



Rugby Free

Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

Another week of lockdown life is over. The Prime Minister announced earlier this week that school's may return on the 8th March but this is to be the earliest date. RFPS will be ready and raring to go when we are allowed to have all of the pupils back. We really do miss them all and we hope the daily Zoom meetings for children not attending Key Worker school are helping a little with the feelings of loneliness/isolation that we know some of the children are experiencing.



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week (1st -7th Feb) and we will be celebrating/supporting this. **The theme for this year is 'Express yourself'**. We believe it is more important than ever to focus on positive mental health for our children. On Monday, the teachers will be posting a video on SeeSaw for the children to watch and then each day setting an activity to encourage good mental health. **On Wednesday**

3rd Feb, we want the children to dress up in whatever clothes they want and that 'expresses themselves'. This is for children in school and at home. Please make sure it is still warm and comfortable! If your child is at home we want to see a photo of them posted on SeeSaw or see their outfits on Zoom! We would also love to see a **'Well-being Wave'** being created around the local area! It would be great if you could ask your child to draw around their hand, colour it in with bright colours and then write positive messages on it and put it up on your window that others might see. You might just make someone's day!



Let's support each other during these difficult times and please remember that RFPS is here for everyone, just give us a call or an email if you need some help or a chat with a member of staff. Stay safe! Miss Butters

Congratulations!



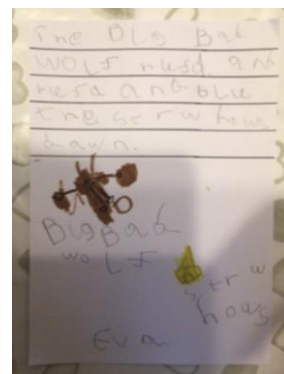
Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Swain (Reception teacher) who have had a beautiful baby girl. Amelia Jane was born on 26th January, deciding to arrive early, keeping her parents on their toes already! We think they are going to be wonderful parents and we are so happy for them. Please share this lovely news with your children if they know or have been taught by Mrs Swain (previously Miss Parker) and I know they will be interested.

Reception

Wow, Reception have blown their teacher's socks off with their amazing learning this week! In Literacy, Reception have been writing sentences to retell the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have worked really hard to include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their super sentences! In Maths, Reception have been investigating the numbers 6, 7 and 8 in more detail, including making these numbers on a ten frame and even writing some fantastic number sentences! The children have been switching on their Maths hats and stretching those number muscles all week!

The children have created some wonderful castle models and thought about who might live in them! They have designed their own personal crests which represent themselves, they looked really creative! In PSHE the children have been thinking about kindness and have thought of some kind words they could say to encourage others. We are so proud of Reception's amazing work this week, keep it up superstars!

Work by Eva



Stars of the Week

Reception Giraffes:

Imogen & Caelan
Lions:
Ava B & Abel
Zebras:
Cristian & Alexander

Year One Hedgehogs:

Imogen & Erin W
Owls:
James & Freddie
Rabbits:
Oscar N & Keira

Year Two Orcas:

Finn & Imogen
Penguins:
Harry & Kyle
Seals:
Isla W-L & William

Year Three Crocodiles:

Finli & Chloe
Kangaroos:
Zachary & Jesse
Turtles:
Lucas & James

Year Four Bears:

Summer-Leigh & Erin
Eagles:
Harry T & Jack B
Raccoons:
Clelia & Adam

Year Five Elephants:

Summer & Zachary N
Pandas:
Samuel & Esha
Tigers:
Scarlett & Kane F



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Year One



This week Year 1 have been learning how to follow and write instructions! First, we learnt all about imperative verbs, then we practiced sequencing instructions and found out about all the important features we needed to include. On Friday, we then wrote our own instructions for how to make bread rolls! Well done to all the children who carried out a bread making experiment over the last two weeks, to support them with their instruction writing!

