



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It has been a particularly exciting week at RKPS with the launch of our new playground zones and associated equipment.

Yesterday, the children had a 'barrel' of fun using their new scooters, wiggle bikes and, of course, barrels! On first viewing, the wiggle bikes appeared to be most popular. Apart from being a ton of fun, they apparently also develop children's motor and fine motor skills as the riders wiggle along! All this fantastic new equipment has been funded entirely by our PTFA: every event that you attend and support results in still more exciting experiences for all our children.

Our PTFA co-chairs, Lou and Anik, joined me for the launch and, having observed the popularity of the new equipment, have already ordered more wiggle bikes, scooters and helmets which the children will love!

The new playground system has largely been organised by our Year 6 Play Leaders who have done a superb job I must say. We have a such a responsible and talented group of Year 6 children. Many of them also work in a mentoring role with younger children-we definitely have a future crop of brilliant teachers, I do hope that some choose to take this path!

Our wild and secluded Forest School is a magical setting and the sessions keep getting better and better. Thank you to those parents and carers who are finding the time to volunteer.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



New play equipment.



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Bodhi



Bodhi has made a super start to this spring term! His resilience in his learning and exploring has blown us all away! Bodhi is always willing to help his adults and friends and is always ready to jump into his learning! Not only is Bodhi resilient, but he is also well mannered and super friendly! He is respectful to his peers and adults and always manages to brighten everyone's day! Keep being a superstar learner Bodhi!!

YRR

Lottie



Lottie was an easy choice for our first ever special mentions assembly. She has come such a long way already and we are all super proud of her. Lottie's growing ability to follow the rules and give absolutely everything a try, even if it seems a bit tricky at first, is truly amazing. Well done, lovely Lottie.

Herbie



Wow! What a hero Herbie has been this week. He has sprung into spring with a can-do attitude and fantastic learning. Herbie always tries his best & this leads to some amazing work. Furthermore, he is also so kind and helpful. His beaming smile never fails to light up the room. Kahlo class would be lost without you. Keep up the fantastic work Herbie!

YR1

Harlow



Harli is a fantastic member of Obama class. She is a role model of readiness! She is always sitting in her best posture and showing her listening skills off. Harli uses her own initiative to look at the timetable and see what is coming next. For example-if it is Maths, she knows to be on the carpet with her whiteboard and whiteboard pen at the ready! Harli is always lending a helping hand to her friends who are feeling a bit down-she always has a story to share about unicorns or castles! Her smile can brighten anyone's day. Harli's super power is participation-she is ever ready with her thinking thumb and an answer in all our lessons. Well done Harli! Keep up the great work.

Rudi



Reflective Rudi! You are on a rollercoaster journey with your writing. You are persevering up that steep climb to the top to further improve your writing by using dynamic punctuation and speech marks and then you go whoosh down the other side by adding lyrical and exciting vocabulary. I am transported to different places with your descriptions or affected by your persuasive language. Keep it up, buddy – it is a joy to read your writing!

YR2

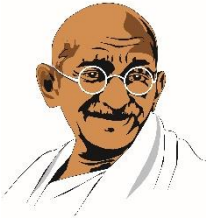
Theo



Since September, this superstar has been shining brighter and brighter. When challenges come his way, he is trying to tackle them with the determination of a superhero! Every time the going gets tough, Theo is working hard to give it his all and to develop his resilience more and more. Keep reaching for the stars, because nothing can stop you now! Well done Theo!

Daenerys

This week in Gandhi class, the children have been writing setting descriptions from their new text, 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. When you read Daenerys' example, I have no doubt you will be transported to the very frozen ocean scene she has described due to her expansive vocabulary choices and wonderful of array of writing skills. It's not often you get a child who remembers to use ALL the vocabulary the class 'magpied' from the text itself! Don't take my word for it, have a listen!



Luke

Luke has worked so hard on his reading. Although Luke resists long text he has pushed through. He has completed his first chapter book, well done Luke. Luke has shown great perseverance getting through the book. Luke has put in the hard work over the last year, and this has paid off going up 7 book levels! Luke you are an absolute superstar!

