



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

It was wonderful being able to welcome parents and carers into RKPS this week for our teacher consultations. Having the opportunity to look at your child's books, I hope provided a real insight into the excellent teaching and learning which takes place in your child's classroom on a daily basis. I hope that talking to your child's teacher gave you a glimpse into how your child is doing, what they are already doing brilliantly and - perhaps most importantly - what they might do next to improve further.

We are a close-knit school at RKPS. Having our School Governors on hand to serve hot and cold drinks is indicative of what a strong community we have built here. I must thank our dedicated group of teaching staff for working late into their evenings.

You might have seen/heard some mathematical advertising out on the playground this Monday gone with 'Times Table Rockstars' being promoted on our PA (its first outing since our year group Sports Days!). Our children are already very excited about this new addition to our maths approach. A thorough knowledge of times tables gives a child a massive advantage as they tackle mathematical challenges so please do download the app and support your child in their quest to become the ultimate Times Table Rockstar! There's a new TTR display board up in KS2 where the Rockstars of the Week will be celebrated!

Our KSI children are also being introduced to a different maths programme entitled 'Numbots'. You will read about this later in this newsletter, please do encourage your child to improve their number skills by interacting with this excellent maths programme.

I am looking forward to leading the KSI 'Special Mentions' Assembly later this morning within which will also take place a 'Times Table Challenge'. It's super to see so many of our youngest mathematicians wanting to take part: Wilfie the Wolf looks forward to challenging them later this morning!

Mathematics is a wonderful subject - so much fun - and it's super that we have such a mathematical culture here at RKPS. The two key members of staff who enable this to happen are Miss Moore and Mr Jones, Maths Magicians both!

Next week is the final before half term with next Friday, October 22nd, being the PTFA Spooky Dress Up Day (time to dust off my trusty E.T. costume once again!), looking forward to that!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



Opal play at lunch time



Events

- On Friday 22nd October the children will all come home with a tube of Smarties and some instructions.
- The Smarties are our treat - But the tube they must keep!
- Over the Half Term week we would like them to do some really helpful jobs for you, and in return the tubes can be filled with coins.
- 1p, 5p, 20p or £1 coins all fit inside a tube.
- Filled tubes must then be returned to school by the 2nd November.
- The class with the most money raised will win a class prize!!!
- You can opt out or request an alternative treat for your child - please just message the PTFA directly.



October Half Term
SMARTIE CHALLENGE

We will soon give you some
 Smarties to eat...
 The empty tube you must keep!

Loose change is what you must find.
 Ask friends and family, they won't mind.

Maybe do a helpful task
 to earn your fee...
 Fill the tube as high as you can
 and return it to me!!!

RUDYARD KIPLING PTFA

CLASS PRIZE TO BE WON

RETURN ALL TUBES BY 2/11/2021

RKPS PTFA

Spooky
DRESS UP DAY

PLEASE BRING IN A £1 DONATION IF YOU
 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

PTFA - Spooky Day

'Spooky Dress Up Day' is on **Friday 22nd**

October...last day of term! Please bring a donation of
 £1 on the day if you would like your child to take part.
 Please no excessive blood or gore.



Equalities



In Year 1 this week we have been learning all about Black History Heroes! We discussed the importance of recognising the accomplishments that Black people have had not only in British history, but in the world. Of course, Obama Class learnt more about their namesake, Barack and Michelle Obama! Year 1 will continue to learn about Black History Heroes throughout the year, not just for October including such people as Marcus Rashford, Mary Seacole, Serena Williams, Mo Farah, Rosa Parks and many more.

If you would like to find out more about Black History month then head over to and watch a brilliant children's series celebrating inspirational and history-making figures from the past 200 years!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000wfhl>



[CBBC - Our Black History Heroes - BBC - Home](#)

Children's series celebrating inspirational figures from the past 200 years.

www.bbc.co.uk



The School Council have been busy again this week. The PTFA have very kindly said they will provide some money for some new playground items. School Councillors discussed with their classes what playground equipment they might want and then they fed this back to Mrs Newbold in a meeting. There were some great ideas which the School Council will put forward to the PTFA shortly.



If you didn't get a chance to fill in our annual attitude survey during the recent Parents' Evenings, we'd be grateful if you could give us a couple of minutes of your time to fill it in using the following link. It's a really useful way of letting us what we are doing well and which areas we can focus on.

<https://bit.ly/3aCIU62>



Christmas Card Design

It is that time of year again where the children at Rudyard have created their very own Christmas Card design. Your child will have brought home their lovely designs today for you to decide whether you would like to order it to be made into cards, magnets, key rings etc. You need to place your order and pay through Parent Pay. Please make sure that the form is correctly filled out on the back of the design, as this is how the IQ cards company process the orders. We have had many forms not filled out correctly over the years. Once you have placed your order on Parent Pay, please return the card design to your child's teacher not the office. We hope that you enjoy your child's design just as much as the teachers do! If you have any questions please ask Miss Morgan.



