

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Celebrate World Oceans Day  
**June 8**



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Dear Parents & Carers,

It was fantastic seeing some of our year 6 pupils walk through the playground gates on Monday. They were clearly very excited to be back in school and received a very warm welcome from their teachers.

As I am sure you are aware the government has accepted that it is not practically possible for all children to return to school before the end of term. This is due to the space required to enable social distancing, availability of staff, and also parents' willingness to send children into school. As a school we are constantly reviewing our arrangements. Due to parental preferences we have made the decision not to reopen our nursery.

As we have had lower numbers of children return to school in the eligible year groups (year 1, year 6 and Reception) than expected, we are reviewing our capacity. We are currently collecting information from parents of children in year 5 and hope to provide some provision for children in this year group before the end of term.

## Critical Workers

If parents are critical workers, they may request a place within a critical worker bubble. These are mixed year group bubbles. We have a limited number of spaces and parents requesting this need

to show proof of their critical worker status.

## FSM Edenred vouchers

Parents will continue to receive Edenred vouchers for the days that their children are not in school.

## New Build Update

Due to the lockdown construction work on our new school building was unable to start as planned. We are however, very pleased to announce that the council are due to sign the contract with the building company next week and building works will commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The enabling works to playground entrances will all take place at this point.



This is really exciting news.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine that we are promised.

Take Care and Stay Safe!



### In school Learning

This week Sarah, Aaliyah, Kay and Heather were on the rota teaching children in the critical worker groups.

### World Ocean Day

The United Nations has run a special day marking the importance of the ocean since 1992. This day is known as World Ocean Day and occurs on the 8<sup>th</sup> June each year. This years focus is on sustainability and digital technology. The aim being to gain greater understanding of the oceans which cover 70% of the earth.

School learning this week has been related to sustainability and protecting the oceans. You can watch a number of informative film clips with your children at the following newsround website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52897610>

You can also help protect the environment by teaching your children to:

- ✓ Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- ✓ Avoid one off plastic use
- ✓ Remembering to turn lights off
- ✓ Only run water when you need to
- ✓ Walk, scooter or cycle instead of driving

Following their research our **year 5 and 6** children produced some lovely sea scapes.



They also had a focus on -Looking after ourselves and others. They created their own film about mental health management. They presented a number of scenarios and considered how best to manage each one. The film was very insightful.

Our **year 1** children initiated a conversation about the Black Lives Matters protests. They showed a lot of interest and knowledge about events in the media. The children designed some posters to share what they feel are the important lessons to be learned from the protests. They clearly believe we should treat each other well and with respect.

Well done year 1.



### Year 3 and 4 bubble

Year 3/4 the children have researched dangers affecting animals and the environment, looked at modal verbs and then wrote their own verses to create a class rap. They recorded the rap as a group and created their very own music video. Amazing!

## **Save the World**

by Year 3 and 4

### **Amari**

We can make a difference in our own  
small way  
Just one small change: we can do that  
today  
There is a great opportunity  
To make Rotherhithe a good  
community.

### **Bella**

You must not throw plastic in the ocean  
It will cause a huge commotion  
No! This is not your chance  
To have a little dance  
We need to save the planet from plastic  
No more pie  
The polar bears will die!

**Sasha** – whole class sing in the  
background  
Recycle the trash – please it's free!  
We don't want dolphins dying, do we!?  
And don't play games that take up  
electricity  
Because the polar bears will die  
And one of them might even cry.

### **Mateo**

You should remember you need to  
make a big solution  
So that we can stop this problem of  
pollution  
You must recycle all your evil plastic  
Because if you do, it will be fantastic!

We've got money in the bank  
To make a gold stack  
So give it to the government  
To save the environment.

### **Kieran**

It looks like we have planet pollution  
So we need a great solution  
Recycle plastic please – it's free  
We must make sure it doesn't go in the  
sea.

Let's pick up trash all the way  
Only then we'll call it a day  
Will you make sure you recycle?  
If you do, it will create a miracle.

### **Frankie**

Ice caps melting  
polar bears dying  
The problem is colossal  
We might end up as a fossil.

Stop poaching elephants to have their  
tusks  
This instruction is a must!  
You can walk or cycle to school  
Don't waste your car fuel.

### **Harry**

Watch out for deforestation  
Don't have a celebration  
Polar bears and penguins need saving  
Put away your Lego – it's not time for  
playing.

### **Lilly**

We can save our lovely world  
It's a good thing  
You should save your community  
It's your only opportunity.

This is our home so don't destroy it  
Don't treat the earth like a smelly  
rubbish bin  
Think of the turtles and every delicate  
animal  
Follow our rules and you'll be a  
hero.

### **Leo**

People don't put their rubbish in the  
bin  
They should put their rubbish in the  
recycling.

### **Kayden**

We need a great solution  
To help with the dangerous pollution  
You must pick up your trash  
And make a big, enormous stash.



Well done all!



### Nursery Home Learning Star

**Christine** has been working so hard at home throughout the school closure. In the past week she has been learning about healthy and unhealthy food. She drew examples in her picture below.



Christine has also been doing lots of baking which she LOVES! This week she made some traditional Slovakian food, and they look delicious!

Keep up the good work Christine, we love how hard you try at everything you do.



### Elliot from Cutty Sark Class

Made his teacher incredibly happy with this fantastic setting description.

