



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

As a totally inclusive school, we always try to provide our children with as many free clubs as possible.

Mr Stanley and Ms Kirby's legendary Lego club is always oversubscribed and probably our most popular free club of them all. The constructions the children create in their teams are remarkable: the children use our school value of Teamwork to its full capacity and start practising the invaluable life skill of working in teams at a very young age.

Sweet harmonies drift through the school corridors after school on Wednesdays when Mrs Brewer leads her free choir club, for this term the turn of KS1. Wednesday afternoons are also the time when Mrs Goozee, Miss Sandat and Mrs Owen lead their super fun free 'Crafty Kids' club down in our Forest School-the children always have a whale of a time down there! And after school today, is Mr Mac and Mr Wynne's free football club, another very popular club with the children.

Outdoor learning is intrinsic to what we are as a school: we provide our children with as many outdoor learning opportunities as possible. Next Thursday we have a special event when our new school orchard will be planted-very exciting!

Today, I am very much looking forward to teaching Year 3 Gandhi class: strategy maths games, poetry and drama are all on the menu. It promises to be a fun (though windy) day!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hainington

Headteacher



Choir Club



Special Mentions

Heidi-Rose



How Heidi – Rose has grown! She has shown her readiness for learning by being a model student! Not only has Heidi – Rose grown in character, but her confidence has also blown us adults all away! Words cannot describe how much Heidi - Rose has developed over the past few weeks, and we cannot wait to see what else this star student can bring to the table! We are super proud of you Heidi – Rose, keep being the amazing learner you are!

YRR

Ernie



Ernie's ability to face challenges head-on, while maintaining a kind and caring spirit, is truly a sight to behold. He is a constant source of positivity and support within our class, always showing up with a smile and a willingness to help others. We all think you are wonderful Ernie.

Freddie



Freddie has shown an amazing readiness to learn. His work in History has been out of this world! His keenness to learn about the Titanic has enabled him to complete work independently. He has asked so many questions and has gone above and beyond with his written work on the subject. If anyone needs any information on the Titanic, Freddie is your man! Well done Freddie!

YR1

Alice



What a lovely member of our class Alice is! She is funny, kind and caring. Most of all, she is respectful. Alice is always trying her best to make everyone around her feel calm and happy. Her smile could brighten up anyone's day, as it so often does when she helps her friends. She knows to respect our school values and is always trying very hard to follow them! Alice's caring nature and her respect towards people, animals and the environment make her a role model in Obama class! Well done Alice!

Leo



Leo, the Legend – you are such a lovely Learner! You are becoming more and more resilient as you navigate your way through your learning journey. I am so impressed that you are questioning 'why' in your reasoning and taking time and care when explaining how you 'know'. Keep being awesome, you super star!

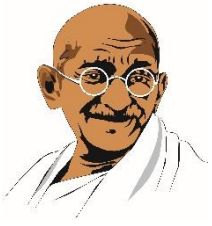
YR2

Khaliyl



Khaliyl has had a wonderful return to school. He has shown great readiness for his learning and has shared some excellent ideas with the class. Khaliyl has also been smashing his reading each week. Keep it up, Khaliyl!

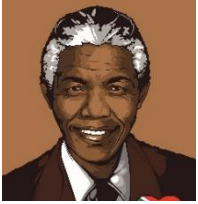
Oscar



No matter what is put in front of Oscar, he shows resilience in abundance. When things are tough, he displays his growth mindset to tackle each problem with positivity. You've only to feast your eyes upon his maths book to see just how resilient he is when answering problem solving and reasoning tasks. Such is his resilience, he quite often strives to accept the class challenges! What progress he has made in Year 3!

YR3

Ivy



Ivy is a helping hero. In every spare moment she has, Ivy is always thinking of ways she can help others. She has a fantastic memory and is great at reminding Miss Walsh and other pupils of jobs that need doing and volunteering to help. Other staff members are always commenting on Ivy's helpful and kind-hearted nature. Well done Ivy. You should be very proud!

YR4

Oakley



The independence that Oakley is showing in his work is absolutely fantastic. His enthusiasm for writing a poem about a personal experience in English this week, absolutely blew Mrs Newbold away. His poem was descriptive, powerful and full of emotion – Oakley you are a poet in the making!

YR5



Matilda

One word sums up Matilda: Outstanding! This amazing young girl deserves all the recognition in the world. She shines as Little Miss Reflectiveness, beaming with pride in the mirror of endless possibilities. Matilda's writing and reading skills go from strength to strength as she immerses herself in different characters in our new book – some might say her talent is totally *cosmic*! You are truly the gift that keeps on giving, Matilda. Incredible work – well done!

YR6



Ronnie

Ronnie is such a superstar in Yousafzai class! He always listens carefully and works really hard, taking his time to make sure his work is the best it can be. As a play leader, he's amazing at organising games and making sure everyone has fun and feels included. He's kind, helpful, and a fantastic role model for his friends. Bravo Ronnie – we're so proud of you!



