



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed the start of some exciting curriculum and club opportunities this week. Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 have started their spring term music lessons with Mrs Eames. It is the first West Sussex music lesson of the year for Year 4 and they have enjoyed getting acquainted with the clarinet. I am sure by the end of term they will be able to entertain an audience with the skills they develop. Year 3 have had their first swimming lesson and are grouped and ready to go, I am sure they will all improve their techniques and distances over the coming term.

Our Sports Leaders, who have been providing lunchtime sports activities for all of the children, launched their spring term tournament for KS2. They will run and officiate a football tournament over the next few weeks starting from Monday. Children in years 3-6 were given the chance to put their names forward to take part and our Sports Leaders have picked teams, at random, made up of players from each class. A competition will take place between the Eagles teams, the Falcons teams and the Kestrels teams, which will result in one team from each House qualifying for a place in the final league. Overall winners will be presented with certificates designed and made by the Sports Leaders. They are very much looking forward to running the event and helping many children to have some exciting lunchtimes.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week: Margot and Albert.
We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

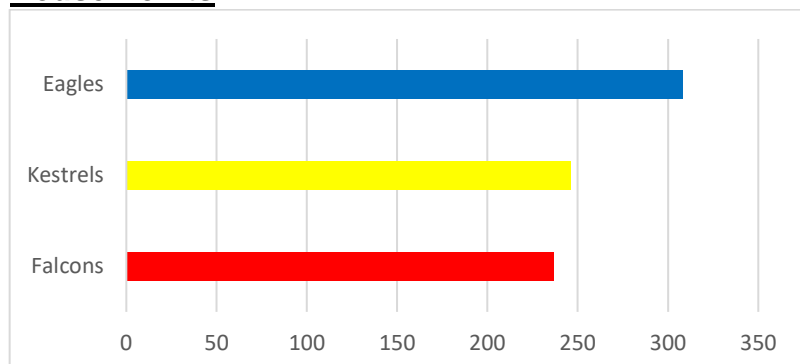


Awards



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

House Points



Number Bonds to 5 Award

Dexter C - YR
Ella-Mae - YR
Evie - YR
Henry G - YR
Holly - YR
Laila - YR
Mary - YR
Naomi - YR
Sky – YR
Mia - YR