Bread rolls by Oscar N

Headteacher's

Awards:

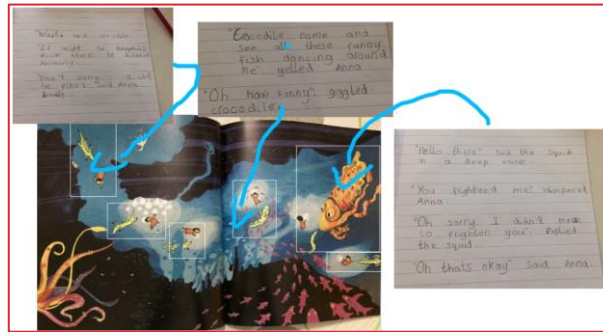
- Scarlett Y1
- Veeran Y1
- Lydia Y3
- Jack Y4
- Annabelle Y5

Year Two

In Year 2, we have been learning about how to punctuate speech when writing dialogue for characters in a story and thinking about how to stay healthy in Science, focusing on what we and other animals need.

In English, the children have been using their text, 'How to Find Gold', to create different conversations and have a go at using inverted commas for speech. We have been really impressed that the children have also challenged themselves to add the reporting clause and even different words for said.

Work by Sienna

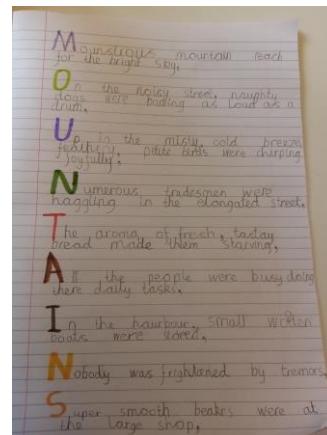


Year Three



concentration and balance!
Yoga by Arjan

Year 3 have had another great week! In English, we started a new text 'Escape from Pompeii' and the children created some fascinating setting descriptions and poems. We have begun to solve problems involving money in Maths and continued learning about volcanoes in topic. The children even created their own volcano fact files! We also enjoyed doing some Harry Potter Yoga this week, we were very impressed with the children's



Poem by Abdul



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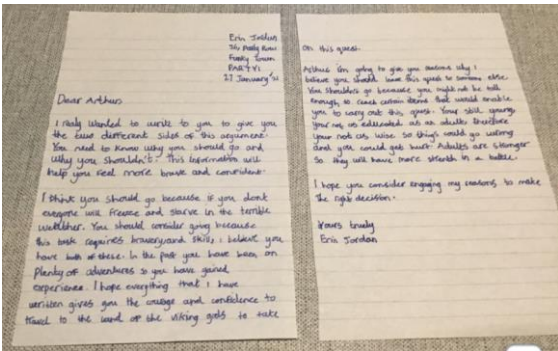
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Year Four

In Geography, we found out where the Saxon invaders settled in Britain, creating a sketch map to plot some of those places. We then used an OS map to show geographical features in some of those places.

In English, we have been reading 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and have written persuasive letters to the main character, Arthur, outlining some things we believe that he should consider.



Wonderful presentation by Erin

Map by Summer-Leigh



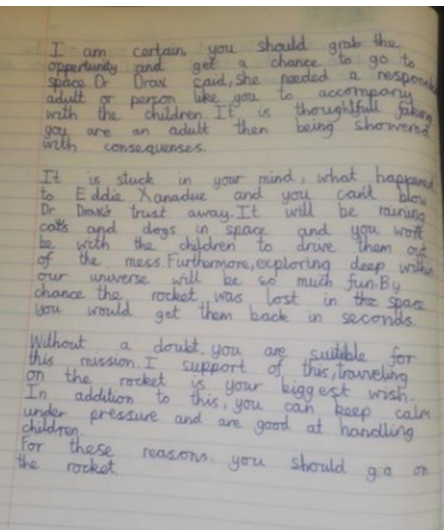
Year Five

This week in Year 5 we have been sharing examples of super work during our daily Zoom sessions. It is really important that we are all taking care to read/listen to instructions carefully and putting our best effort into the learning we are doing through Seesaw or at school. We have seen some excellent examples and will continue to share these - will you be included next week?