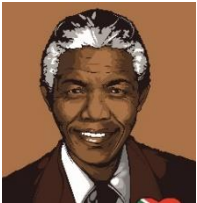
YR3



Freddie

Freddie has made a fantastic start to 2025. His attitude towards his learning in class has been brilliant, and this has been encouraged by his independent resourcefulness. Freddie knows what is available in the classroom to support his learning, such as challenges and is also supporting his talk partners learning with brilliant partner work. This shows his self-sufficiency and maturity in Year 3. Well done Freddie!

Mariatou



Mariatou has made a great start to 2025. She has come back from Christmas with a great attitude to learning. Mariatou always challenges herself in lessons, but her work in maths in particular has been exceptional. Keep challenging yourself Mariatou. You are making great progress!

YR4



Eli

Eli is an all round Super star. His interest in not only his learning but also everything going on in the world around him is always so lovely and refreshing. He asks intelligent and thoughtful questions and genuinely reflects on answers and new information that he has learnt, taking it on board for future use. Eli - with such a passionate love of learning, anything you want to achieve is possible.

YR5



Jasper

8th January 2025 will be a day that will go down in history in Woodingdean, if you've forgotten already, it was Snow Day! There was however one young man who displayed true readiness for such a day – Jasper! This young man was an unstoppable force and got straight on with the tasks Mr Jones set! Snowman – completed it! Snow-poem – completed it! Snowball fight – completed it! In fact, Jasper worked his way through every task Mr. Jones set! Jasper, you really are the epitome of the word outstanding, and your hard work never goes unnoticed! Well done!

Ruby



Every member of staff I speak to has nothing but glowing words to say about Ruby, and rightly so! She exudes positivity, politeness and an attitude to learning that's an example to her classmates. As well as being a popular member of Turing class, she is well-liked and respected throughout the school due to her nurturing mentorship of younger children. We're so fortunate to have Ruby in Year 6, and I'm sure 2025 will be another very successful year for her!

YR6

Alexandra



Awesome Alex has been such a joy to teach in Year 6! She always works hard and pushes herself to do her very best in everything. Her enthusiasm for learning and trying new challenges is fabulous. Alex is also a brilliant sports role model, always giving her all outside, recently she has been developing her incredible skipping skills. Bravo Alex



YR Thunberg

Isaac - Amazing reading.

YR Rashford

Casper and Ilana - For writing super sentences.

Y1 Kahlo

Lily and Lola - sensational writing!

Y1 Obama

Giulia and Ruby - Brilliant 'winter' writing.

Oakleigh - Magical maths learning!

Y2 Attenborough

Freddie - For making an awesome Brighton and Hove Albion snowman!

Y2 Parks

Khaliyl - For single handedly making an incredible pots and pans drum kit in the playground!

Asiyah - An excellent diary entry and a times table master!

Jude - A very well-crafted diary entry.

Cooper - A superb diary entry.

Roma - Excellent multiples learning and writing too!

Y3 Gandhi

Ethan - Fantastic maths.

Y3 Pankhurst

Isabelle - First class writing linked to her class book.

Y4 Mandela

Ivy, Harlow, Bradley Isaac - A fantastic Mayan topic book cover!

Impressive poetry analysis

Y6 Turing

Lilah - Excellent contributions in PSHE.

Lottie - Being a great mentor to a younger child.

Y6 Yousafzai

Oliver - Super writing about Dr Barnado.

Chelsea - Handwriting Hero!

ACE Basketball festival

Yesterday, Mr Mack took a group of KS2 children to Longhill Sports Centre to take part in the ACE basketball festival. It was a fantastic, fun-filled session, and the RKPS children were a credit to themselves in the way they joined in and cooperated with children from other schools. Thank you to Mr Hoad and the Longhill Sports Leaders for organising such a great event.



PTFA NEWS / Events

Happy New Year everybody!

🔊 Our next PTFA meeting is 2.30pm on the 31st January. In the dining hall.