*In an ancient time, where dragons ruled the earth, each human had to be cunning enough to survive. At the top of a steep and perilous cliff there was a cave, a dragon's cave. It was barren and rocky with jagged spikes near the entrance, whoever went in never came back out to tell the tale.*

*Inside the rocky cave there was an emerald green dragon with blood stained teeth and claws as deadly as the sharpest knife. This particular dragon, which was 10,000 years old, had just wiped out an entire tribe of humans! The humans, who had come to kill the dragon, had been incinerated by the dragon's breath which was as hot as the sun.*

*The cave was rocky and barren and you could always hear the sound of snapping bones a mile way. It was a brutal place. Littered on the cave floor were bones of unlucky humans who had been burned by the dragon. Smoke was coming out of the dragon's mouth, the smoke was toxic and if humans took in one breath of it they would fall to the ground, dead. No one entered and came out alive, until now...*

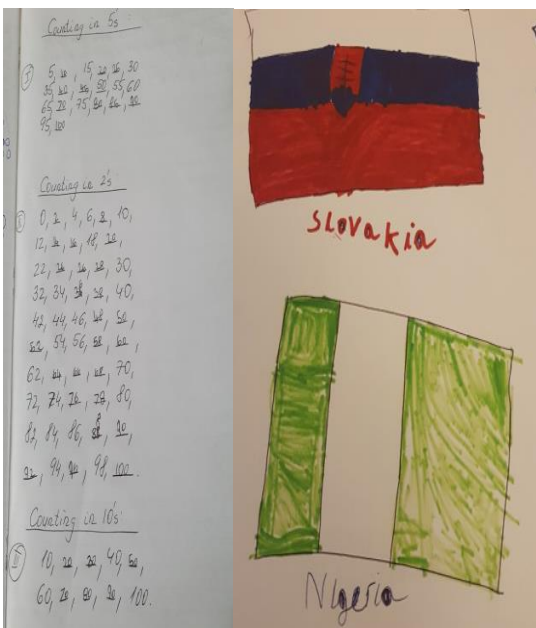
This description could be published. It is outstanding. Well done Elliot. I hope you finish the story.





**Daniella** in Octopus class has been clearly working extremely hard. She emailed lots of examples of her work.

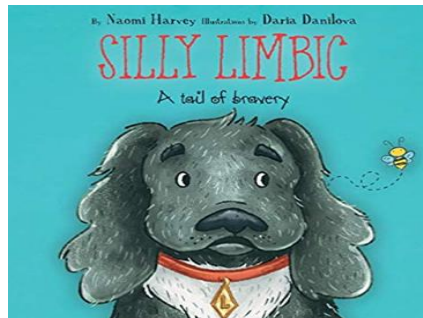
She has completed amazing work on multiples, and it looks like she had a lot of fun exploring musical instruments and then designing and making her own. Keep it up Daniella!



Great flags too.



I am so pleased to hear that Lili in Jellyfish class enjoyed my first virtual assembly about Silly Limbic.



I have had a lot of children talk to me about my dog Betsy who made a special guest appearance.

In the story Limbic is an imaginary guard dog in Oscar's mind. Limbic tries to protect Oscar but can become scared and worried quite quickly. Oscar's friend helps him to learn how to manage these feelings so he can still have fun.

Lili has drawn her own special guard animals that live in her mind to help protect her. She has included an earth giant, Sooty the bear, a leopard and a cheetah.

Don't forget to make sure they know you are the boss Lili! I hope you enjoy this weeks assembly. It's about a boy who tells fibs.





## Violet Beauregarde turns into a blueberry!



*Last night, in Mr. Wonka's Chocolate factory, Violet Beauregarde had eaten a piece of chewing gum during the Golden ticket holder tour and turned into a blueberry.*

*Mr Wonka had shown the five children (now four) a new chewing gum that had the following flavours; tomato soup, roast beef and blueberry pie with ice cream all in one. Despite Mr Wonka's warning, Violet proceeded to eat the gum, stating that she is the world record gum chewer. After tasting all the flavours her mother, Mrs Beauregarde, screamed "good heavens girl!" upon realising that her daughter's nose had turned purple.*

*Gradually, Violet's whole body turned purple and rounder as she began to resemble the last flavour: blueberry. An Oompaloompa who saw the whole thing and helped Violet said "we have to squeeze all the juice out of*



*The Oompaloompa's, who help Mr. Wonka control the factory, say they had to roll her out of the room because of her size. They have since stated that Violet will get immediate treatment at the Juicing room, to "squeeze the juice out of her"*

Sara Kingfisher Class

Amazing writing Sara!! You have completely captured the feel of a newspaper report.

**Year 4** children at home have also been writing raps to advertise the need to protect our oceans. It has been lovely seeing some of the short film clips that parents have emailed showing without children rapping like professionals! Meredith said that watching Dmitriy's rap 'brightened her day'.

Well done **Dmitriy**.



If your children want to try an alternative to Joe Wickes, why not try 'Fitter Future'. If you would like further information about this, please ask your teacher or go the website listed below.  
Keep active!

## ***WELCOME TO FITTER FUTURE***



## ***WHAT IS FITTER FUTURE***

Fitter Future fights childhood obesity and equips children with the tools to improve their mental / emotional well-being.

Our series of online activities are designed for the spallest of spaces (30 children regularly complete them from the classroom) and perfect for home use.

Lets get active together and help ensure a Fitter Future!

## ***WHY PARENTS LOVE FITTER FUTURE***

Easy to use from home!  
Fun for children!  
Fights childhood obesity!  
Gets your children tired!  
Improves mental well-being!  
Increases concentration!  
Decrease behavioural issues!

## ***HOW TO LOGIN***



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