



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

It was lovely seeing so many of you in school yesterday and on Wednesday to share in the successes of your children at our Parent and Carer Consultations. I know that our dedicated teaching team thoroughly enjoyed meeting you face to face. It was super that you had the opportunity to see what your children have been learning by having a good look through their quality workbooks.

A successful home school partnership is key to a child making successful progress as they journey through primary school. It has of course a massive impact when you support your child's reading at home: listening to them read, reading together, taking it in turns to read a page or reading to your child. Reading is of course the root of all learning so thank you for finding the time to help encourage a love of books.

One of the reading initiatives we have here at RKPS we call 'Blast off into Reading'. Entries in your child's Reading Record book, equate to raffle tickets and in our weekly Special Mentions assemblies, a couple of children leave the hall with a new book. It's all part of our whole school drive to encourage a love of literature from the very youngest age. Thank you for writing into your child's Reading Record book and for making sure that it arrives in school each day.

Another way whereby we celebrate reading in school are our weekly Friday 'Rock Up and Read!' sessions. Parents with children in Nursery, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are encouraged to come into school with their child in the morning and share a book to begin the day: what better way to kick off a Friday!

We are a Power of Reading Associate School: our talented English team share their expertise with ten other schools across Brighton and Hove to help raise standards in reading and writing across the county. You only have to be in RKPS for a short time to feel our culture of reading, a culture which has been developed in our school for a number of years.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 historians on a fascinating visit to Newhaven Fort. It is always so powerful to take the learning outside and no more so when our children venture outside the school gates. A plethora of other school trips are fast approaching so do join our Twitter feed to enjoy photos of these and other peeks into the fun learning opportunities we provide our children.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington
Headteacher



Year 6 visiting Newhaven Fort



#LetGirlsPlay

At Rudyard, we value the importance of equality and when it comes to sport and play, we place it at the heart. During lunchtime, we joined in with the #LetGirlsPlay initiative, set up but the FA. Girls across Years 3,4,5 and 6 all participated in football activities on the KS2 field. This gave so many of these girls an opportunity to play football confidently and it was so warming to see the smiles and laughs shared today... watch this space, we are looking to ensure girls have more opportunity to play football and other sports more regularly during their lunchtimes! Well done girls
Many thanks to Mr Wynne and Mr Mac for arranging these fun sessions.



Safety Net Visit

On Tuesday, Year 6 were visited by Safety Net, the online safety charity. They led discussions about online and offline habits, and the children were able to draw on the eAware lessons they have done this year. It was a valuable opportunity for the children to share and discuss their online behaviour, and talk about their worries in a safe environment. Working through different scenarios – particularly one relating to the conflict between socialising online and family time – was especially thought-provoking.



Forest School

Last week, we had a very relaxing session down in the Forest School. We practised some mindfulness by sitting at the base of the tree and listening carefully to all the sounds around us. We could hear lots of different bird calls and even spotted some beautiful birds up in the trees! We think they might be getting ready to build their nests for spring. Ciara was also very proud of the mobile she made, especially as she tied all of the knots herself - well done Ciara!





PTFA are selling second hand uniform on **Wednesday 16th March** outside the Tea Hut from **2.45pm until 3.30pm.**

Prices will be:

Fleeces £2.50

Sweatshirts £1.50

PE t-shirts £1

Cash only please!



'Eat Them to Defeat Them'

As part of our annual 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' initiative, where our children are encouraged to try eating different vegetables, our talented Mrs Vernon has been hard at work as always! Here is her latest creation: The Super Heroes of the Pepper World! It is now on display in our KS2 Dining Hall!



ROCK UP AND

READ!



Nursery Classes Rock up and read - Tuesday and Friday drop off

We are really pleased to announce that we are looking forward to inviting you to **Rock up and Read** with your little ones in both Nursery classes too – **Armstrong and Carle.**

We would love to invite you into your child's Nursery class **EVERY Tuesday and 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.

Blast Off into Reading

Remember, the more your child reads at home, the more raffle tickets they will get each week which equal a chance to win a brand-new book in every Friday's Special Mention Assembly!

Reading at home can be newspapers, comics, books at home, their library book, their take home phonics reading book or their take home levelled reading book.

We love reading at Rudyard! Don't forget Rock up and Read **EVERY Friday** from **8.35am - 8.55am** for Reception – Year 3 classes!



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

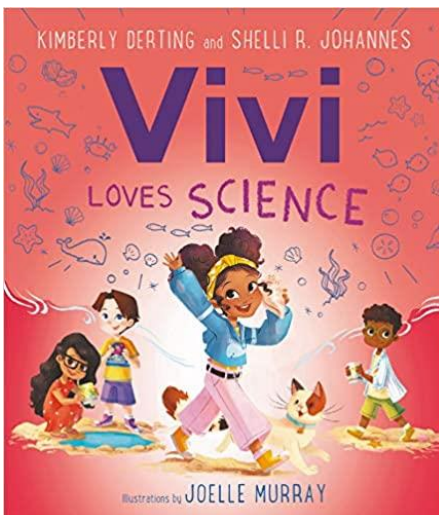
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

“There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development.” Clark and Rumbold, 2006



Vivi Loves Science by Kimberly Derting & Shelli R. Johannes and illustrated by Joelle Murray



Vivi loves science! In this STEM-themed picture book, part of a series about girls who love science, Vivi and her classmates go on a field trip to the ocean to investigate tide pools. A must-have for fans of Rosie Revere, Engineer and What Do You Do with an Idea? and anyone who loves to ask questions and learn about the world. Features a glossary and fun tide pool activity to do at home.

