



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 2nd February 2024

Spring Term Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday morning this week our Sports Leaders and Head Boy and Girl led our assembly to explain to the school about the 40 mile relay challenge everyone would be taking part in on Friday. They demonstrated how the day would work to ensure that we keep the baton moving non-stop from 9:00am all the way through until 2:30pm, every hour, every minute, every second. We thought about just how far 40 miles is and what a challenge we (and Mrs Hoyte) would be taking on.



And then came Friday! Each class had their allocated time slot to go out and keep the baton going, completing lap after lap of our running track. The Sports Leaders got things going, all of the children took part, the adults did their bit – we even kept it going during break and lunchtime. The stamina, determination and effort from everyone was clear to see. The big question is...did we complete our challenge? Did we run 40 miles? Well I can tell you all that we most certainly did! Collectively we completed 40 miles today. Well done to everyone for taking part and thank you and well done to Mrs Hoyte, the Sports Leaders and Head Boy and Girl for organising it. https://www.justgiving.com/page/b-hoyte-1704026839211?utm_term=vwpWzZGPN.



Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Harry P, Ernest, Ben B, Etta, Joshua H, Oscar, William N.
We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.





Thank you to Imogen and Jasmine for sharing a photo of your birthday celebrations. We hope you enjoyed your lovely cake.

If you would like to share a birthday photo, please email it to us at office@rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk

Awards



Number Bonds to 10 Badge

Jess – Y1

Max – Y1

Number Bonds to 100 Badge

Liam – Y1

Benny – Y4

Bronze Times Table Award

Archie – Y4

Bonnie – Y4

Silver Times Table Award

Sophie – Y4

Gold Times Table Award

Ahaan – Y4

Joshua – Y4

Book Awards

Ernest – YR

Poppy L – Y5

House Points

Eagles – 332 **Falcons – 305** **Kestrels – 243**

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **Independence/Collaboration**.

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Evie Monty	For all of the reading practise she does, which means she is making really great progress. For being able to write his own name independently.
Asia (Year 1)	Connie George	For demonstrating a really positive attitude to her learning this term, rising to a challenge and having the confidence to give new experiences a go. For working really hard writing his question sentences this week, presenting his ideas neatly and beautifully. And for mastering that question mark!!!
Europe (Year 2)	Frazer Ned	For being more focused and demonstrating that he can make more positive, sensible choices. Well done. For working more independently this week and showing that he can complete his learning in the time he is given. Well done and keep it up!
Australasia (Year 3)	Eloise Aizen	Being a superstar. Eloise has a fantastic approach to her learning and always treats peers with kindness and respect. Aizen has shown great maturity and incredible focus with his art work and also with his writing. The impact his approach has had on his learning outcomes has been fabulous. Well done Aizen – so proud of you.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Archie Sophie	For showing an improved positive attitude to his learning and a willingness to have a go. He involved in the maths work on calculating with fractions with super enthusiasm. For being a great learning partner and support to others in the class. She demonstrates a superb attitude to her learning and is always doing her best in all tasks. A fantastic role model!

North America (Year 5)	Hanna	For showing great resilience during PE after taking a knock and wanting to keep playing.
	Henry	For his energy and enthusiasm during computing and willingness to share his understanding.
South America (Year 6)	Sammy	For having more self-belief and really challenging himself to achieve his very best.
	Zachary	For having a positive attitude to learning and responding to feedback to improve his work.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week we have been listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been looking closely at real beans and have created our own bean experiments. We have placed the beans in a clear plastic bag with a wet paper towel and have stuck them to our class windows. We are going to watch them over the next couple of weeks to see if anything happens. On Tuesday we learnt about an artist called Mondrian and discovered that his art contain squares, rectangles and primary colours. We were inspired to create a whole class Mondrian piece of art work. In Maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers and how we can identify them. The week ended with the whole school relay and we really enjoyed taking our turn to run part of the 40 miles needed across the school day.
Asia (Year 1)	This week has been another busy one in Asia class. We have been working really hard on creating our posters advertising our imaginary bakeries. We thought really carefully about the layout and how to draw in the reader. We had great fun roleplaying bakers on Friday, advertising our bakeries to our customers. In maths we have been using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to tackle mixed operation questions, being careful to look at the symbol to identify if the number would get bigger or smaller. We have also been continuing to use the greater than, less than and equal to symbols to compare numbers. In PE we had great fun with coach Jay playing more invasion games, ensuring we were listening to the instructions carefully. On Friday we voted for our favourite book from our Library Service Picture Books To Shout About – it's a secret vote but I'm sure your little person will share with you who won!
Europe (Year 2)	This week we have continued to enjoy our core text 'The Jolly Postman'. We used it to help us write questions, plan our writing and write a character description based on one of the characters we meet in the story. In maths, we used money to show equal amounts and that the same amount can be made using different coins. We also had a go at calculating change – which is a tricky thing to do! In science, we explored the recycling process and how important it is to reuse items. In PE this week we used the vault in gymnastics to practise jumping safely off equipment and we supported Mrs. Hoyte in her quest to run 40 miles in one day, by keeping a baton moving constantly throughout each class of the school. It was so good and so fun!!