♥ Come along to have your say on future events and spending (and meet some lovely people)

📅 We have some very exciting events planned for this next term and ideas for how we'd like to spend money fundraised.

👏 If you would like to have your say please do come along to the meeting. You can also post suggestions in the PTFA post box in the reception area or email on rkpsptfa@gmail.com
Thank you!

Times Tables Rockstars

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS' HAS ARRIVED!

We're excited to announce that we're launching a series of Times Tables Rockstars 'battles', with the first one starting after school TODAY. Children in Years 3-6 are invited to log in to TTRS and take part in the first whole-KS2 'Battle of The Bands'!

Classes will compete against each other from Friday to Thursday every other week, completing as many times tables questions as they can, as fast as they can, and adding to their class's points total. Here's everything you need to know:

- Children should go to <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> and login using the following format:

Example - Billy Smith

Username: smibill Password: (usual school password)

If you have any problems logging in, please let your child's teacher know.

- Battles will start on Fridays at 3.30pm and finish the following Thursday at 3.30pm.
- Certificates will be given to the winning class and the 3 highest scoring children from across KS2 - performances will also be celebrated on the display opposite the KS2 Hall and added to the school newsletter.
- Only the FIRST 30 MINUTES of play per day will count towards the children's battle totals (but they can of course practise more if they choose).
- Children can use whichever level they want when playing - Jamming, Gig, Garage etc. The TTRS algorithm will automatically filter the times tables your child needs to work on.
- You'll find the 'Tournaments' icon on at the top right of the page once your child has logged

in: 

Here are the dates of the battles this term:

Battle 1 - Friday 17th January to Thursday 23rd January

Battle 2 - Friday 31st January to Thursday 6th February

Battle 3 - Friday 14th February to Thursday 20th February (over half term)

Battle 4 - Friday 28th February to Thursday 6th March

Battle 5 - Friday 14th March to Thursday 20th March

Battle 6 - Friday 28th March to Thursday 3rd April





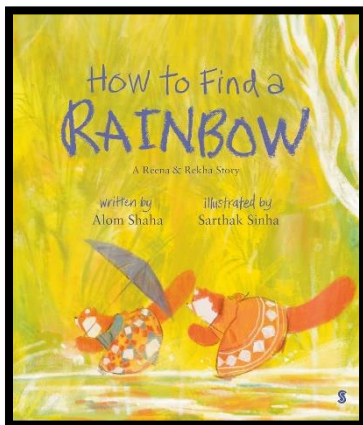
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.”

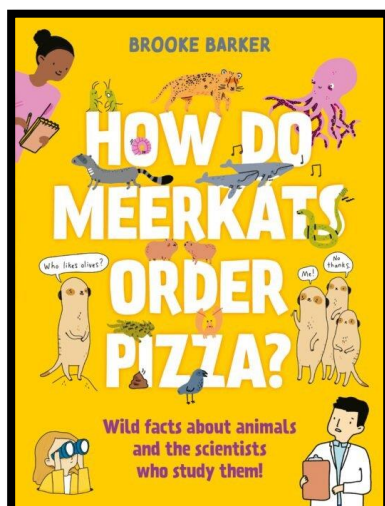
Sullivan and Brown 2013.

How to Find a Rainbow by Alom Shaha and illustrated by Sarthak Sinha



This book sees red panda sisters Reena and Rekha – one loves staying indoors to paint, the other loves splashing in puddles – on a rainbow-chasing adventure. Shaha’s narrative effortlessly weaves in the science of rainbows, accompanied by sumptuous pencil illustrations from Sinha. The perfect picturebook for a rainy day.

How Do Meerkats Order Pizza? By Brooke Barker



In this uproariously funny and charmingly illustrated book, readers are introduced to incredible animals and the bizarre things human scientists do to understand them.

Did you know that crows never forget a face? Or that jaguars have a favourite perfume? Have you ever wondered how to pet a yeti crab? Or whether dogs can tell if you’re smiling? And just what is a burrowing bettong?