In the companion to Cece Loves Science and Libby Loves Science, Vivi and her classmates take a field trip to the beach to study tide pools. At the end of their trip, there's one more surprise for Vivi! Full of fun facts about marine biology and conservation, Vivi Loves Science is a perfect pick for aspiring scientists, classrooms, and fans of Andrea Beaty's Ada Twist, Scientist.

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson



A story about finding friendship when you're lonely - and hope when all you feel is fear.

Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters.

Page-turning, heart-breaking, it'll make you laugh and cry. Perfect for those who love Wonder.

Head Teacher Awards!

Obama – Archie D for being a writing wizard!

Gandhi – Henry For his incredible take home task. It is a 'mummy' to be proud of!

Pankhurst – Sam and Teddy for brilliant jungle habitats writing.

Mandela – Nirja for reading over 120 times in her reading journal!

Lottie for a book presented so immaculately, even the adults are jealous!

Seacole – Isabella for her amazing persuasive and passionate speech about plastic pollution.



Play Champion of the week

KS1 – Lexi in Parks for lovely singing to the music in the playground this week.

KS2 - Freddie in Seacole for being helpful at the end of lunch.



Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Jack in Thunberg for making fantastic Lego models.

KS2 – Jessica in Pankhurst for being so helpful in After School Club.



Safe and Well at School Survey

Each year, children in all schools across Brighton and Hove are asked for their thoughts on their experiences in school. Our school's percentages are as below. As you can see, our school compares favourably against Brighton and Hove averages. However, we of course continue to aim towards every child feeling happy in school.

Rudyard Kipling Primary

Key trend indicators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2018	2021
Been bullied this term	7%	12%	19%		16%	26%	20%	8%	15%	13%	4%	4%
Enjoy learning at school	96%	93%	93%		93%	87%	80%	89%	92%	91%	97%	91%
Feel safe at school					89%	92%	88%	99%	89%	93%	92%	95%
My school is good at dealing with bullying	89%	89%	80%		90%	85%	84%	95%	89%	88%	95%	92%
Feel like I belong in this school									85%	89%	90%	93%



Brighton & Hove

Key trend indicators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2018	2021
Been bullied this term	27%	22%	23%	24%	21%	19%	19%	15%	17%	17%	17%	15%
Enjoy learning at school	88%	89%	91%	89%	91%	91%	92%	91%	92%	90%	88%	86%
Feel safe at school						92%	94%	94%	94%	92%	90%	92%
My school is good at dealing with bullying	84%	86%	86%	84%	86%	87%	87%	88%	87%	86%	83%	86%
Feel like I belong in this school										90%	87%	89%



Special Mentions



Rashford – Wow! Jamie, you have been working so hard in our Phonics Lessons! You have been a true 'Have a Go Harold', using your knowledge of the sounds we have learnt to write more independently. You should be very proud of yourself! Well done.



Thunberg – Luke has been co-operating with his friends and teachers, doing some super listening and working hard to be a real team player!



Kahlo – Joseph wow, what a super mathematician you have been this week! You have been using your number bonds to add 2 digit numbers. It has been great to see you checking your work and using a number line to help you. Keep it up super star!

Attenborough - Tahlia has been working so hard on her writing recently! She has embodied Perseverance Pete by not giving up and doing everything she can to make sure that her writing is the best that it can be. She has been remembering her capital letters and full stops, using lovely adjectives and rereading her writing to check it makes sense. You are amazing, Tahlia!

Parks – Mia it's so wonderful to have Mia in the class! Her positive attitude towards her learning is so refreshing, even when the going gets tough! Mia always looks out for others, making sure everyone is alright and she's certainly always in her green and ready to go with her learning. Mia certainly knows that when she's grinning, she's winning because she's always grinning!



Gandhi - Ronnie always works hard, but these last few weeks have seen a huge maturity in his attitude. He always listens to help his learning; he says if he doesn't understand something and he always co-operates with both adults and his peers. He is kind and sensible and is a valued member of Gandhi.

Mandela – William M - When a child is giving it their all in every lesson, it brings joy to Mr Wynne and a spark to the lesson. William M, not only gives it his all with a wide variety of ambitious vocabulary, but seeks to improve and expand his already extensive bank of words with the use of a thesaurus. Others in the class have begun to take note of his progress and have followed suit. Well done, superstar!

Seacole – Rocky has had a fantastic week of learning. Last week he worked super hard on his pollution project creating an information poster and persuasive speech. He has also been a brilliant team member in tag rugby and it's great to see a smile on his face!

