

Rackheath Primary School



Friday 16th April 2021

This week the children have all started learning about our new school wide topic, “Our Wonderful World.”

As part of their work each class has a knowledge organiser, which has the key factual, information we want the children to learn and remember. Every child will have a copy of the knowledge organiser which they will bring home. It would be great if this could put somewhere like the fridge at home for the children to refer to. In school we have little quizzes to help learn the facts included. Perhaps you could have your own quizzes at home; adults versus children maybe!

Each class is finding out about a country as part of their learning this term. These are:

- Ghana - Reception
- Japan – Year 1 and 2
- Mexico - Year 3 and 4
- Iraq – Year 5
- Jordan – Year 6



Parent Survey 2021

This last year has been like no other in school. To reflect this, we wanted to send out a survey to capture your views on our response to the Coronavirus Pandemic covering the time period from March 2020 to March 2021. The children should have brought this home with them today. We understand that your time is precious but if you could possibly take a few moments to read and fill in the questionnaire we would be very grateful. Please put your completed questionnaire in the box outside the school office by Friday 7th May. Thank you.



Horstead and Aylmerton Day Trips – Before Easter we had the brilliant news that Year 3 and Year 4 will be able to go to Horstead for 2 activity days each in May. Year 4 are going on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th May with Year 3 going on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May.

This week we have had the equally fantastic news that Year 6 can go to Aylmerton for 2 day trips. These will be on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May.

Clubs – From next Thursday 22nd April there will be a Football Club for Year 3 and 4 children which will run until Thursday 27th May. A SchoolPing has been sent out with details. To sign your child up just complete the online form at the bottom of the message by lunchtime on Monday). After May half term I am planning on starting a Cricket Club initially for Year 6 and a Football Club for Year 2.



Optional Parent - Staff Catch Up

You can still book a slot for a quick 5 minute catch up with your child's class teacher on Wednesday 28th April. Full details went out in a School Ping on Monday 12th April.



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Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see all the children come back very happy and we have been joined by some new faces too as well as being visited by some new children. If the sun continues to shine, which hopefully it will, it may be good for your child to have some sunscreen applied before coming in the morning.

Reception

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Summer term here we come! - This week the children have been introduced to our new topic for the term, our wonderful world. They have been learning all about the story of The Enormous Turnip. We have been acting out the story, choosing to become a character from the story, drawing an enormous turnip, drawing and labelling a character from the story. In phonics our sound for the week has been oy. For example, toy, boy and enjoy. In maths we have been finding half of a number. We have been using lots of practical resources to help them.

It has been a fantastic first week back. Well done Reception children for all your hard work and all those lovely smiles.

Year 1

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We have had a great start back after the Easter break, with very enthusiastic and energetic children! We have been doing lots of reading this week, with our reading books and with a special challenge booklet. Please remember to keep hearing your child read at home at least three times a week and recording this in their Reading Record.

We have been comparing the sounds ow ('brown cow')/ou ('shout it out') and oi ('spoil the boy')/oy ('toy for a boy') in Phonics this week. In Literacy, we have been reading and retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, including some excellent adjectives and verbs in our writing.

In maths, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s which we are getting really good at now! We have also been making equal groups of objects to lead us into multiplying next week.

We have started Our Wonderful World topic work but the cold weather has delayed our planting a little bit. We have started to line and fill the planters with compost, and have been looking closely at what plants need to survive.

Year 2

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The children came back from the Easter holidays very excited, chatty and wanting to spend lots of time playing! However, on Tuesday they quickly settled down and we have actually had an amazing week of learning and hard work.

In maths we have been having fun with fractions and seeing how finding a fraction of an amount is just the same as dividing. We have learnt to recognise and find halves and quarters. Next week we will move on to thirds.

Our topic for this term is Our Wonderful World. This week we have started to look at plants, observing the daffodils and tulips outside before drawing and labelling a picture. Yesterday the children had a good look at different seeds and bulbs before planting cress seeds.

In English we are looking at poems linked to Our Wonderful World theme. The children have enjoyed reading and writing poems, coming up with some fantastically imaginative ideas and enjoying thinking of rhyming words.

We have assessed the children's spelling this week and given new spellings for our first Summer Term test which will be next Friday.

Year 3

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Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back after Easter and have really enjoyed starting our new topic, Our Wonderful World! Each pair were given an inflatable globe on Monday and have had great fun locating countries around the world and studying countries on the equator, the northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere.



In maths, the children have been doing some more work on fractions, specifically looking at tenths and were amazing at finding tenths as decimals yesterday and should be really proud of themselves! Our unit of work in English for the next two weeks is poetry. On Wednesday, the class listened to a piece of music to help them imagine a peaceful scene and created a word bank of wonderfully descriptive and rich vocabulary, which they could then include in their own poems. The children worked incredibly hard with Mrs Pulford on Thursday, to write their own 'Peace is...' free verse poems and wrote them up in neat today.

Mrs Milligan and I have been so impressed with the children's focus and attitude this week and can't wait for this to continue next week - well done year 3! 😊

Year 4

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It has been so lovely to welcome Year 4 back to school after the holidays. They returned well rested and very eager to get learning!

We have had a really wonderful week getting our new topic, 'Our Wonderful World' started. I have really enjoyed sharing the globe with the class and I was very impressed by some of their geographical knowledge. We are currently exploring the climates of the globes and we are working toward being able to describe a chosen country in more detail. In English, we are currently studying one of my favourite stories- *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We had a lovely session on Tuesday where we used musical instruments to add emotion into a piece of text. The children have been asking really insightful questions and I know they are eager to know what happens next.

Next week, you will be receiving more information about our Horstead trip. Please do know that there is not a kit list and that you shouldn't need anything new for our time there. We hope to send details at the start of next week.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our swimmers this week. You continue to make us so proud and you are such great role models for children at Rackheath.

Year 5

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This week the children have been very excited as we have started making our James 'Egg' Bond inventions to finish off the Topic from last term. As you can see from the photographs, we have a range of ideas/designs being made with the intention of trying to stop an egg from being smashed as I hurl it from the roof! All designs will be scored on four categories – Weight, Science, Looks and Success. We will test them next week so watch this space!!



In literacy, we have started studying one of my favourite

books 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom!' By Louis Sachar. It is a heart-warming story about a young boy with behaviour issues trying to make friends. We will be spending much of the unit writing in character and seeing how he changes through the book. In Maths we are looking at fractions. So far this week we have looked at fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and ordering fractions. We have been using a bar model to do this so why not ask your child to see if they can explain it to you.

Year 6

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It has been a brilliant first week back for the Year 6 children. On Monday, our new whole-school topic of 'Our Wonderful World' was revealed to the class and we have already completed a few tasks linked to this. The children recapped their Geography knowledge of the seven continents before finding out that Jordan, in Asia, is going to be our main country of focus. As a class, we researched 12 of the largest countries in Asia and found out numerous facts including: their capital cities, population, language, currency and famous landmarks. The children also drew and painted flags for the majority of the countries in Asia and these will be displayed in the Year 5 / 6 building. For Literacy, we have focussed on writing a guide – specifically focusing on Rackheath Primary School! In Maths activities, our new topic is data and statistics, where the children have been able to read and interpret line graphs as well as recap their knowledge of the mean, median, mode and range. Today, the children collated their own data by completing a series of challenges outside. It has also been lovely to see the children having fun on the field at break and lunchtimes and enjoying our new play equipment. Well done, Year 6!

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**Well done to Year 2 who had
99.6%
Attendance before Easter!**

Have a lovely weekend!

Hopefully by the end of it Norwich will be back in the Premier League!

Chris Ashman