YR Thunberg	Bodie - Amazing Maths! Albie - Super phonics.
Y1 Obama	Bobbi - For being a maths magician!
Y2 Attenborough	Jack - Excellent talking about his learning in maths.
Y2 Parks	Brodiy, Dylan, Ruben, Theo and Roma - A super group poem about a Jellyfish!
Y3 Pankhurst	Stanley - Amazing maths! Eva – For being a maths magician.
Y4 Mandela	Dougie - For great analysis of a poem. Halle - Excellent English work. Mariatou - Intelligent learning on words.
Y4 Franklin	Nate - An excellent poem about fencing. Charlie - A superb atmospheric poem about a trip to the Albion! Euan - A first-class Brighton and Hove Albion poem!
Y5 Seacole	Mason - Brilliant writing based on 'Cosmic'

Times Tables Rockstars



The results are in, and huge congratulations to Arthur in Year 6 who achieved the highest number of correct answers in our first KS2 Times Tables Rock Stars 'Battle of The Bands' competition! Well done, too, to Mujahid in Year 6 and Jack in Year 3 for coming 2nd and 3rd respectively - all three received certificates in today's assembly. Year 6 Turing were the highest-scoring class overall in KS2 - a fantastic effort!

Thank you to everyone who took part - over 60 children logged on at some point during the week and practised their times tables! The next 'Battle of The Bands' will start on Friday 30th January, and there will be reminders in next week's newsletter and on School Ping.

1	 Arthur W Year 6 Turing 2024/25	1,935
2	 Mujahid M Year 6 Turing 2024/25	1,853
3	 Jack A Year 3 Pankhurst 2024/25	1,543

PTFA NEWS / Events

- 🔊 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



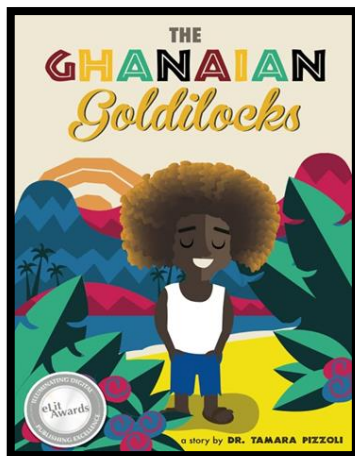
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parent' educational background or income.'

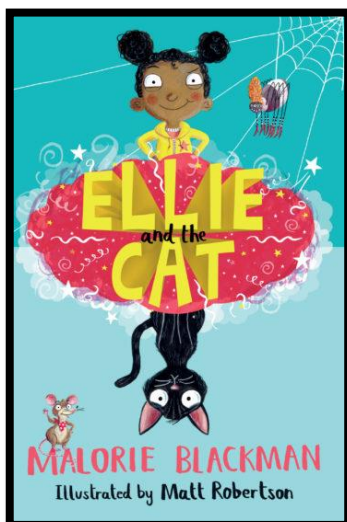
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) & others.

Ghanaian Goldilocks Tamara Pizzoli and illustrated by Phil Howell



Set in Accra, Ghana, The Ghanaian Goldilocks is a modern twist on the classic Goldilocks fairytale. Like traditional kente cloth, West African culture and themes are woven seamlessly into the story of a boy with sun lightened hair named Kofi, better known to his friends and family as Goldilocks. Like the Goldilocks in the traditional tale, Kofi has been known to get into some trouble here and there, but it's an unexpected visit to a neighbor's house that teaches him a valuable lesson of a lifetime.

Ellie and the Cat by Malorie Blackman and illustrated by Matt Robertson



Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her grandma has ever met and it's time that she learnt a lesson! So with a little bit of magic and some help from Jolly the cat, Grandma's going to make sure that Ellie changes her ways. Can Ellie work hard to prove that she can be good? Or is she destined to spend the rest of her days trapped in the body of a mean old cat?

Particularly suitable for reluctant readers aged 8+.

