



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Our curriculum this week has given our children continued opportunities to explore their learning in varied and engaging ways. We know how popular the Woodland Learning sessions are with the children, indeed, when they spoke with governors recently they told them that the one thing that would make Woodland Learning better would be more Woodland Learning! This week Year 2 prepared apples with sugar, raisins, cinnamon and butter and baked them on an open fire. This was to explore what pirates might have eaten as a treat in the past.



Children in Reception Class have been interested historians this week as they were joined by Roger Nash from the Rudgwick Preservation Society who told them lots of interesting things about their local history, you can find out a bit more about what they talked about in the 'we have been learning' section of the newsletter.



And in Year 6 the children, both last week and this week, have been exploring their thespian qualities as some have been auditioning for roles in our KS2 production, which we are excited to be bringing back to Rudgwick this summer term. It is incredibly brave to put yourself forward for roles in the production and to audition in front of adults and peers. Everyone that did were amazing (we'll have a strong cast) and made the decision making very challenging for Mrs Edwards and myself.

Information was sent out this week to Y6 families inviting the children to the Rudgwick Youth Club. They will be able to attend every Monday afternoon from 10th June. If you missed the information, please ask in the school office for details.

I hope you all have a great Bank Holiday weekend (let's hope for some sunshine) and we will see you back in school on Tuesday.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week:
Sophie H and Coen.

We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter,
please email it to office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk



Awards



Number Bonds to 5 Badge

Noah – Y1

Number Bonds to 20 Badge

Lily – Y4

Number Bonds to 100 Badge

Harry – Y1

Book Award

Reuben – Y2

Billy P – Y6

House Points

Kestrels – 351

Eagles – 274

Falcons – 268

This term's core value is **ACHIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CURIOSITY**.

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	James	For the effort and progression he has shown in phonics.
	Bella	For the progression and growing confidence she show in phonics lessons.
Asia (Year 1)	Evie	For creating a detailed and well thought out story map for Percy.
	Teddy G	For working so hard on his independence this week and for creating such a detailed story map for Percy.
Europe (Year 2)	Chloe	For being supportive and encouraging during phonics to allow younger members of the group to achieve.
	Eli	For his efforts with home learning and reading at home. He is always so consistent. Thank you!
Australasia (Year 3)	Martha	Having an excellent work ethic and striving for excellence in everything she does.
	Caleb	Demonstrating a good work ethic through the week and delivering his best work.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Norah	For working with growing confidence and focus in her own ability and always being ready with great listening skills.
	Harry	For continuing to work with quite focus and effort in all tasks he is set. A great understanding of decimals.
North America (Year 5)	Christine	For her enthusiasm and understanding in geography when discussing volcanoes.
	George M	For focussing on his presentation whilst learning a new method for multiplication, improving accuracy.
South America (Year 6)	Billy M	For an improved attitude to learning and being more focussed in lessons.
	Coen	For working hard in English this week to develop his idea for his dark-fantasy story.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a lovely week we have had in Africa class. On Wednesday we were visited by Roger Nash (Chairman of the Rudgwick Preservation Society) to talk to us about the history of Rudgwick. He showed us some pictures of the old railway and school. He showed us a film of Rudgwick in the 1960's and we were quick to spot places that have changed and stayed the same
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	<p>over the last sixty years. We were really excited to discover that there were dinosaur bones found near the Milk Churn and the dinosaur was later named Horshamosaurs Rudgwickensis! We are really looking forward to seeing these bones when we visit Horsham Museum later this month. In PE we have continued to develop our tennis skills with balls and rackets. In Maths we are learning about subtraction and how quantities and numbers get smaller as we take away. In Woodland Learning we learnt what the word 'foraging' means and helped Mrs Weller to make our own nettle tea!</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>This week we have had a lovely week beginning to plan our own Percy stories. We have come up with the most amazing and unique ideas and created our own story maps, thinking carefully about each part of our stories. In Maths we have been exploring sharing, practicing how we share amounts equally. We really enjoyed our cricket lesson with Fred, where we practiced our bowling and had a go at playing our own mini cricket games. We have also been working on our sports day skills. In Geography we learned all about using compasses and worked in teams on the playground to find North. During our discovery learning on a Friday afternoon we have been enjoying our phonics games and putting on Percy the Park Keeper puppet shows.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>In Year 2 this week, we have started to write our own pirate adventure stories. Firstly, we wrote simple plans to share our initial ideas and then spent time writing the beginning. We look forward to continuing them next week. In maths, we explored measuring in metres and centimetres and in science, we discussed food chains of ocean animals ready to record our understanding next week. The highlight of the week, was woodland learning, as we made baked apples on the fire. We worked in small groups to add butter, sugar, raisins and cinnamon before putting them on the fire to bake. It was a mixed result as to who enjoyed them and who didn't, but I am very proud that everyone had a try.</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>In Year 3, we have been publishing our diary writing, exploring equivalent fractions and learning about the Eatwell food wheel and nutrients. We want to better understand what different foods provide for our bodies. In History, we learnt more about the reasons the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain and in RE, we created videos re-enacting the miracle stories from the Bible. In PE we learnt how to 'ball' and discovered ways to improve our technique. In Woodland learning, we foraged for nettles and made nettle tea. We concluded that nettle tea is an acquired taste and that it reminded us of spinach.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>In Year 4, we have continued to publish our rainforest information texts by adding images to our written facts. In English we have been building vocabulary about the Amazon sloth from a film clip in preparation for writing our own 'voice over' narrations in the style of David Attenborough. In maths, we have been learning about decimals and how to convert tenths and hundredths from fraction form to decimals. In science, we have been learning about electricity and how to build circuits and draw diagrams using the correct symbols. In Geography, we have learnt about the different layers of the rainforest and created a new animal or plant that could exist in that environment. The children have continued to enjoy learning new skills in TAG rugby with coach Marcus and develop some excellent bowling skills in cricket with coach Fred. In RE, we have learnt about forgiveness.</p>

North America (Year 5)	We have had a great week in North America despite the up and down 'summer' weather! In English, we've planned a narrative extension to our book, Podkin One Ear, and written the first part which includes direct speech. We have now learnt the formal method for multiplying 3 by 2-digit numbers, understanding that we must partition the 2-digit number to do so. In geography, the children discussed why people choose to live near volcanoes knowing their potential dangers and in music, the children learnt more about the origins of Samba and introduced a break into their performance. Our theme for RSHE this term is 'Changing Me' and we have talked about uncomfortable feelings that we all experience and the things we might do when we feel them.
South America (Year 6)	This term is whizzing by and the children continue to push themselves and work hard in South America. We have revisited volume and fractions in maths this week and continued to practise our arithmetic skills. In English, we have been planning and drafting our dark-fantasy short stories and reading Coraline. We have developed our batting skills in PE and thought about what was important to the Ancient Egyptians in history. In music, we thought more deeply about timing and used this to help us practise our parts for our class piece on glockenspiels and in computing we have learnt how to use formulas in spreadsheets.

Upcoming Events

Tues 14th May – Y2 trip to The Sealife Centre

Sun 19th May – Basketball Club – British Basketball Play-Off Final at The O2

Wed 22nd May – YR trip to Horsham Museum

Mon 27th May – Half Term

Mon 22nd July – Inset Day

Tues 23rd July - Inset Day

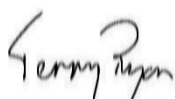
Tues 23rd July – End of Summer Term

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/>

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