

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

It has been another busy week in school with lots of exciting learning taking place. Year 4 visited How Hill on Monday whilst Year 6 are on their residential at Aylmerton all this week.



Remembrance Day

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. We have also been selling Poppies in school. Thank you to Year 5 for organising this and to all of you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Year 2 Show and Tell - The Year 2 children did a great job sharing their learning with their families on Tuesday. The children all spoke really clearly during the presentation and then were able to show their work to the grown-ups. Thanks to Mrs Grogutt and Mrs Bird for all their hard work.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant post in the school starting after Christmas. You can find out all about it following this link.

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/>



Should you have any questions please feel free to chat with Mr Ashman about the role.

Children In Need and Guide Dog Appeal Fundraising – Friday 19th November



Next Friday, children are being asked to pay £1 to come into school in Non-Uniform. We are also pleased to say that we will be holding our lunchtime races again where children pay 20p to take part in races and try to win a small prize.

We are also going to try and fill a guide dog picture with loose change! If you have any 1p, 2p or 5p's lying around, why not bring them in and try to help us cover the picture. This will be on the playground or in the hall, depending on the weather!

All money from this day will be split between two charities – Children in Need and the Guide Dogs charity – one that has a close link to the school.

Thank you for helping us to support these amazing causes.

FORS



We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to our team:

Jenny Cornwall	Samantha Lines
Jayne Lindsey	Lucy Bryan
Chantelle Tyrrell	Karyn Hitchcock

Our team is now as follows:

Chair: Treena Barrett
Treasurer: Lucy Bryan
Secretary: Cath Unsworth / Chantelle Tyrrell

Trustee members:

Suzanne Fleetwood	Anne Tandy
Hannah Halsey	Debbie Durrant
Susanna Sweatman	Tonya Colk
Jenny Cornwall	Samantha Lines
Jayne Lindsay	Karyn Hitchcock

We would like to say a massive thank you to Suzanne Fleetwood for her hard work and time she has given up over the last 4 years to be a Treasurer for FORS and thank you to Anne Tandy for her time she had given up in her role as Secretary.



Football Match at Coltishall

Last Friday the Year 6 team played their first match of the season at Coltishall. The team played some excellent football during the game which they eventually won 13-0. What was really impressive was the way they all played as a team and kept passing the ball. Well done to all those that played: Theo H, Theo O, Luke, Charlie, Joseph, Dylan, Lennon, Jack, Xane and Harvey.

Next week we have 2 teams taking part in the cluster football tournament at St Johns which should be a super morning of football.

Show and Tell Assemblies – Next week we have our last 2 show and tell assemblies for this half term. As it stands we are planning for them to go ahead in the hall with an audience of parents. We do need to be cautious so would ask that no one attends if they are feeling unwell or if there is a Covid case in the household. Additionally, if you are able to take a Lateral Flow Test before attending please do so.

- Tuesday 16th November – Year 1
- Thursday 18th November - Reception

Parents should arrive at school by 2:30pm.



Reception

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We have all enjoyed our week in Reception this week. In Literacy the children have been learning the sounds j, v, w, y. We are amazed that we have learned 24 so far and its only just November.

In maths we have been learning all about the 3D shapes - cube, cuboid, cylinder, pyramid and cone. At home perhaps you would like to go on a 3D shape hunt and see what you can find. See if your child can use corners, vertices, sides or edges when they describe a 3D shape. For example, a cube has 6 square faces or sides with 8 vertices. A dice is a cube.

In topic we have continued to read Stanley's Stick. In the follow up activities the children have made tree clay art, used their fine motor skills to wrap elastic bands and pipe cleaners around groups of twigs, make a lollipop stick fan and many more. This weekend you may like to paint using sticks, or write their name in rice using a stick, make a twig collage or construct a stick hedgehog.

We also celebrated Remembrance Day on Thursday. The children made poppies and took part in a two-minute silence.

Year 1

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This week, we have been learning lots about fire! We have started learning about the Great Fire of London and we made pictures of houses from 1666. We also looked at Fire poetry in English. We were so excited to have our own little fire to help us think about fire safety, and about how fire looks, smells and how it makes us feel. This started us off with writing our own fire poems.

In Maths, we have been looking at subtraction. We used toys to 'take away', counted back along number lines and solved problems using our skills. In Phonics, we have been learning the new sound, 'oi' (spoil the boy). We compared it to the sound 'oy' (toy for a boy) that we already know.

A special mention has to go to Isobel, Edie and Willow who gave the class a little talk about what they had learned in Rainbows about Remembrance Day. They showed us the decorative poppy jars they made and we lit the candles inside for our 2-minute silence. In our lesson we learned about what the poppy represented and heard stories of bravery from the war.

