



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

What a Book Week it's been! The children have thrown themselves into this special week and enjoyed so many different activities linked to the wonderful world of reading. The week began with an assembly from Mrs Wilson who was joined by some of our Governors who took time out to read to the whole school. Thank you to Mr Buckley for your story telling and to Mr Hewitt and Mrs Bull who brought storytelling alive by *singing* the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. It really was a spectacular way to kick off the week.



Also this week the children have been writing book reviews and taking part in quizzes. Some of them enjoyed The Great Big Footy and Booky Quiz with author Ben Lyttleton and a host of footballers, including Jack Harrison from my beloved Everton! The children were able to show off their footballing and reading knowledge!



Unfortunately author, Maz Evans was unable to join us as planned but we do have her booked in to visit soon. However, the fund didn't stop. Mrs Finch from *Happily Ever After* led her amazing workshops with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and this too helped to bring stories off the page and into the children's imagination, they really enjoyed all of the activities in the workshop.



There was a shuffle of teachers as they swapped classes so the children could enjoy listening to storytelling from another teacher and of course, there was World Book Day itself. The children looked very cosy in the array of comfy clothes they wore and showed their tremendous creativity as they designed their top hats based on a book or character. We enjoyed the parade and the chance to show off all our hard work.



Thank you to Mrs Wilson and to all of the staff for planning another exciting Book Week at Rudgwick.

Even with all this going on we have been able to fit Parent Consultations this week. As usual it was great to see so many of you attend and hopefully you have a good idea about what your children have been doing, the strengths they are showing and what they continue to be working on. Thank you all for your attendance.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays this week:
George, Bene B, William W.
We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.



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

- Jonie – Y2
- Maisie – Y2
- Mitzie – Y2
- Albermarle – YR
- Emily – YR
- Evie – YR
- William W - YR

Number Bonds to 20 Badge

Riria – Y1

Number Bonds to 100 Badge

Freya – Y3

Bronze Times Table Award

Jasper – Y4

Emily – Y3

Silver Times Table Award

Ben – Y3

Gold Times Table Award

Oliver – Y4

Joshua – Y3

Platinum Times Table Award

Archie – Y3

Book Awards

Noah – Y2

Evie D – Y6

House Points

Kestrels – 276

Falcons – 255

Eagles – 245

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CONFIDENCE**.

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Nancy	For showing understanding and confidence during French.
	Lucie	For showing confidence and independence with her sentence writing.
Asia (Year 1)	Henry	For being a mathematical superstar this week, really applying his knowledge of weight to tackle tricky word problems.
	Louis	For listening carefully to feedback about his writing and for making changes to his work – what a mature attitude to your learning, Louis!
Europe (Year 2)	Maisie	For demonstrating her capabilities in art this week, not only through her learning, but by talking so articulately to Mrs. Edwards about the subject. Well done!
	Mika	For using her skills in writing to write a lovely piece about the personal experiences of others and why a book may have been written in the first place. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Alice K	Brilliant focus and a can-do attitude in maths. Alice is now lightning fast with her addition number fact target.
	Sebastian H	A focused and sensible member of the class, Sebastian always works hard and tries his best.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Joshua	For always showing a super attitude and effort to all learning and producing a super informative letter from Henry 8 th .
	Jack	For always showing an outstanding attitude and approach to his letter and writing a fantastic informative letter form Henry 8 th .
North America (Year 5)	Harley	For showing improved maturity in her learning and being a valuable learning partner.
	Leo	For giving excellent reasoning in history for why he thought King Alfred was an effective leader.
South America (Year 6)	Kai	For sharing his enthusiasm about books and working hard in all lessons.
	Evie W	For always pushing herself and being a mature, reflective learner.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a lovely week we have had celebrating World Book Day! The week began with a visit from 'Happily Ever After' where we got to help act out a story about a T-Rex using music and ribbons. On Wednesday, we all had a chance to make our own hats with drawings of our favourite book
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	<p>characters on them. Lots of us clearly love Stickman and The Mr Men! After listening to lots of stories on Thursday, we got to take part in the World Book Day Hat Parade, which we absolutely loved! Reading week ended on Friday with a special story time with Mrs Wilson.</p>
<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>	<p>It's been such an exciting week in Asia class this week with lots of visitors. On Monday we had an amazing visit from local police officers. We had the best time asking questions and listening to all the ways the police work to help us. We got to have a tour of two police cars and were even allowed to turn on the sirens! We then used this information to write the next page of our People Who Help Us books. On Tuesday as part of Reading Week we had a lovely workshop with Sam Finch where she read us the story of Dear Dinosaur and we acted out parts of the story. Thank you for Mrs Finch! On Thursday we were busy creating our top hats as part of World Book Day and they looked amazing! On Friday we had a visit from a local dentist at Rudgwick Dental Practice and we learnt all about how dentist help us.</p>
<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>A wonderful, wacky, warm-hearted week has been had by Year 2 to celebrate reading week and World Book Day 2024! The children have had so much fun, listening to and sharing their love for reading and books. In English, we learnt to write from our personal experiences and the experiences of others, using adjectives to describe our ideas. In art this week, we learnt to add detail to line drawing, ready to create our own pieces inspired by our focus artist Melissa McCracken. In science, we explored what actually is inside a seed and were very excited to start to see some shoots appearing from the seeds we have planted! The highlight for us, was Thursday, where we created some phenomenal top hats to celebrate this special day – each one had its own story to tell and we loved it!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>It's been a 'booktastic' week in year 3. We read extracts from diverse authors. We listened to author interviews, wrote quizzes to test our knowledge of our reading, designed improved book covers for books illustrators have let down, planned, designed and built wonderful hats which showcase our favourite book characters and we even allowed reading to infiltrate our computing lesson. We used our knowledge of closed questions to help us sort a muddle of books according to the book's attributes. Outside of reading, we built on our knowledge of column addition - learning how to rename in the ones column and rename in the 10s column. We enjoyed our regular swimming session with our swimming stamina and techniques both showing improvements. In history, we learnt 5 reasons why the Romans found it hard to conquer Britain. In writing, we plotted and orally walked through our story plans. Whilst in art lessons, we used specialist art vocabulary to explore and study the work of a collage artist named Megan Coyle.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>The children in Year 4 have enjoyed celebrating the world of books with different activities form quizzes, writing reviews and designing front covers for their favourite books. On World Book day, the children have created some marvellous top hats reflecting some amazing creativity to show off a favourite fictional character. In other English work, children completed and published letters from Henry 8th using formal vocabulary in their presentation. In maths, children have continued building on their understanding of shape and lines of symmetry. In science, children have continued learning about the process of digestion. Our Tudor topic continues to excite and enthuse the children and this week we have</p>

