



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, to the new term and to 2025! I hope you all have a lovely end to 2024 and were able to enjoy Christmas and New Year with your friends and family. I would like to thank you all for the generous gifts you gave to myself and all the staff, it is always genuinely appreciated.

The children seemed pleased to be back in school on Monday and came through the gate with the same enthusiasm they always do, which is so encouraging to see. Spring term is well underway with the children settling into their new topics (remember, you can access their topic webs as well as useful resources on the class pages on the school website). We are joined by our new teacher in Year 3, Mrs Sandra Janman, who has been overwhelmed with the children in Australasia class and their efforts so far and by Miss Steph Wilkins, a student teacher who will be working alongside the team in Year 1, I am sure you join me in welcoming them to our school.

We have a term ahead of us that includes swimming lessons for Year 3, a residential journey for Year 6, Safer Internet Day, World Book Day and Book Week and the Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase. The children will continue to experience many great opportunities and have a focus this term on our Rudgwick values of '**BELIEVE**', '**Independence and collaboration**' and '**Confidence**'. Let's have an great spring term!

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week Eva B, Maddy P and Elena L-G
We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

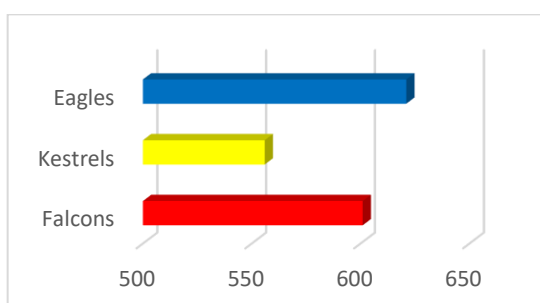


Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Respect**

House Points



Platinum Times Table Award

Aiden D – Y4

Book Awards

KS1 – Nancy KS1

KS2 - Joshua H KS2



Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Teddy	For his effort and enthusiasm to read words in books.
Asia (Year 1)	William W	For showing such enthusiasm and curiosity during our woodland learning.
	Grace	For asking brilliant questions and finding out answers whilst learning about the Great Fire of London.
Europe (Year 2)	Harry	For starting Spring term with great enthusiasm and participation, noticed particularly in maths and Gymnastics. Well done!
	Tilly	For showing such independence this week to complete her learning, settling quickly and being so great! Well done
Australasia (Year 3)	William	For always being ready to learn and working to his best
	Rebecca	For always being ready to learn and trying her hardest to do her best
Antarctica (Year 4)	Isabell	For making a great start to new learning and always being ready and confident to ask lots of interesting questions.
	Leo	For sharing his great vocabulary knowledge when sharing his ideas about our new text.

North America (Year 5)	Jasper	For his growing confidence when contributing to discussions in class.
	Benny	For his consistent focus during all learning and often making valuable links between different aspects of his learning.
South America (Year 6)	George M	For working hard in maths and being focussed during lessons.
	Isla	For always working well with others and being a patient and considerate learning partner.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	The Spring term is here and we have had a lovely first week back at school. We have loved being outside looking for signs of winter, especially finding ice! We have started to listen to a range of Fairy Tales and we even have puppets, small world figures and a Gingerbread House to help us re-enact these stories. In French we have begun to learn the names of a range of farmyard animals. In PE we were very successful at landing on targets whilst playing new-age Kurling and in Maths we have been focusing on the number zero and have learnt that it represents 'no amount' or 'nothing'. It has been lovely to be back at school and the grown-ups have loved hearing about our Christmas holidays.
Asia (Year 1)	What a wonderful first week back we've had -the week has just flown by! This week we began our new topic, The Great Fire of London, learning all about London before the fire and what the buildings looked like before and after the fire. We wrote our own golden sentences to remember the key information about the fire and even learnt to perform the song London's Burning in a round. It sounded beautiful! In maths we have been exploring counting in tens and how tens can be represented using deines and tens frames. We then used this knowledge to represent numbers to 50. In Geography we have been learning all about weather and the different types of weather we experience here in the UK. We also had a lovely, albeit muddy, trip to the woods with Mrs Weller, where we reminded ourselves of the rules around fire safety and enjoyed exploring the space again.
Europe (Year 2)	Welcome to the Spring Term! Year 2 have had a lovely week and we are settling back into the swing of things nicely. This week we started to explore our new learning journey – 'Once Upon a Bicycle' and received a special parcel from the Jolly Postman himself! It was very exciting. We have learnt to respond to illustrations from the book and what discuss and debate means. In maths, we reviewed some addition and subtraction by looking at adding/subtracting 10 and using the inverse to find all possible calculations within a fact family. In science, we started to explore everyday materials, in computing we learnt what an algorithm is and in RE we began looking at Judaism and learning some of the important meanings of this faith. It is so lovely to be back with the class, I have really enjoyed my week.
Australasia (Year 3)	Welcome to the Spring Term. We have had a busy week getting to know each other. The children have settled to the new routines and a new teacher well. We have been learning about Writing Instructions this week

	<p>which culminated with us making jam and marmite sandwiches this morning which the children loved! We have started multiplication in maths and have been busy trying to learn the tables we don't know yet. Our new text is 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' which the children are really enjoying. We have also learnt some facts about Martin Luther King Jr. I have really enjoyed my first week with year 3.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>Welcome to the Spring Term! A busy first week back with lots of new and exciting learning underway. In maths, we have focused on place value, rounding numbers to nearest 100 and 1000 and reviewed our knowledge of written addition. In English, We have started reading a new text 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said and the children have been engaged in asking questions, making predictions, exploring vocabulary and sharing ideas. In science, they have started a new topic on sound. Year 4 had their first Woodland Learning session of the Year and despite the cold weather, they enjoyed being out in the woods and den building. In PE, we welcomed Coach Ben back to lead a superb fielding skills session in cricket. The children enjoyed using the iPads to support their geography research in finding out about countries in the northern and southern hemisphere and the equator.</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>It's been a superb week back in school for North America, full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. We have started our new topic with a focus on the Anglo-Saxon and Viking period of British history. We have studied maps to understand where the Anglo-Saxons came from initially and their reasons for eventually settling in Britain. In English, we have started our class text, Beowulf, and have written a short invitation to King Hrothgar's banquet with a focus on using colons and semi-colons to write a list. Programming is the focus for computing this term and we kicked off with learning how to use a Crumble kit to light an LED for different periods of time and different colours. We learnt about debugging and what this means linked to programming.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>What a great first week back. The children have been really focussed and engaged and have enjoyed our new topic so far. In maths, we have been learning about decimals. We have looked at values of digits, multiplying by powers of 10 and using short multiplication for solving calculations with decimals. In English, we have started our book, Darwin's Dragons and this has inspired us for our first piece of writing, an information page about the Galapagos islands. We have started our research and found out some very interesting information. In computing we have learnt how search engines conduct searches using web crawlers and thought about how to refine our searches and in PE we have taken part in our school competition and completed our circuits. We have also finished our investigation from before the holidays in science and in geography we have started our topic of biomes.</p>

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Upcoming Events

Spring Term

Tues 14th Jan – Year 3 swimming lessons begin

Wed 15th Jan – Year R – NHS health checks

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/>

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.

