5 = 8$, we also know that $30+50 = 80$. We have revisited number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and completed missing number sentences as well as using this knowledge to solve problems.

In English we have looked at the 'j' sound in spelling and begun a new story. So far we have just looked carefully at the illustrations from the first two pages and written sentences about them. Next week we will start to read the story and find out what happens to the main character.

Our friend Janet, visited us on YouTube to share a story about finding our self-confidence, following which we had a thoughtful discussion. The children have enjoyed a PE lesson outside and found out about some of the world's most incredible plants in our topic lesson. They have also tackled a tricky reading assessment.

Year 3

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What a lovely four days we have had in year 3 this week. Both myself and the children have loved being back in tables and are enjoying the extra space and movement around the classroom. In maths, the children have really impressed me with their knowledge of time and have been amazing at reading the time in 5 minute intervals past and to the hour. We have used the mini clocks to help us make the times and will be moving onto looking at am and pm, as well as the 24-hour clock, next week so if you want to get ahead do lots of practising at home this weekend.

In English, we have created story boards to help us map out our alternative fairy tales for the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff; up levelled sentences and wrote the introduction to our stories this morning. I can't wait to continue writing these next week (I think they're going to be brilliant!).



We have also been focussing a lot on handwriting this week and have been practising sitting up nice and straight and using the correct joins to form words neatly. In our online music theory lesson, we recapped what we had learnt about pulse and rhythm last week and started to look at pitch, using a caterpillar song to help us.

We have awarded lots of reading star certificates this week, so well done to all those that have received theirs 😊

Year 4

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Where to begin! Horstead is always my favourite part of the school year and this year it feels even more special than normal. Despite an initially soggy start, (especially for those children in Mr Ashman's group who took an accidental dip in the broads) the weather was reasonably kind to us - either way, nothing could dampen our spirits.

The children have been amazing; kind, fun, supportive, and resilient and generally all round super stars. Everyone one of them has pushed their own boundaries. It's a very special moment when a group of children tell us how nervous they are and then turn into rock climbing rockets! We will be gradually adding photos to our class Facebook group so the children will be able to share their own insights with you all.

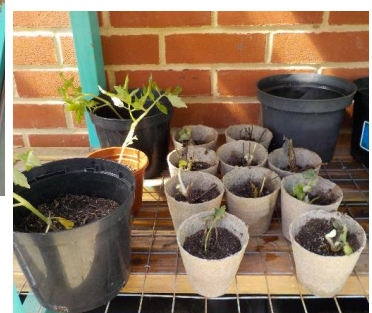
Thank you Year 4 for an amazing couple of days, we have loved every moment and we hope you have too!

Year 5

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It may have been a strange week weather-wise but we have smashed it in year 5. The best part was being able to get all of the tables back into groups and out of rows – and the children loved it too!

The gardening continued this week with Mrs Spurling and the class planting potatoes, strawberries and tomatoes (which we are looking forward to hopefully trying!). The children also checked on the progress of our seeds from last week and, as you can see from the photo, they are doing rather well despite the cold weather!



In maths, we have looked at \times and \div by 10, 100 and 1000 which is such an important skill. We practised this by measuring ourselves in cm and changing it to meters by \div by 100.

The class were very sad this week as we came to the end of our book study based on 'There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom'. We finished it off with some amazing letter writing, with several children producing some of their best work yet!

Year 6

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It has been another busy week in Year 6 where the children have been very supportive of one another as well as trying their best in a range of activities. In Maths lessons, the children looked at angles around a point and then learnt how to calculate vertically opposite angles. During a series of Literacy lessons, the children discussed and identified key features of a balanced argument and researched deforestation facts. They then used this information to argue why some people are 'for' or 'against' trees being cut down in Asia. Within these lessons, it was also lovely to hear the children's impressive knowledge of climate change. One of the highlights of the week has been seeing the children audition for roles in our production of "The Key Master". Already the children have shown a fantastic understanding of the key historical events within the performance and have demonstrated a range of excellent acting skills! The children have continued to impress me in Ukulele lessons too, where they are now performing Smoke on the Water. Also, in Topic lessons, the class have been designing their own persuasive brochures linked to a country in Asia of their choice. Well done, Year 6!



Well done to Reception Class
who had **100%**
Attendance for the 2nd week
running!

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

	STARS, ANGELS AND DIAMONDS
Reception	Parker Ward, Stanley Purton, Hunter Page
Year 1	Hugo Phoenix, Iris Champion, Sidney Tyrell
Year 2	Millie Halls-Nee, Rachel Bryan, Freddie Colk
Year 3	Lacey Bull, Maxwell Warren, Libby Buckingham
Year 4	All of Year 4
Year 5	Rhys Davison, Lennon Baker, Ellie Trabelsi
Year 6	Ewan Poole, Chloe Smith, Frazer Braithwaite

Have a lovely weekend!

Chris Ashman