

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to say a warm welcome back to those year 1 children and their families who returned to school this week. We had less children than expected but those attending were really happy to be back in school. They were very sensible and used excellent hygiene practices - well done parents!

The children surprised us by absolutely loving having so much space and their own tables. 'I feel really grown up like my big sister' one girl told Leah. They really enjoyed having their own resources and bags.

They spent some time talking about returning to school and seemed to have really missed seeing their friends. They got stuck into their learning and had a lot of fun at playtime. They had their own set of playtime resources and used these to play creatively.

Unfortunately, we did not see as many children as we had hoped. We really hope that more children attend next week. Due to staffing levels and space we may not be able to keep the current offer open for children who **do not** attend next week. We will as always update you when we make changes.

We look forward to year 6 pupils returning next week. Children in year 6 can arrive

at school from 8:45 am ready to register at 9am. They will travel straight to their classrooms where Nina and Alex will be waiting to welcome them.

Next week we will send you a short film to show you what it will be like when children return to Reception.

Attendance: Parents please make sure if your child is allocated to a bubble and is not attending school that you provide a reason for their absence.

The Childhood Trust approached RPS once again to support their charity work. The campaign is called Champions for Children. The children were interviewed about their views on the coronavirus pandemic for a short film. The aim is to raise money to provide free activities and support for children in London during the summer and beyond. The children were very thoughtful in their responses.

Leaders will be delivering a virtual assembly/story each week on Mondays. Look out for these on the website.

Teacher's will be calling all parents more regularly. This is to help maintain contact with our families.

Keep going with the home learning. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.



We are pleased to announce that Annalise has given birth to a healthy baby boy named Phoenix. Although the labour was very long (4 days!) both Annalise and Phoenix are doing well.

Congratulations and well-done Annalise!

Katie (Coral class teacher) has now started her maternity leave. We wish her a happy maternity leave and look forward to hearing news of another RPS baby before the end of term.

John and Heather will be organising remote learning for year 2 and making calls to parents going forward.

Melina donates her hair to the Little Princess Trust

I was very touched by this email sent from Melina's mum (Endeavour Class). I have copied the message for all to read as I think this is the best way for Melina's message to reach you all.

'Melina last week cut her hair and she decided to donate it to the Little Princess Trust. She is extremely happy that children who have lost their hair due to cancer, can have a beautiful real hair wig.'

Melina has lost her grandmother due to cancer and she is always willing to support in her own way people with cancer.

Melina would like to motivate and encourage other people to donate their hair so as to make a child smile 😊😊😊

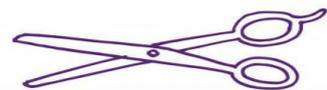
Below you can see attached a "thank you" certificate that Melina received from the Trust.'

Little Princess Trust®

Thank you! 

Melina

for kindly donating your hair



For information on how to donate hair to the trust please go to the following website:

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-hair/>



THE MAGIC MIRROR!

By Melek (Seal Class)

Chapter One.



Once upon a time there lived an old man but he was not any old man. He was magical and an Evil Wizard. He made a magic mirror you could walk through that went to a town that had tiny houses and tiny gardens. It was a fairy town. When you went through the magic mirror you shrunk really small and very tiny. In the town there was a magic rainbow you could walk across, and the Magic rainbow was stronger than the fairies. Once you walked across it, you felt happier. And when you closed your eyes and smiled it took you to a different world. The different colours took you to different places. If you stood on the yellow colour it would take you to a sandy beach. If you stood on the blue colour it would take you zooming through the blue sky.

The wizard was evil because a wicked witch had cast a spell on him. She was jealous of him because he was always showing off what he could do. And now because he is evil, he wants to cast a spell on the fairy's rainbow to control it.

Chapter Two

The fairy town was beautiful. What the fairies most liked to do was gardening, washing and keeping their little town tidy and neat. They were very polite and kind and liked helping all the animals, insects and butterflies. What they most liked to do was once a week gather in the market square to dance and sell flowers. They would sing and play musical instruments made of bottles which they blew across to make bird songs. The little baby fairy Tulip came out of her house



with all of her instruments. She had made some for other fairies too. The mother of Tulip made dancing clothes and wrist bands made out of flowers. They all loved going on the magic rainbow. Today was a special day. It was the first day of Spring and all the fairies were happy, singing and dancing.