Number Bonds to 10 Award

Sophie – Y3
Amelia Y3
Jack Y3

Number Bonds to 100 Award

Ronnie – Y3
Zack – Y3

Book Awards

KS1 – Teddy Y2
KS2 - Lexie Y3

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Alice	For her amazing acting skills when performing as 'The Big Bad Wolf'.
	Dexter E	For being a focused learner and an amazing director during his group's performance of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Asia (Year 1)	Sam	For challenging himself in English this week and really focusing on his writing. Well done, Sam!
	Corrine	For awesome tens work in maths; working logically and setting out her work clearly.
Europe (Year 2)	Lily	For showing excellent skills in writing this week, well done!
	Henry	For showing belief in himself this week and being calmer, more settled and focussed. Well done and Thank you!
Australasia (Year 3)	Mika	For always being ready for learning and showing perseverance and resilience to improve her maths
	Albert	For always ready to learn and works quietly following the Rudgwick values.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Joshua	For taking guidance on board and working with real focus and perseverance in all activities.
	Jasmine	For showing hugely improved levels of confidence in all of her learning and how she approaches and completes tasks.
North America (Year 5)	Abbie	For showing determination and putting in fantastic effort during our multi-skills challenge.
	Freddie W	For accurately debugging code when programming outputs in computing.
South America (Year 6)	George M	For working really hard in English, and responding well to feedback, to produce an interesting non-chronological report.
	Harley	For being a really engaged and active learner in all lessons.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	It has been another magical week in Africa class. This week we have been focusing on the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and have listened to a range of different versions. We have taken part in a 'Three Little Pigs' yoga session and created our own dances and shows, which we performed to each other. Mrs Worth was very impressed with our acting skills. We have all drawn a picture of our favourite fairy tale characters and have used our phonics skills to label them. In French this week we have continued to learn the names for farm animals and household pets. In Maths we have been using resources to find the number bonds to 4 and 5 and some of us have now achieved our number bonds to 5 badge! What a busy week we have had.
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Asia (Year 1)	Another week has flown by in Asia class. We have been continuing to learn about the Great Fire of London, focusing on descriptive writing. We had another lovely, slightly less muddy, session in the woods on Tuesday. Mrs Weller lit a fire for us so we could think about adjectives to describe the flames. We then used these adjectives to create some amazing fire poetry. On Tuesday we had another amazing secret reader – Ernie’s mum, and we loves listening to There’s a Snake in My School. If you would like to sign up for secret reader please let Miss Lee know as we have some slots still free this term. In Maths we have been continuing to learn about numbers to 50, focusing on the difference between “teen” and “ty” numbers. On Wednesday we had our first session of learning the ukulele with Mrs Eames which was very exciting. We learnt how to carry a ukulele safely and our hand positions for playing. In History we learnt about the fire service and explored the differences between firefighting in 1666 and today.
Europe (Year 2)	Another full and fabulous week in Year 2. The amount of learning we are doing is mind-blowing! We welcomed the start of music once again this week and we can’t wait to get to grips with the ukulele. In English, we met the witch from the Jolly Postman and used her letter as inspiration to design, make and write about a product we think she would like to buy. We wrote persuasively using words that would make her believe our product was the best! In maths, we started on our journey of learning about division. We explored grouping and sharing and dividing by 2, 5, and 10. In science, we took a walk around our local area to observe what materials are used to make different things. It was really fun to take our learning out and about!
Australasia (Year 3)	Our second week of term! We continued with our topic of dragons this week in English, along with adjectives and how exciting we can make sentences. We were doing short multiplication and tables in maths showing our resilience to try and improve. As part of our history, The Romans, we were lucky enough to join a virtual classroom at the British Museum. We learnt about how old treasures need to be! The children aren't quite old enough yet!!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Another busy week in Year 4 with lots of exciting learning going on. In English, we have continued to read Varjak Paw and use our understanding of the text to plan a diary for a key character using a range of exciting vocabulary. They have all drafted their first attempts brilliantly. In maths, the children have been working on written methods of subtraction with exchange and solving word-based problems. The pupils had another exciting PE session with Coach Ben and developed their fielding skills for cricket even further. They also enjoyed creating charcoal pencils in Woodland Learning. On Wednesday, they have their first exciting lesson in music and learning to blow through the mouthpiece of a clarinet to make their first sound. They have continued to learn about the life of Mother Theresa in RE and further develop their sketching skills in art.
North America (Year 5)	Some fantastic things happening in North America class this week. We kicked off with taking part in a school-wide multi-skills event where children recorded their best attempts at 6 different exercises – everyone putting in a great effort. In maths, we looked at finding unit and non-unit fractions of quantities as well as converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. In English we have creating a plan for our next piece of writing, a letter in written as Beowulf in reply to his father about his journey to Denmark and upcoming fight against Grendel. The children are loving computing this term, writing code to programme outputs using crumble kits. This week, they were challenged to control a motor and sparkle using a count controlled loop.

South America (Year 6)	This week has flown by! In maths, we have been learning about decimal, fraction and percentage equivalence and then used this knowledge to learn how to find percentages of amounts. In English, we have worked really hard drafting our non-chronological reports on the Galapagos islands and we have now edited, improved and published them. In science, we looked at classifying animals based on their similarities and differences and in RE we started our topic on the Dalai Lama by learning a little about Buddhism before finding out who he is and what his role is. In computing, we have continued our internet communication unit and looked at how search engines rank results and what web designers can do to improve their ranking and in PE we learning about serving and aiming in badminton.
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Upcoming Events

Spring Term

Mon 20th Jan – Hindleap Warren – Parents Meeting

Thurs 23rd Jan – Young Voices 2025 for Singing for fun club

Mon 3rd Feb – Year 6 Residential

Fri 14th Feb – Inset Day

Mon 17th – Half 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/>

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

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