



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

Without question, one of the very best parts of my job is having the privilege of eating in our dining halls each day with the children. This week, I have been enjoying excellent conversation with many of our KS2 children and next week I will be doing the same with some of our younger children. Eating lunch together provides children with such vital life skills including listening and turn taking. I must report that our school Value of Respect was very much in evidence when I ate lunch with some of our older children every day this week: children listened respectfully to each other when they spoke. RKPS children are very much a credit to their families at home!

It is always interesting to discover which subjects our children enjoy the most and why. At the Year 4 lunch table I ate at yesterday, the results were: Maths 2; P.E 2; Art 2; Science 1 and English 1! Over the many lunches I have enjoyed with our children, Mathematics would definitely appear to be a big favourite of RKPS children. To have such a love of maths from such a young age can only bode well for the future as we all know that mathematicians can be very successful out there in the big wide world!

Next Thursday, March 3rd, is World Book Day: the theme for which is on the beach so I'll be digging out my best Hawaiian shirt! We are looking forward to seeing lots of colourful outfits that day. I am delighted that we have been able to arrange for our children to enjoy The Wizard of Oz show on the afternoon of World Book Day itself with a 1:30pm start: the West End will come to RKPS, Woodingdean!

We have returned to holding whole school assemblies live after the short pause before half term and some of our free clubs have started too: there was some expert coding taking place with Miss Guthrie and Miss Ghattas after school on Wednesday! Our wonderful Special Mentions Assemblies re-start a week today. Messy Mondays and Family Fridays continue as always and I cannot recommend these enough for any parents, babies and toddlers who want to have a fun packed hour and a half. Lou's sing-a-long at 10:15am on Fridays is one of the highlights of my weeks and I usually join in!

Our children will soon be enjoying a hatful of trips out of school: next Wednesday our Year 3 children will be visiting Brighton Museum and learning all about the wonders of the past!

Now that Covid guidance has changed, the wearing of face coverings on the school site will be voluntary, as it will be for staff in school. I attended a Headteacher Covid briefing yesterday and one of the suggestions was the wearing of face coverings for those with a cold. This seems a sensible idea and one that we will be adopting in school. We will of course continue to keep all classrooms and spaces in the school very well ventilated as fresh air is our friend and Covid's enemy.

As was the case before guidance changed, if your child is displaying Covid symptoms, please keep them off school and have them tested. Please continue to inform the school if your child tests positive.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who have their SchoolPing activated to receive communications from school: this is how we let you know about clubs and trips. If you are having trouble accessing SchoolPing, just let our friendly office staff know and they'll happily walk you through it.

The sun finally looks as though it has its hat on so...

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We are so excited for World Book Week! We love Reading at Rudyard and are always excited by the opportunity to celebrate and promote this! The theme of World Book Week at Rudyard this year is Clean up by Nathan Bryon and illustrated by Dapo Adeola.



Rocket is excited for her holidays with her grandparents, who live by an animal sanctuary and run whale-watching tours. On arrival, after a surfing trip with her Grammy, Rocket is upset to find a baby turtle tangled in plastic. She learns all about plastic pollution, educates the other beach-goers and organises a 'clean-up crew' to tidy up the beach.

This year World Book Day falls on **Thursday March 3rd**. To fit with our theme, dress up this year is **'under the sea/beach days'**. Your child could come dressed up as their favourite sea creature, wear their favourite beach clothes (e.g. shirt, hat and goggles), life guard, diver (no need for flippers) and many more ideas. We love your creative ideas for costumes – please don't feel you have to spend a fortune on them – a pair of sunglasses and a hat will still look great!

Check out the ideas below:

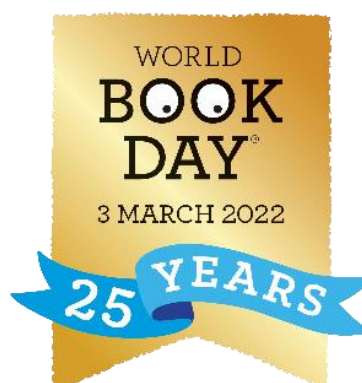


There will be a performance of The Wizard of Oz on this day from M&M Theatre Productions. This is the fourth year we are lucky enough to be getting a visit from them – the children love the way this amazing theatre groups bring stories to life! Their excitement is so lovely to see and it's great to provide such rich learning opportunities for our children.

We always really enjoy seeing where your children "Get Caught Reading". Please send in pictures of your children reading in unusual places to the school office admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk.

Thanks for you continued support!

The English Team





All communications are sent through SchoolPing. Please engage with this app so you do not miss out!

We use it to send out messages, forms for trips, parent's evenings and much more.