Chapter Three



It was a special day for the wizard. It was his birthday. And today was the day he was going to change the Fairies world forever. He was going to mix up the colours of the rainbow into murky swamp colours. This would make a huge shadow over the town and make the rainbow his own. He grasped the magic mirror and placed it onto the wall of his home. He then said these magic words. "Abracadabra Abrashazam, take me to the fairy village, Wham Bam!" There was a powerful flash of light and misty smoke came out of the mirror. Suddenly the mirror grew larger and larger and a tunnel appeared. At the end of the tunnel he could see the bright and beautiful fairy town. He stepped into the tunnel and as he waked through it towards the town he shrunk smaller and smaller and smaller and smaller.

When he got to the other end he was the same size as a fairy and dressed in fairy clothes. They were bright and colourful, which he hated. "Soon I will make everything black as the night-time sky" he muttered. He saw all the fairies enjoying themselves and doing their favourite things. He saw Tulip the baby fairy smiling and laughing in joy and happiness. "Soon I will change their world" he laughed to himself. He raised his wooden stick up high and shouted out a spell. "Abracadabra Abrashazam, take all the happiness and colour away from this land!". Then all of a sudden there was a flash and a bang. And then everything changed.

Chapter Four

A clap of thunder came towards the fairy town. Tulip looked up and screamed in horror. They had never heard thunder before. "What is this horrible beast? Its big black and grey. And it's making these horrible noises. Can anybody tell me what's going on? And then she rushed inside and grabbed her knowledge book and said to it show me the page of this horrible beast. And the book fell open to a page where dark clouds and clashing sounds came out. Tulip cried what shall we do? But then the book flicked open to another page of a picture of an evil wizard. The book spoke and said, run all fairies into your houses. Lock your doors the evil wizard comes. All fairies were very frightened. What was going on and why?

The clouds swirled around making this huge gust of wind and out of it stepped into the market square the evil wizard. "Bow to me all fairies he commanded. Otherwise its off with your heads"! Everyone screamed with horror and fell to the floor, bowing to the wizard in fear.



And then the world around them began to change. Tall concrete buildings started to grow and sounds of cars and lorries beeping their horns and the smell of pollution filled the fairy land. The fairies started to cough and choke and some of the fairies collapsed on the floor. The wizard cackled loudly and then he got his tall stick and starting mixing all of the colours together of the rainbow into murky swamp colours. The sun disappeared.

But then a strange thing happened. Deep inside him he felt this was not right. There had to be happiness. And he coughed and choked and tried to undo the spell but he couldn't. Tulip saw that the evil wizard was so angry with himself, and he shouted, "What have I done, what shall I do"? And so, Tulip bravely stepped up to him and gave him her magic book. The book fell open to a page which was bright and golden. And these words came out and stuck in his mind until he said them. Happiness is always there inside you. You just need someone to help you find it.

There was a flash, and golden droplets of rain fell down as all the noise and pollution and tall buildings disappeared into mist. There was a moment of beauty and quiet before everyone cheered. "Hip hip hooray hip hip hooray Tulip saved the day"! Tulips mother said, "Let's have a party to celebrate. Everyone's invited, including you wizard". And the wizard smiled and was

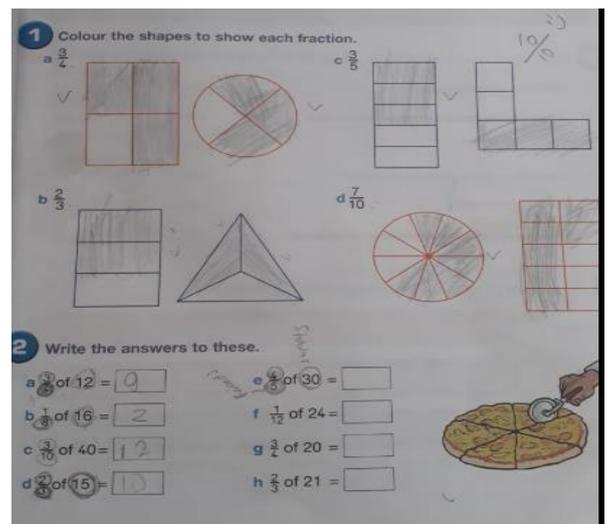
and was so grateful because the spell on him had been broken and happiness had returned. The wizard said, "I deserve to be told off and not to stay here". But tulip turned and said, "It wasn't your fault it was the spell and everyone deserves to be happy". They all cheered again.