<https://numbots.com>

From the innovators who bring you Times Tables Rock Stars, comes a highly engaging platform for learning to add and subtract... **NumBots!**

NumBots is all about every child achieving the “triple win” of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

The children choose their own ‘Bot’ before launching into ‘Story’ and ‘Challenge’ modes, where the algorithm takes care of personalising their learning.

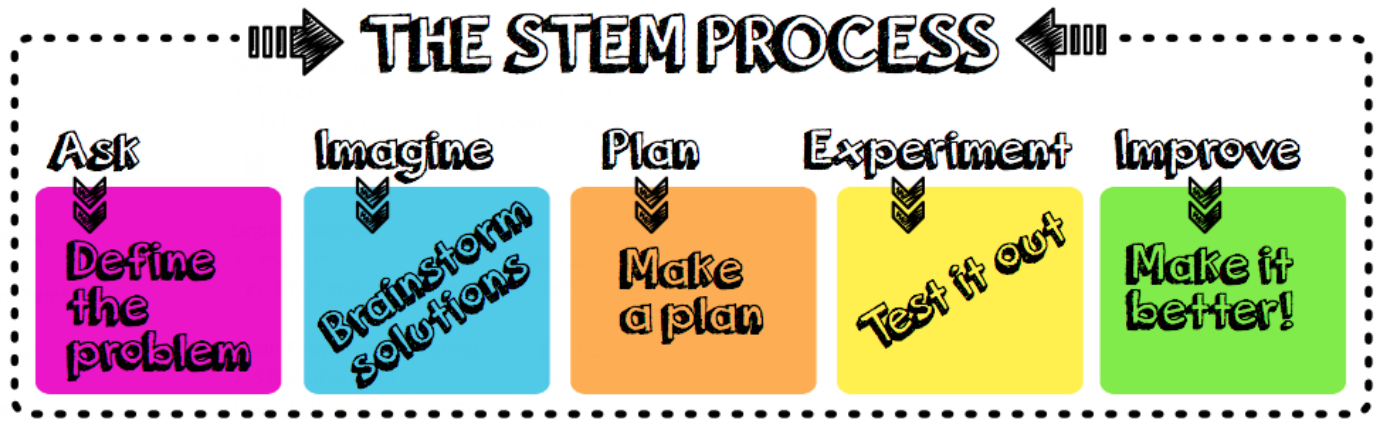
As they progress, children collect achievement badges and unlock hundreds of new levels and challenges!

In the Story Mode they will also discover parts, helping ‘RustyBot’ upgrade from Rust to Diamond - so he can shine inside and out.

Just like the Times Table Rock Stars (it’s the same log in details!), children in Reception and KS1 will have their own log in which have been sent home this week.

Check your SchoolPing account for further details and information to help your child get started!

Thank you in advance for your continued support,
Miss Moore and Mr Jones
Maths Coordinators



This week, the children took part in our first whole school STEM project! It was an exciting afternoon full of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths – we certainly have some budding engineers here at Rudyard!

First we asked the question, **how can we clean our air?** We watched videos, inspected pollution catchers and explored outside to find out more about what air pollution is and why we would need to clean our air.



Next we brainstormed some ideas of what we could create to clean the air. There were many exciting and inventive ideas about drones, robots and even special plants that could somehow block the pollution in the air. This is how we came up with the idea of creating a filter that polluted air would go through to become cleaner!

After that, we got to planning what our filters might look like and how we might build them with the resources we had.

Then came the fun part – making! The children worked in groups to build their air filter to reduce the amount of pollution in the air. In some classes, the teachers challenged their children to think about a budget and the children had to buy the resources they needed from a class shop! The children really flexed the Co-operating Clara learning muscles and embodied our school value of team-work.



Once the filters were built, we tested them. Using a hair dryer to be the air and black pepper representing pollution, we trialled each filter one by one to see how effective they were at filtering pollution out of the air. There was a lot of sneezing involved here!

Finally, we considered what was good about each filter and what could be done to improve them. The children showed great reflection and resilience here, and considered carefully what went well and what could be even better – true engineers!

The children blew everyone away with their thoughtfulness, team-work and creativity during this project and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves!



Head Teacher Awards!

Kahlo – Dexter made a pumpkin pie as one of his take home tasks. He showed great enthusiasm for his learning at home and was so proud to show his photo of the finished product. It looked yummy! Great work Dexter!

Parks - Mia has written some very impressive sentences describing a picture of a rainforest! She independently remembered all of her capital letters and full stops. Mia has also produced her own wonderful design for an African cloth inspired by the traditional Kente cloth.

Gandhi – Leighton for taking his job of light and door monitor so seriously, always ensuring all our lights and computer screens are turned off and the door shut to keep out the cold air at break times.

Mandela – Nirja Despite being in a large class, Nirja never allows herself to become distracted! Calm, focused and methodical, she displays exactly what it means to be a 'Perseverance Pete'. As a result, she is producing some truly astounding pieces of learning! Never resting on her laurels however, her willingness to self-edit her learning has left me in awe and shows her enthusiasm to grow her brain! Well done, Nirja

Seacole – Sophia - There couldn't be a more perfect role in school for Sophia. She has shown absolute passion for her librarian job since the day she made her application. It was wonderful to see that she took a library book home and repaired it to the point of making a new spine. Amazing work Sophia!