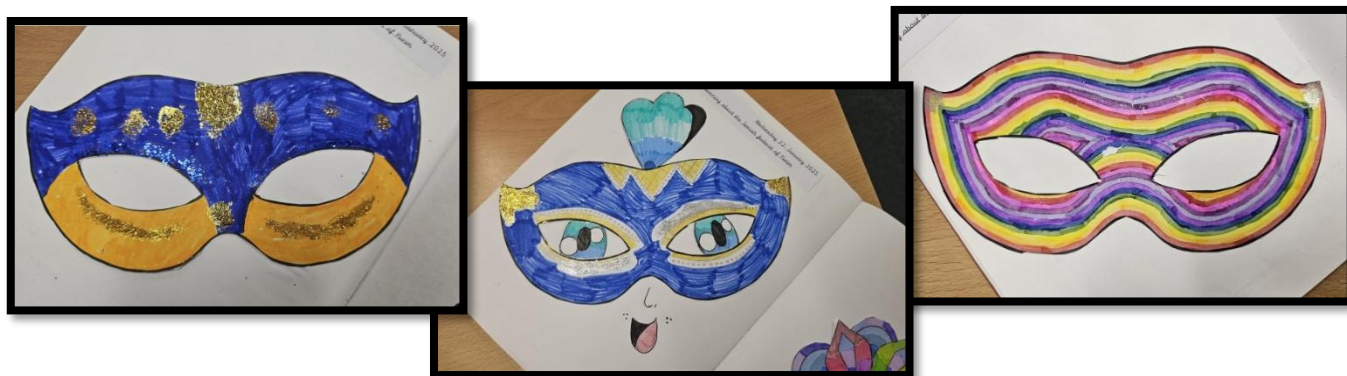
Equalities



Year 5 Celebrate World Religion Day 2025

Year 5 have had an incredible time exploring Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism as part of our World Religion Day 2025 celebrations! The day was a huge success, filled with exciting opportunities to learn about different beliefs, traditions, and cultures from around the world. From understanding the meaning behind sacred symbols to hearing inspiring stories and values from each religion, the students embraced the chance to expand their knowledge and appreciation for diversity. It was a truly enriching experience that showcased the beauty of learning about and respecting our global community.

One focus was the Jewish festival: Purim. They discovered the story behind the celebration, explored its traditions, and even learned about the importance of joy and giving during this festive time. A wonderful way to appreciate and understand different cultures! Here are a selection of masks so they could join in with the carnival celebrations.



Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 Oliver in Attenborough for always playing so nicely at After School Club
KS2 – Henry in Pankhurst for always following After School Club's rules.

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Azaan in Reception for keeping his friends calm and patient whilst they wait to go to lunch. Azaan plays a looking and listening game with them all each day. Well done Azaan!

Dempsey in Year 5 and Lottie in Year 6 for taking on extra mentoring duties in KS1 every day. Thank you both.

Fitness Fridays Friend of the Week!

Jonnie Peacock- Paralympic Gold medallist



Jonnie is a 100m sprinter, he had one leg amputated when he was a boy. He has won two gold medals, one bronze medal and performed in Ms Nazarko's favourite TV show, Strictly Come Dancing with the fabulous Oti Mabuse

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 30th January – Year 3

Thursday 6th February – Year 2

Thursday 13th February – Year 1

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Tues 28th Jan – Y1 Kahlo & YR Rashford

Thurs 30th Jan – YR Thunberg

**** Please make sure children bring in a change of old clothes for the session due to mud and messy activities. Thank You!**



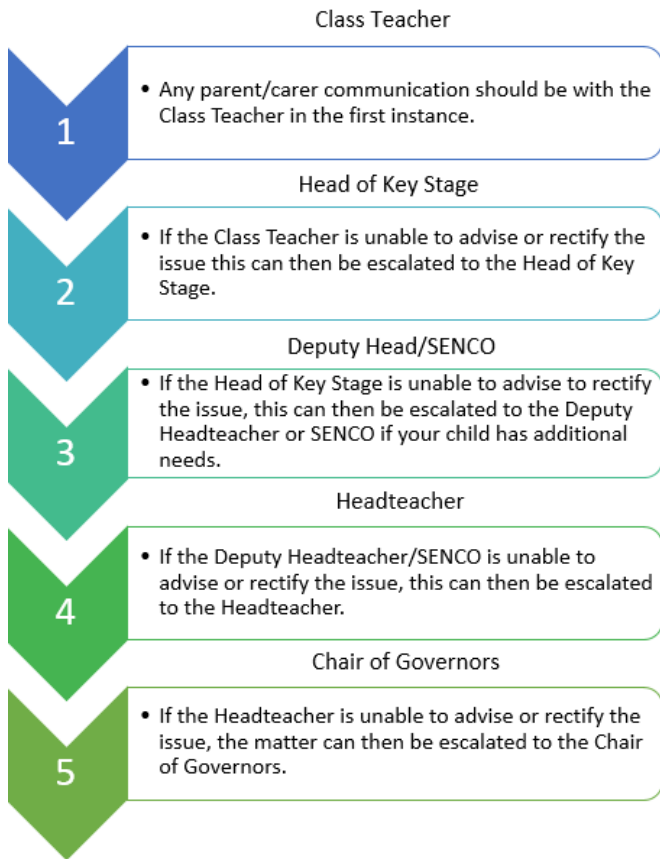
No Smoking by our School Gates

Please kindly respect our wishes by not smoking outside the school gates. We endeavour for the school environment to be a pleasant experience for the whole community by keeping it smoke free.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



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	
Thursday 30th	RKPS Orchard Planting (All Day).
Friday 31 st January	PTFA Meeting 2:30pm
February 25	
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th	Y6 SATs and Residential Chat 2:35pm
Friday 14th	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 24th	CHILDREN RETURN