	researched the 6 wives of Henry the 8 th . Despite the weather the children were able to get out for a woodland learning session where they completed surveys on the different bugs they could see on the ground.
North America (Year 5)	The children have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week, with a great variety of activities spread throughout. Although the Maz Evans visit was postponed, the children enjoyed creating a book review booklet as well as a doodle session with Tom Gates author and illustrator, Liz Pichon. On World Book Day itself, the children loved making and decorating their top hats and had a fantastic time during the parade, showing off their creations. Elsewhere in the week, we thought carefully about calculating percentages of different amounts in maths and in woodland learning we started to form a list of all the different species in our woodland. In history, we compared Anglo-Saxon Kings, Alfred and Athelstan and gave reasons as to who we thought was a more effective King during their reign.
South America (Year 6)	It has been so lovely this week to celebrate books and reading for pleasure. We have been hearing from different authors across the week about their book recommendations and what inspired them to write the stories they have. We took part in 'The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz', a 'doodle along' with Tom Gates author Liz Pichon and enjoyed designing and creating our hats based on a character or book of our choice. They were truly amazing and we were very proud to show them off during our parade. We have continued with other aspects of learning as well this week. In maths, we have learnt about converting metric units of measure and reading scales. In English we have continued to draft our parts of The Land of Neverbelieve and in geography we have been finishing our books on coastal features.

School Uniform

Please could you ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform to school and not an alternative unlogoed item. Our school jumpers/cardigans and PE tops are the only item that we require the children to have the logo on, all other uniform can be purchased at any large supermarket or retailers with very competitive prices.



I appreciate that the children can lose their items and it can be expensive to keep replacing them, but please do keep a check on our lost property bin in the front office.

There will also be a **second hand uniform sale on Friday 22nd of March** on the playground from 3:00pm. There are some very good quality items at very affordable prices – Jumpers/cardigans £3.00 and PE tops/dresses/shorts £1.00



Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

On Friday the 15th of March we will be supporting Red Nose Day 2024. The children are invited to wear an item of red clothing with their uniform or official RND merchandise in exchange for a £1 donation which will go into the Red Nose Day Comic Relief Fund.

Gardening Club – Donation Request

We will be running a gardening club in the summer term and we would be really grateful for any donations of the following, should you have any surplus not in use; Hand held gardening tools, gardening gloves, soil/compost, seeds and bedding plants. These items will enable us to create and maintain pots and plant beds around the school during our gardening sessions.



If your child would be interested in joining gardening club, the information will be released in the next week or so when the club application form is sent out.

Upcoming Events

Fri 15th March – Red Nose Day (Wear something red or official merchandise)

Tues 19th March – Y4 trip to Hampton Court

Thurs 28th March – Last day of Spring term

Mon 15th April – Start of Summer Term

WC 28th April – Y6 Bikeability

Mon 27th May – Half Term

Mon 22nd July – Inset Day

Tues 23rd July - Inset Day

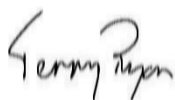
Tues 23rd July – End of Summer Term

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.