Darwin – Kajus has shown real enthusiasm during our maths lessons this week. He has been focussed and determined and is now an expert at reading and plotting data! He worked independently and when things were difficult he was a Perseverance Pete and kept going. Keep it up Kajus!

Yousafzai – Eliza for being a magnificent Lead Learner, helping some of our youngest children with their reading.



Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Elena in Darwin for her very imaginative creation of a prison in chalk on the playground – she had drawn it out very architecturally and had included everything a prisoner would ever need!

Alexandra in Gandhi has been playing lovely basketball. She was kind to a friend when they were upset in the dinner line by letting them stand at the front.

Redd in Mandela has been super helpful and organized this week making sure play equipment was put away properly and super cooperative on every level, and absolute star this week!



Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Mia F in Parks for being so helpful.

KS2 – Mujahid in Pankhurst for his wonderful reading at After School Club.





Special Mentions

Kahlo – Isaac has been such a have a go Harold. He tries hard and has made some lovely progress with his reading, looking for clues listening to his reading. What a star you are! Keep it up Isaac!

Obama - Freddie has been a super star writer. He has been listening carefully to Miss Moore about how to improve his writing in class and is getting better and better every day! Well done, Freddie!

Attenborough – Hazel is such a kind and caring girl! She makes a wonderful talk partner because she always makes sure her friend knows what to do and they have meaningful conversations. Hazel proved how amazing she is at working in a team during our STEM afternoon, contributing to her group and making sure everyone knew what to do. 'Co-operating Clara' would be proud!



Parks – Izzy, you are a superstar! It is so wonderful to have such a 'Positive Polly' in our class! You always try your hardest and make sure you seek help when you need! Keep this positivity up Izzy!

Pankhurst – Teddy has worked so hard on saying his letter sounds with Mrs Moule and wowed me last week with his progress. He is an absolute super star and always give 100%! Keep it up Tedster!

Gandhi – Beau has worked so hard on her addition using the expanded column method in Maths over the last couple of weeks. Her perseverance has really paid off and she should be super proud of herself as she is now able to confidently add 3 digit numbers independently. This is a fantastic achievement Beau. Well done.



Seacole – Dennis has worked so hard with his writing recently – showing he is a Have a go Harold and a Perseverance Pete. Miss Morgan has also been so proud of Dennis' enthusiasm and confidence in maths too with his hand constantly up to answer a question and striving to challenge himself. You have been super star Dennis, keep it up!

Darwin – Scarlett has been a very ambitious scientist this week! During our investigation into air pollution, she worked methodically to solve problems and even drew a diagram to support her ideas! She was a Co-operating Clara and made sure everyone was included and part of the team. Keep it up Scarlett and you will be a professional scientist one day!

Turing – Izzy one word: out-stand-ing! Izzy continues to shine in Year 6 and her efforts are truly faultless! Maths, English, Art, you name it... Izzy tackles every learning curve with a Positive Polly attitude and Mr Jones is a very lucky teacher to have such an enthusiastic learner in the classroom.

Yousafzai - Isla has been a superstar of Year 6. Her writing is always a joy to read with her adventurous vocabulary. She has such wonderful empathy for the character's in the story. Her maths is also where she has shone this week. Bravo Isla.



Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 08.10.2021

1st 100% **Thunberg and Obama**

2nd Year1 **Kahlo**

3rd Year R **Rashford**

R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 08.10.2021

1st 100% **Seacole & Yousafzai**

2nd Year 4 **Mandela**

3rd Year 6 **Turing**

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 08.10.2021

1st Year 1 **Kahlo 98.8%**

2nd Year 2 **Parks 97.6%**

3rd Year R **Rashford 96.4%**

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 08.10.2021

1st Year 5 **Seacole 99.1%**

2nd Year 3 **Gandhi 98.6%**

3rd Year 3 **Pankhurst 97.7%**



Governor Vacancies

Thank you to those of you who have already forwarded your applications for our governor vacancies. Please see the Vacancies section on the website for the forms and associated information. The closing date for applications is next Friday, October 22nd.

We look forward to receiving your applications.



School Photographer

On Wednesday 3rd November, our school photographer will be in to take Individual photos. So get the hairbrush out and get your teeth to sparkle!

Reminder: Breakfast Club & After School Club

If you require Breakfast or After School Club for week beginning Monday 18th October 2021. Please book on the school website and pay via Parentpay by 12pm today any bookings received after the Mid-day deadline will be allocated to week beginning 2nd November the week back after half term.

This applies to every week and will only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Please call or email the office with any queries. Thank you!

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Are you looking for a Reception 2022 place?

Come and visit us for our open afternoons on:

Thursday 21st October at 1.30pm (change of time)

Thursday 4th November at 9.30am & 1.30pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk

October	
Friday 22 nd	Spooky Day – Last Day
Monday 25 th	HALF TERM
November	
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 nd	Back To School
Wednesday 3 rd	Individual Photos
Thursday 4 th	Opening Morning 9.30am – 1:30pm