And so just remember happiness is always inside you. It just may need someone else however small to help you find it.



Amazing work Melek! This is a brilliant story and message.

Great fraction work Tayanne! (Coral Class)

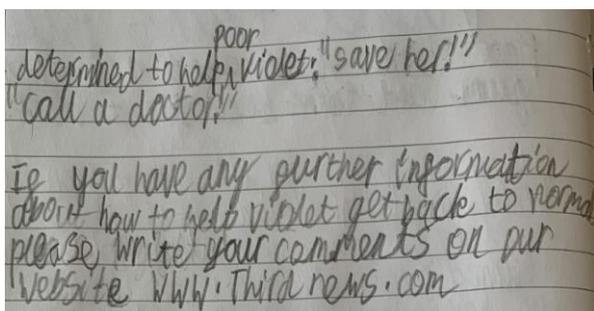
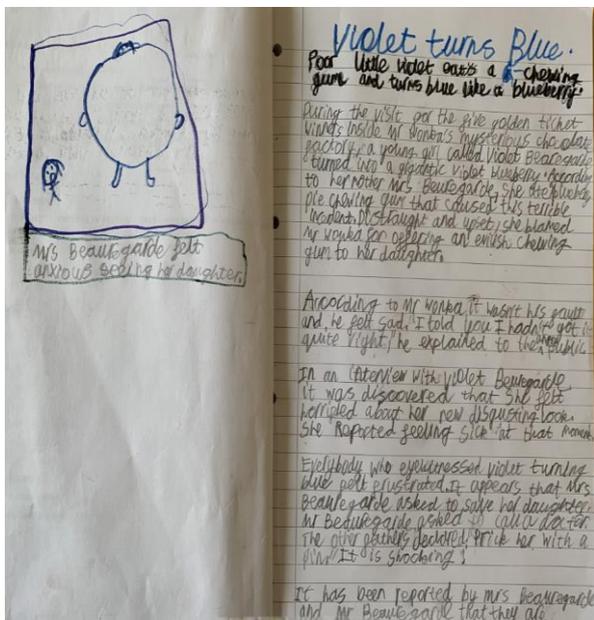
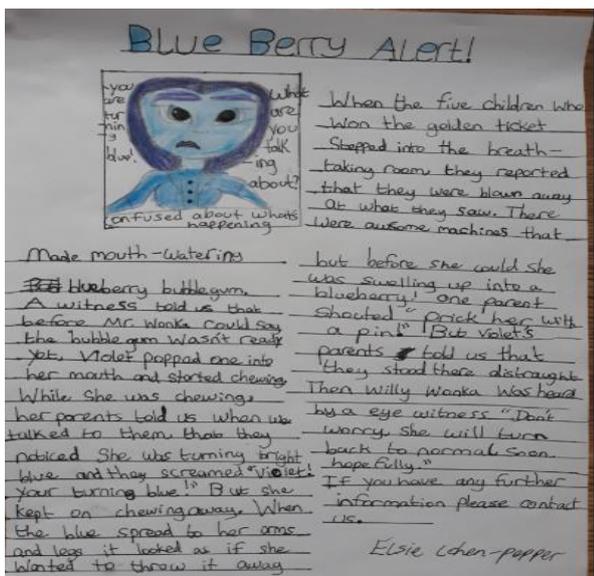


I love Paige in Endeavour class' drawing.





Great journalistic reporting about the woes of Violet Beauregarde from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – well done Elsie and Dmitriy.



Despite being at home, the School Council Chair and Vice Chair take their responsibilities very seriously. They sent a letter to request a meeting with the leadership team. They then organised a telephone conference with the Head of School to discuss the phased reopening of classes. They asked many questions about the actions that had been put in place to ensure children would be safe in school. They have made suggestions that they think will be helpful and created an informative powerpoint to help children to understand about Coronavirus. Their proactive nature is clearly why the children in the school voted for them. They have executed their School Council duties extremely well and we thank them for their services to the school. Please have a look at their powerpoint: <https://bit.ly/3eUxjzf>





In school Learning- Critical Worker bubbles

This week Conor, Meredith, Donna and Matt were on the rota teaching children in the critical worker group.