In Maths, we have spent the week working on a big problem solving project where we designed a Lunar Theme Park! We have applied our Maths skills to produce a plan, work out budgets and then look at running costs, ticket sales and overall daily profit. Our English focus has been to continue the story Cosmic and focus on persuasive writing linked to this.

In Science, we have planned and carried out scientific investigations into the factors affecting gravity and learnt about why the moon appears to change shape.

Work by Anushay



Monthly Photography Competition

A reminder that this month's competition ends on Sunday 31st. Please email your entry to Mrs Odwell – eleanor.odwell@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk by 5pm with your child's name in the email. We can't wait to see all of the different, creative and inspiring photographs.

January's theme is: **Winter**

Lockdown lunches and meal plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Click the link for more details.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

School Car Park

Please can we remind you that the school car park can only be used by staff and those who hold a valid Blue Badge. Anyone else using the school car park will be asked to move their vehicle immediately or may be locked in. We have had a member of staff's car damaged by a parent's car recently. Thank you.

Face Masks

Thank you for everyone for wearing a face mask for bringing and collecting your child from school. We really appreciate it. If you are medically exempt from wearing one, please just email a photo of the proof of this to the school office. Thank you.



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Support at home

Useful links for websites and support that may be helpful at the moment:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/coronavirus-information-advice/keeping-kids-entertained-during-lockdown>



[Keeping Kids Entertained During Lockdown | Save the Children UK - Save the Children UK | Global Children's Charity](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/coronavirus-information-advice/keeping-kids-entertained-during-lockdown)

Find ideas to help children get creative and fire up their imaginations while they're at home. With the country back in lockdown and schools closed, we know that many parents will be juggling responsibilities. We are here to help.

www.savethechildren.org.uk

<https://www.visitengland.com/things-do-to-at-home-bored>



[50+ things to do when bored at home while in lockdown | VisitEngland](https://www.visitengland.com/things-do-to-at-home-bored)

Here are just 50+ ways to keep busy and explore England during the country's second lockdown without stepping out of your front door. Find more ideas at VisitEngland.

www.visitengland.com

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2021/01/lockdown-activities-kids-winter/>



[Lockdown activities for kids in winter - Woodland Trust](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2021/01/lockdown-activities-kids-winter/)

As the UK enters another strict lockdown due to Covid-19, we're all set to spend more time at home once again. As parents ourselves, we know we'll be looking for inspiration to keep our children entertained (and out of).

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk



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Welcome to Fill The Gap. This service is replacing 'From Meal To You'

We have been operating since the October 2020 half term when the government announced they would not be continuing with free school meals. While we were helping families with food on a weekly basis we quickly recognised there were so many families out there that had fallen through the gap of the government funding for so many different reasons. We pride ourselves on being approachable and fair with absolutely no long lists of criteria to source the help that was needed. It was a short term fix for many people.

Fill The Gap will be working on the same premise as it has been but with so many more options and support for the families of Rugby Borough.

Chefs are in place to bulk cook for our families with a 4 week rolling menu. Support and signposting for longer term solutions. Education for parents and children. A lot will be coming later in the year but for now our mantra still stands as no person should go hungry.

We strive to meet the needs of families on a week to week basis. Maybe you need a food top up. The food you can afford is not substantial enough. We can provide easy meal ideas on budgets which will give you the skills and the confidence going forward.

We welcome support from volunteers, local businesses and you the people of Rugby to help us end food poverty in our beautiful little town.

We will of course be doing some fundraising however donations of any kind are accepted. You can add to your existing food shop or donate cash. Anything we do receive is gratefully received.

Fill The Gap Team xxx

#unityinourcommunity #endfoodpoverty #rugbyborough #ourlittletown
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