This week we have been designing safety posters to warn people about the hazard on building sites. This was in connection with a recent assembly led by Lovells.

We have also been practising what we want to show you at our Show and Tell assembly next week. It is on Tuesday 16th November, at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there!



Year 2

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We have had another busy week, the highlight of which so far (as I am writing this on Wednesday afternoon) has to have been our wonderful class assembly. I was so impressed by how quickly the children decided who would like to speak and with how sensibly they rehearsed. The children loved sharing our learning and sang beautifully. We were delighted by how many of you came to share our assembly – it was so lovely for the children to be able to share the work which they have done with you so far in Y2.

Apart from getting ready for our assembly we have continued to work on our counting skills in maths and have learnt how number bonds to 10 help us with number bonds to 100. The children have also practised finding the number that is 1 less or 1 more and 10 less or 10 more.

In English we have watched and talked about episodes 2 and 3 of our Little Red Riding Hood story. The children have written notes of advice from the vet to the wolf who hurt his nose on a prickly hedgehog and thank you letters from different characters to Little Red Riding Hood.

On Thursday I am hoping that they had an interesting afternoon exploring and learning about the games and toys which their parents and grandparents would have played with.

Next week we begin our Fire of London topic. If you could send in a cereal box so that each child can make/paint a Tudor house for our Fire of London scene that would be great.

Year 3

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I can't believe it's the end of the second week of the half term already! On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have local artist, Sara Edwards, come in and do an art workshop with us. She showed us some of her amazing paintings and told us about how she is inspired by the beautiful Norfolk scenery. She then helped us to create the background for our own paintings, based on our trip to How Hill and the local wildlife on the Broads. Next Monday, Sara will be coming back to help us complete our wonderful acrylic paintings.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10 to a 3-digit number and although we found it tricky to begin with, we have really got the hang of it now and have been whizzing through the questions! Any practise you do at home will help enormously!

In English, we have been loving our book, Pugs of the Frozen North. The children created some super 'role on the walls' for the main character Shen, then used these to write diary entries as Shen. We have been looking at the language used in the book to help us visualise and imagine scenes, we are really looking forward to next week when we get to find out how Shen and Sika get on with their adventure to the Snowfather.



Year 4

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We have packed so much in this week – I really can't believe How Hill was only on Monday!

We had such a wonderful day. We explored habitats, looked for otters, spotted deer, saw kingfishers, did some dyke dipping and even had a mud face mask. I know the children had a really wonderful day but most importantly, they learnt so much about animals and why their habitats are so important to them. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who enable us to take the children to such exciting places!

The rest of the week has been full of subtraction on maths and setting descriptions in English. I've been so impressed by the children's writing this week. They have really mastered their use of similes and metaphors!

Next week, we will be looking at the column method for subtraction and writing our letters as if we were Jim Jarvis from Street Child. I know the children are excited about both of these things!

Year 5

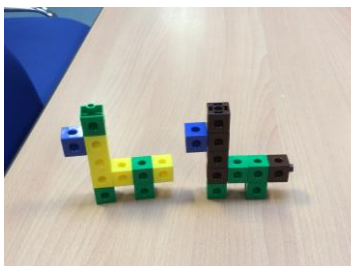
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We have had a rather hard week in year 5, especially with the maths! We have been looking at fractions of amounts again, and using a bar to help us work out word problems. But we have been trying to figure out missing parts of fractions e.g. I eat $\frac{2}{5}$ of a bag of sweets. I have 45 sweets left so how many were in the bag at the start. The children worked their socks off!

In English, we have been writing parts of our explanation texts linked to a Binky. Some brilliant writing, especially from Logan!

In the afternoons we have been looking at rationing during WW2 and thinking about how it compares to our food. We also started making our new inventions - it certainly aged me more!!

The photos show our investigations linked to fractions of amounts!



Year 6

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Year 6 have had a fantastic week at Aylmerton. A full report with photographs will be in next week's newsletter.

Well done to Reception Class who had **100%** attendance last week

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

	STARS, ANGELS AND DIAMONDS
Reception	Elsie Aspey, Florence Colk, Ben Tomsett
Year 1	Alicja Rudd, Jack Addison-Bush, Jayden Ward
Year 2	Whole Class, Lilah-Mae Handforth, Hugo Phoenix
Year 3	Millie Halls-Nee, Emily Ofori, Hallie Smith
Year 4	Trinity Beck, Freddie Pelan, George Hogarth
Year 5	Katy Webb, Ben Newson, Yuan Staley
Year 6	All of Year 6

Have a lovely weekend.

Chris Ashman