EYFS bubble

In Early Years this week they have been focusing a lot on outdoor play. The children have loved playing sports, watering the plants and using the mud kitchen! They have also been superstars and have really tried to take on board the social distancing measures as much as they can. These activities have built on their teamwork skills, communication skills and their understanding of the world around them. Great week guys, well done!



Year 3 and 4 bubble

This week in Year 3/4 the children have been looking at and writing news reports based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

In maths, the children have focused on Measure topics- area, perimeter, ml/L and g/kg. The children particularly enjoyed using the scales to weigh different objects around the classroom.

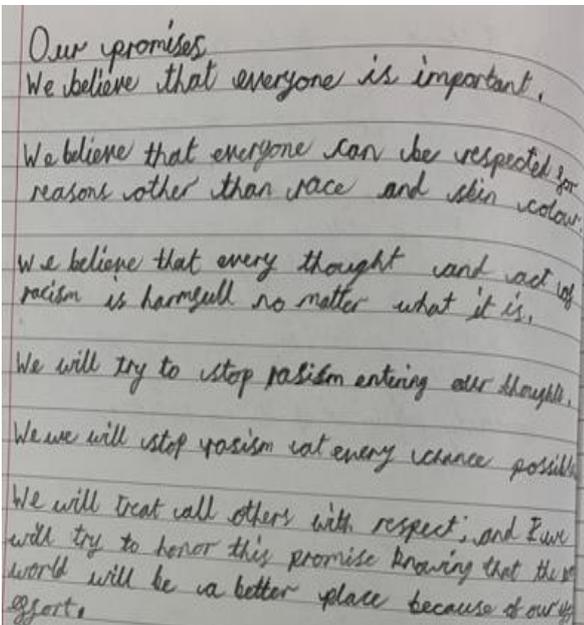
Their afternoon project has been working on creating a puppet show. The children have written scripts, created their puppets and characters, designed the set and props culminating in a puppet show on Friday. They have worked very hard – amazing!



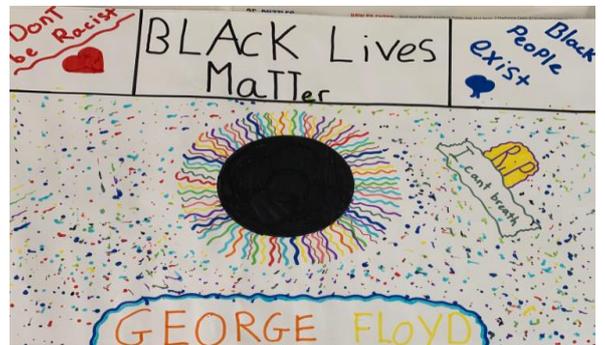
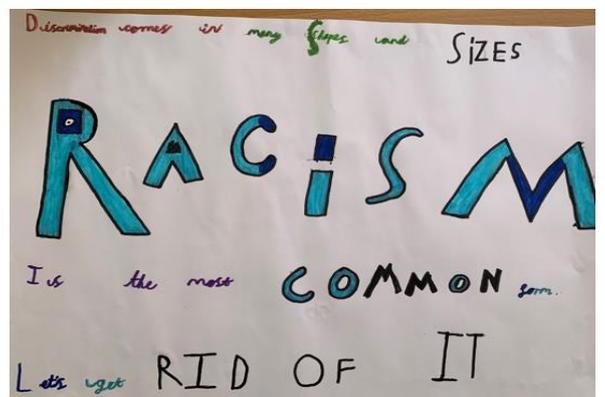


Year 5 & 6 bubble

The year 5 and 6 children had a focus on 'black lives matter' this week as they were very aware of protests and events happening in the media. They took part in many discussions and made a bubble promise.



The children designed posters to convey their feelings about changes that need to happen in society. These are very important messages for all of us. Well done children.



They also painted some amazing sunsets!



If your children are getting bored of 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!

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