If you are having difficulties, please contact the Office so we are aware of your situation and we will try to help you.

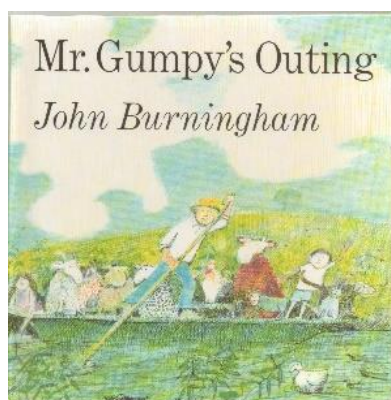
Thank you for your support in this.



Stories, play, songs, fun and laughter!

Sessions for 0-3 years

Our next book is the beautiful, classic tale...



Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 9-10am

Key Stage 1 Hall

There will be fun, music and lots of activities for all. Don't forget to dress to get messy!!

We ask for voluntary contribution of £3 towards costs.

Look forward to seeing you and your little ones!

Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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

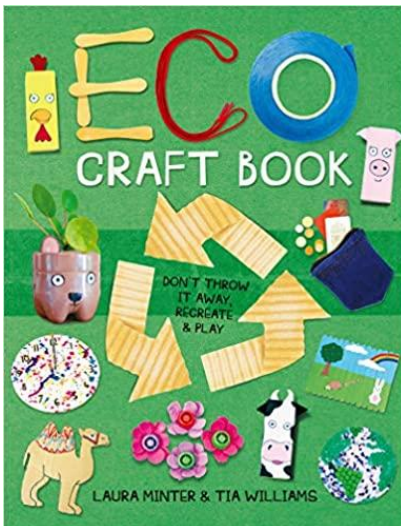
Reading statistic alert:

'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.



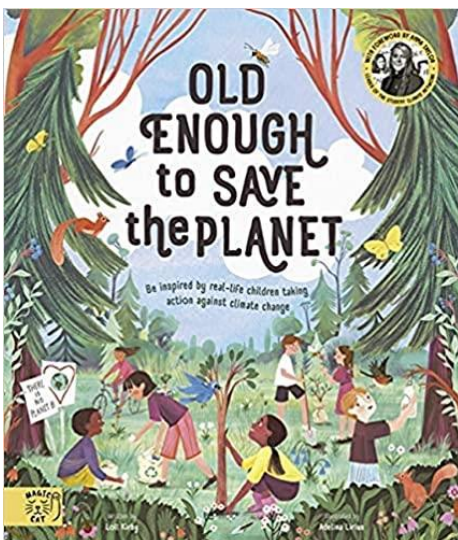
Eco Craft Book by Laura Minter and Tia Williams



A great book for those that love craft and caring for our planet, then this is the book for you!

Rather than using foam stickers, glitter and other plastic items to craft with, this brilliant book gives you other more eco-friendly craft options to enjoy with your children. Including shirt scrunches, seed pots, popsicle puzzles, nature print cards and many more ideas, it is the perfect accompaniment to a rainy afternoon indoors!

Old Enough to Save the Planet by Loll Kirby Illustrated by Adelina Lirirus



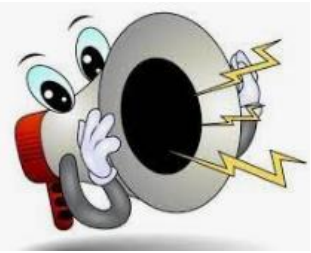
This inspiring non-fiction book tells the real life stories of children around the world who have taken action against climate change. From Himangi in India who campaigned to reduce the effects of climate pollution to Nikita in the Ukraine who turned his school's food waste into useable compost, this book demonstrates and proves how you are never too small to make a difference.

Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Theo and Jasper for settling into Breakfast Club so well.

KS2 – Kiyali for being a new member of the Breakfast Club and being kind and patient with the other children.



Shout Out!

Mrs Nazarko and Tara have been delighted to recruit the green-fingered Joe as their Inclusion Team gardener!

Joe has re-potted the spider plants and helped baby Josephine grow into a healthy spider plant!

Thanks Joe, we are delighted to have your help with our growing spider family!



Head Teacher Awards!

Thunberg – Oscar: Brilliant maths calculations: Oscar is a maths magician!

Rashford – Terrific Ted has produced some amazing writing this week, choosing describing words for a setting and using his phonics knowledge to write independently.

Kahlo – Liam made the most amazing castle at home, complete with a drawbridge and moat. Fantastic work!

Gandhi – Fonzie for the fantastic take home task wordsearch that he created which the whole class enjoyed completing.

Darwin – Olive - Wonderful space art: Olive is so creative! (certificate already given)



Play Champion of the week

KS1 - Mia in Parks for being very kind helping her friend with her coat.