Darwin – Iga, you are such a positive and hardworking member of Darwin class! Iga's presentation is immaculate, a reflection of how clearly she organises her learning. Iga is also an excellent mathematician! I was super impressed with how quickly she grasped the skills for comparing and adding fractions last week, despite being unwell. Well done Iga, you should be very proud of your achievements!

Jack's positive attitude is inspiring, refreshing and joyful, all at the same time. He gives 100% to his learning, constantly reviewing and improving his work. He is always ready to help his peers who need a little encouragement to succeed, and to share ideas that keep our learning enjoyable and upbeat. I feel so so proud of you, Jack. Well done!



Turing – Effie - No matter who I speak to about Effie, they have nothing but praise for such a well-mannered, helpful, and, to be honest, awesome individual. You continue to amaze every adult in this school Effie and I could not be prouder to award you with Positive Polly this week. Your progress both in the classroom and out never go unnoticed and you thoroughly deserve this award!



Yousafzai – Remarkable Rosie, is a positive member of Yousafzai – always grinning and therefore always winning. It is a joy to see the pride she takes in all her pieces of work and this week was no different! She worked incredibly hard to produce a guide to help people understand the impact of plastic pollution and how to help prevent it. An environmentalist in the making! Bravo Rosie



In Year 2 this week we started a new topic called Disability Equality Education. We listened to the story *Our House* by Michael Rosen. The main character was called George and he wasn't using our school Values of Kindness, Teamwork or Equality. He wouldn't let anyone into his cardboard house because of how they looked or what they enjoyed doing. Fortunately, there was a happy ending and all the children ended up playing together in the cardboard house. We then discussed whether what George did was fair or not.



We didn't like that George was judging the other children by the way they looked or the things they liked to do because that doesn't show equality. Everyone is unique but that doesn't change the fact that we are all humans and equal.

We loved reading *It's Okay to Be Different* afterwards to celebrate all of our differences.



In Year 2, we feel equality is a very important school Value because everyone deserves the right to be treated and feel equal.

Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 04.03.2022

1st 100% **Thunberg & Obama**

2nd Year 1 **Kahlo**

3rd Year 2 **Parks**



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 04.03.2022

1st 100% **Darwin**

2nd Year 3 **Gandhi**

3rd Year 3 **Pankhurst**



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 04.03.2022

1st Year 2 **Parks 100%**

2nd Year 1 **Kahlo 98.4%**

3rd Year 1 **Obama 96.2%**



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 04.03.2022

1st Year 3 **Gandhi 100%**

2nd Year 5 **Darwin 98%**

3rd Year 6 **Turing 95.6%**



15 = 2 weeks
If you're 15 minutes late every day you lose two weeks of learning by the end of the school year

Miss School Miss Out

Two school days missed each month during your school life adds up to one whole year of school lost



Resources on the war in Ukraine

The upsetting news from Ukraine is difficult for us all to digest, which of course includes our children. Please see below some helpful links which you might consider using.

Newsround, from the BBC's CBBC channel, has lots of videos and reports about the war in Ukraine that have been produced for children. There is also a section containing tips for children who are feeling sad or upset about something they have seen, heard or read.

[Newsround videos and reports – scroll down for a section on the war in Ukraine](#)

[Advice for children feeling upset by the news](#)

Place2Be’s educational psychologists have also shared advice about how to discuss war and conflict with children and young people – and how you can best support them at this difficult and worrying time. [Read their advice here](#)

Our thoughts are with the brave people of Ukraine

Reminder:

The Queens’ platinum Jubilee extra bank holiday falls during half term. For this reason, the last day of term will be Thursday 21st July 2022.



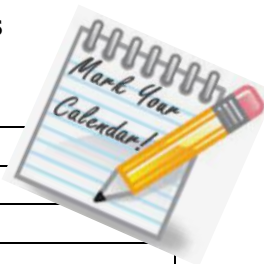
Bee Netball

Mondays 4pm - 5pm
 FREE every Monday
 Starting 21st February 22
 @The Manor, Whitehawk
 (BN2 5EA)

To Register Contact:
 Hannah.Sturdy@englandnetball.co.uk
 Phone/WhatsApp: 07540126600
 Open to ALL children age 7-11 years old



Thank you to Elliot’s Dad in Obama for the donation of sports equipment!



March 2022	
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





**Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery
School Term Dates 2022/23**



	September 2022					October 2022					November 2022				December 2022						
Monday	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Tuesday	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Wednesday	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	

	January 2023					February 2023					March 2023				April 2023						
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Thursday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Friday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Saturday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

	May 2023					June 2023					July 2023				August 2023						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
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Sunday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	

Key

- Bank holidays (see details below)
- School holidays
- INSET day for most pupils

(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

- First day of term for pupils
- Last day of term

Bank holidays 2022/23

- Christmas Day (substitute) Tuesday 27 December 2022
- Boxing Day Monday 26 December 2022
- New Year's Day Holiday Monday 2 January 2023
- Good Friday Friday 17 April 2023
- Easter Monday Monday 10 April 2023
- May Day Monday 1 May 2023
- Spring Bank Holiday Monday 29 May 2023
- Summer Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2023