From crafting fake poo to slurping up bugs with a straw, there’s nothing these amazing scientists won’t do to help us learn more about the animals around us. Packed with fascinating facts, this hilarious book reveals secrets like why roosters crow and how meerkats make decisions as a group – and how humans can better understand the wild creatures we share the planet with.

Equal Access Award

We are proud to have been recognised as an Equal Access School by the Barclays Girls' Football Schools Partnership in association with England Football. This week, we received a trophy that celebrates our commitment to promoting girls' sport and providing equal opportunities for all our children.

Pictured: the trophy, proudly held aloft by members of our Year 6 girls' football team and Years 2-4 girls' football club.



Equalities



In PSHE, Y6 have been learning about different grown - up relationships and that love has no labels or gender. Same love, different families. We watched a film to help us understand that.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuG1hHs>

We then learnt what the letters in LGBT+ stand for and researched the history behind LGBT+ rights. We discussed the Rainbow Flag and the Pride marches and why everyone has the right to be who they are and to feel safe, valued and welcome. The children then designed their own Rainbow Flags.

Stars of the Week

**After School Club – KS1 Lily in Kahlo for always making others happy that are around her.
KS2 – Jacob in Mandela for playing so well with others.**

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Year 3 for being a pleasure in the dining room. They have been sensible, helpful and polite. Well done!

School
Notices

Wescott Thursdays Spring 1

The dates for Wescott Thursday after half-term are as follows: The running order will be as follows:

Thursday 23rd January – Year 5

Thursday 30th January – Year 3

Thursday 6th February – Year 2

Thursday 13th February – Year 1

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

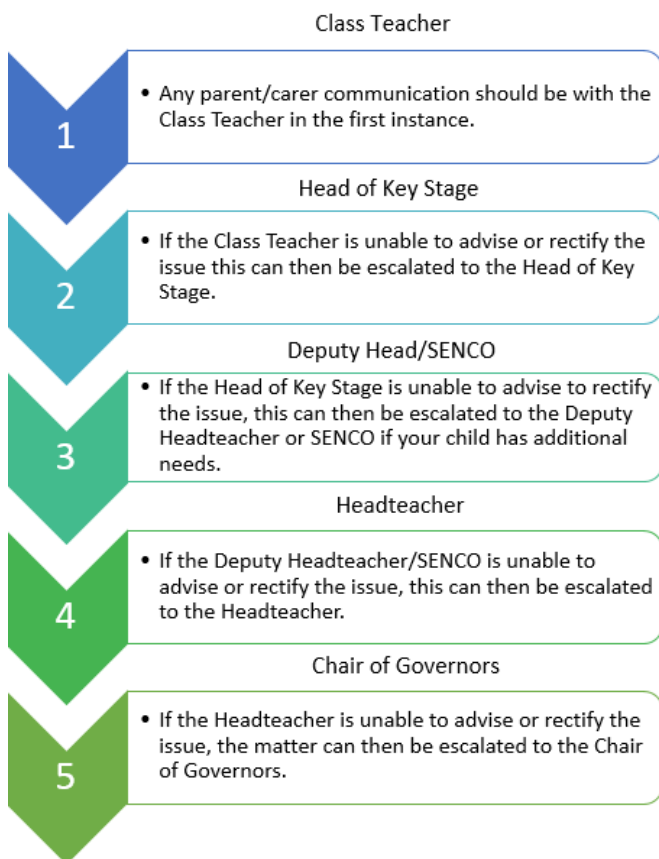


Next Forest School Sessions

Mon 20th Jan - Y2 Attenborough
 Tues 21st Jan - Y1 Obama
 Thurs 23rd Jan - Y4 Mandela



And finally...



Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

Dates for the Diary

January 25	
Monday 20 th	Y4 'Meet the Teacher' 2:45pm
Wednesday 22 nd	KS2 World Religion Day
Thursday 30 th	RKPS Orchard Planting (All Day).
Friday 31 st January	PTFA Meeting 2:30pm
February 25	
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th	Y6 SATs and Residential Chat 2:35pm
Friday 14 th	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 24 th	CHILDREN RETURN