KS2 - Jack in Darwin for being helpful, finding equipment at tidy up time.





ROCK UP AND



READ!



We are really pleased to announce that , we are looking forward to inviting you to **Rock up and Read** with your little ones in **Reception and Years 1,2 and 3**.

For any families new to **Rock Up and Read**, we would love to invite you into your child's class **EVERY Friday** morning for up to **15 minutes** for nothing more than to spend a bit of time sharing a book (or 2!) with your child. At Rudyard, we really believe that reading for pleasure is one of the most important things we can inspire in our children. It has a massive impact on their educational outcomes and life chances. For children, reading with their families is such a vital part of this!

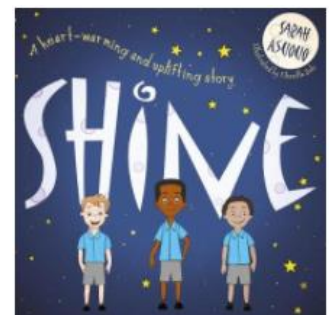
We would love you to 'Rock Up and Read' on Friday mornings. It is so special and lovely seeing families reading together in school so we are really looking forward to starting again on Friday 25th February, this Friday!

Equalities



In Year 1 this week, we have listened to the story 'Shine' by Sarah Asuquo, and discussed what makes us all shine as individuals.

We then drew a picture of all the special qualities we have as individuals. We all agreed that even though we all have these different qualities that make us unique, we deserve to be treated equally.

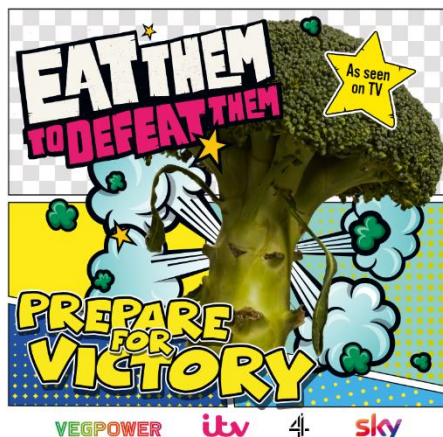


11-20 March

**British
Science
Week
2022**



Calling all parents and carers working in STEM! During the week beginning Monday 14th March we will be celebrating British Science Week 2022! If you work in an industry linked to Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths we would love you to come and talk to our children about the amazing work you do. Please speak to your child's class teacher or speak to Miss Guthrie at the end of the day (at the entrance to the KSI hall on the KSI playground). Thank you!



Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign 2022

The award-winning campaign to get kids eating more vegetables is coming to our school from 28th February. We have delivered an assembly this week about it and all the children are really excited to eat more veg and get stickers! The children will be bringing home reward charts and stickers and when they eat vegetables at lunchtimes, they will receive stickers as a reward. Each week, there will be a highlighted vegetable with a display in the dining halls and tasting options.

The first week's vegetable is carrots. Please look on the website for more information and ideas on how to incorporate carrots into their pack lunches and meals.

Lost Necklace

Miss Moore has lost a very sentimental necklace. If anyone finds a thin rose gold chain with 2 rings on it, please can you give it to the office. It looks like this but without any engravings on it.

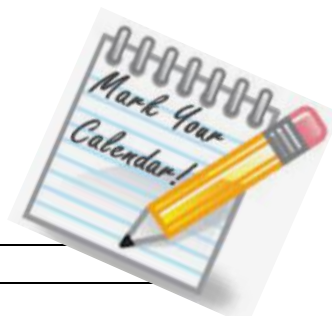


Thank you Sam

Many thanks to Summer-Rose's Mum, Sam, for kindly donating the school a rather fun Times Table Swat game which our Year 4 children have been enjoying this week. Even Mr Hanington enjoyed a game! Anything which encourages children to learn their times table facts is fantastic!

Thank you Caz

Thanks also to long-time supporter of the school, Caz, who has kindly set up a Facebook page which sells toys to raise additional funds for the school: thank you Caz!



March 2022	
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 3 Trip to Brighton Museum
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day, Wizard of Oz Performance & Rhyme and Shine
Monday 7 th	Parents/Carers Consultations for Yousafzai 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	Parents/Carers Consultations for All Classes 3.30pm – 5.30pm excl Darwin & Yousafzai
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Newhaven Fort Trip
	Parents/Carers Consultations for All Classes 4.30pm – 6.30pm – excl Darwin
Monday 14 th	Let's Dance
Tuesday 29 th	Reception – Blackberry Farm trip
Wednesday 30 th	Year 1 Trip to Lewes Castle
April 2022	
Friday 8 th April	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 25 th	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