Australasia (Year 3)	The children have been amazing this week. Their instructions for caring for dragon eggs have come out beautifully. Their ideas for dragon care have been funny and creative and at the same time, clearly written and well crafted. Way to go Australasia! In maths, the pupils explored calculations with money, learnt how to convert between pounds and pence and apply their learning to problem solving. Do you know how many different combinations of 7 coins total £1? In computing, the children learnt how to instigate sequences, how to create sound effects for sprites and they explored the impact changes in sequence order impact the final outcome. In music, the children continue to develop their understanding of the ukulele. They have been learning to write numbers to ten in French and in art, they crafted their dragon eye designs using air dry clay. They are looking forward to applying the final touch – colour.
Antarctica (Year 4)	This week we have continued with our English work on writing persuasive letters between key characters in our text of Varjak Paw. The children have really enjoyed writing them and following the story. In maths, we have continued to calculate with fractions with a focus on subtraction from whole and mixed numbers. They children have shown great resilience with this concept! In science, the children have been planning an investigation on how effective different materials will be at absorbing sound. In RE, they have been presenting their research on the life of Mother Theresa. In computing the children have been learning how the give repeat commands to create shapes and in geography we have used our research skills to find out about the climate in the tropics. All of the children had a lot of fun learning to develop their vaulting ability in PE.
North America (Year 5)	This week we have continued to work on fractions in maths. We have considered how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as what makes fractions equivalent. In English, we read the end of the first chapter of Beowulf, before summarising all of the important events. We also studied a part of the text, identifying the powerful language that Michael Morpurgo uses and its impact on the reader. In computing, children manipulated vector drawings before adding these to a realistic background and in PE, children thought about how their movement and finding space in basketball. We added Modroc to our wire sculptures in art which the children thoroughly enjoyed and they look awesome.
South America (Year 6)	Another great week in South America class. In maths, we have been revising and developing our arithmetic skills and putting these to the test by completing some ‘Mathdoku’ puzzles. In English we have been writing the next chapter to our book. At the end of part two we were left on a cliff-hanger and the children have been developing the next part of the narrative full of description and tension. In science, we have thought about what we can learn from fossils and in RE we have learnt about the Dalai Lama’s teachings and what they might mean to us in our lives. We have continued learning about biomes in geography and also been refining our games in computing. The highlight of our week was taking part in our whole school relay to try and complete 40 miles of the track. All the children worked hard and contributed brilliantly to the final total!

Advance Warning: World Book Day Thursday 7th March

To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**, we would like to invite you to come to school in comfy clothes suitable for reading. This could be joggers/Oodie/onesie/pyjamas, a tracksuit or anything else comfy. If you wish to bring a teddy/cuddly toy, please do! We will all be making top hats and decorating them as a book or a book character, ready to show off in

a "Top-Hat Parade" that afternoon. We will provide all the resources you need to make your top hat, but if you have a particular book or book character in mind, then feel free to bring in bits from home to decorate it (e.g. pictures, accessories.)

Author Visit

We are very excited to welcome the author, David Fuller, to our school on **Wednesday 7th February**. He will be running a series of workshops with each year group in Key Stage Two to inspire writing and to get a glimpse into how the writing process occurs. A selection of his books will be available to buy on the day after school at a reduced cost of £4.50 and David is happy to sign all books purchased. Please see the attached flyer.

Upcoming Events

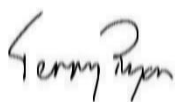
Mon 5th Feb – Y6 Residential
Tues 6th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Fri 9th Feb – Last day of half term
Mon 12th Feb – Half Term
Mon 19th Feb – Inset Day
Thurs 7th March – World Book Day
Thurs 28th March – Last day of Spring term

We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

Diary Dates

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.

