

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new school building is taking shape before our eyes. The children have been excitedly pointing out new sections appearing on the outside of the building. As leaders we have been busy selecting the new furniture, colours and fabric that will furnish our beautiful new school. On Thursday, Galiema, Annalise and Helen donned their hard hats and boots and took a tour of the building – they were suitably impressed!

Swimming: Brent class, Ravensbourne and Wandle classes are all having swimming lessons at the Seven Islands pool. They are building their confidence, and technique in the water through a range of specific drills and activities. Well done all.

Healthy Eating: We will be continuing the work started last year on ensuring RPS is a healthy school. We would encourage all children to take advantage of the healthy free school meals provided by Southwark. However, if you do send your child into school with a packed lunch please ensure it is a healthy packed lunch.

Permitted Healthy food and drink	Not permitted unhealthy food and drink
sandwiches/wraps/pittas pasta/rice/couscous salad humus dried fruit fresh fruit (not cherries) raw carrot yoghurt water	sausage roll crisps chocolate sweets fizzy or sugary drinks biscuits/cookies cakes

Children should bring a **water bottle** to school. Water is the only drink permitted.

Why only water? Because Water is better for you!

- 1) Water is essential for life.
- 2) Drinking water can help to make us feel more alert and energetic, support concentration, improve the condition of our skin and hair and help to get rid of waste products from the body.
- 3) Refilling water bottles in school helps to reduce single-use plastic waste.

Advertising Challenge: London's childhood obesity task force, have set up an art challenge. They are asking primary school children to help develop an advertising campaign to promote healthy living. The theme of this campaign is all about drinking water and why it is best. Entries need to be submitted to Alex Montgomery in school by the **21st October**.

What do I need to create?

- The winning idea will be used in outdoor and print advertising in London, so your idea should be something visual in pictures/words/designs.
- The team are looking for the best idea, which can be described in words or images. So, a simple sketch or slogan will have as much chance of winning as an elaborate or beautiful design.
- Draw it by hand, design it on a computer, paint it, and photograph it. Whatever you think shows your idea best. You can read more about the campaign by clicking this [link](#).

We hope you enjoy our new teacher book recommendations section of the newsletter. Have a lovely weekend!

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Anthony Williams (year 3 & 4)

One of my Favourite Books is: The **London Eye Mystery** by Siobhan Dowd.

I enjoyed this book because it is filled with mysteries, adventures, and has an unexpected plot twist that will leave you surprised.

One of my favourite authors is: Anthony Browne because his books are often centred around the family and family values. His books are illustrated beautifully with many hidden clues to further your understanding of the story.

Look out for these books by Anthony Browne: **My Dad, The Tunnel, Wily the wimp, Voices in the park, Gorilla**

First Aid

Safety and care of our children is paramount. We have staff who have completed emergency first aid and paediatric first aid training. This ensures staff know how to respond if a child is hurt and to enable them to administer medicine. Medicine is only administered at the request and with the written consent of parents.

Medical forms need to be completed at the school office if your child requires medicine while in school. Most courses of antibiotics, however, should be taken at home.

Illness: If a child is feeling poorly, or showing potential symptoms of COVID, we will take a child's temperature. We mainly use an ear thermometer as we have found these to be more accurate.

Accident: In the event of a child being hurt, we have a '**duty of care**' and will attend to their needs. If needed we will attend hospital with the child. This is only necessary when we are unable to contact parents. Our medical policy can be found on the school's website.

Art Ambassador

To prepare our pupils for future life, we encourage pupils to take on roles of responsibility within the school, one of them being the role of an Arts Ambassador. This position is open for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 and we now have a representative from each class.

Our Arts Ambassadors will show commitment to their role and give up their own time to carry out their duties. The role of the Arts Ambassador is to help with the smooth running of Arts across the school. They meet regularly to have their voice heard with an emphasis on how to develop the Arts and promote each Art form.

We aim to provide exciting opportunities for the Arts Ambassadors to visit other schools within the borough, assist in organising Arts Week and represent pupil voice. This helps develop ideas- keeping our Arts curriculum vivid and varied.

Our Arts Ambassadors are selected for their passion, interest and skills.

This year's Arts Ambassador duties will include:

- To participate in school assemblies
- To create a pupil questionnaire to gather pupil feedback on Arts within RPS, administering the questionnaire, collating the results and analysing feedback
- Assisting in the organisation of an Arts Week
- To judge competition art work
- To take photographs in Art Sessions as practical evidence
- To support in organising Art resources

If your child has volunteered to be an Arts Ambassador please celebrate this with them at home. We are really looking forward to seeing how they develop this role.

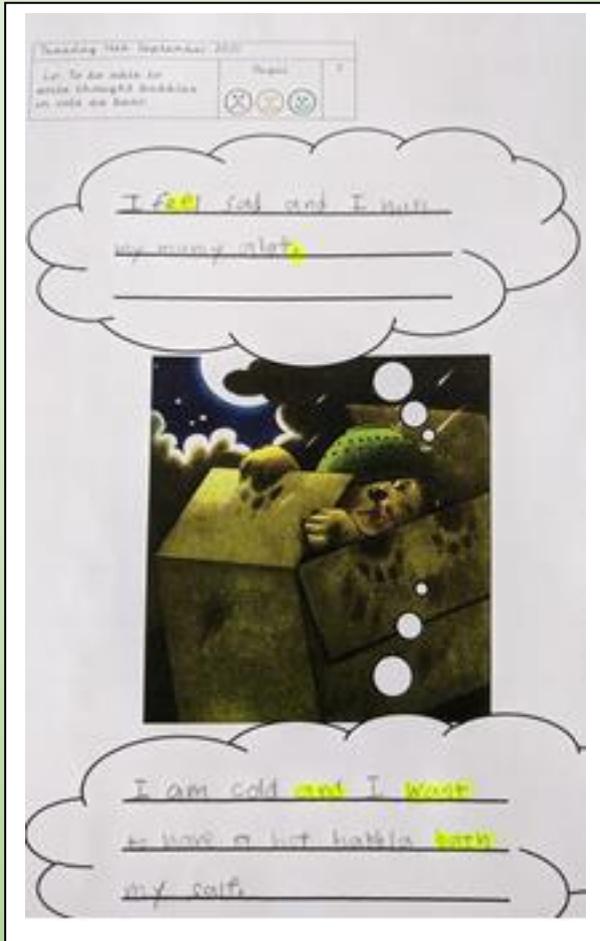


Year 1 Star Work

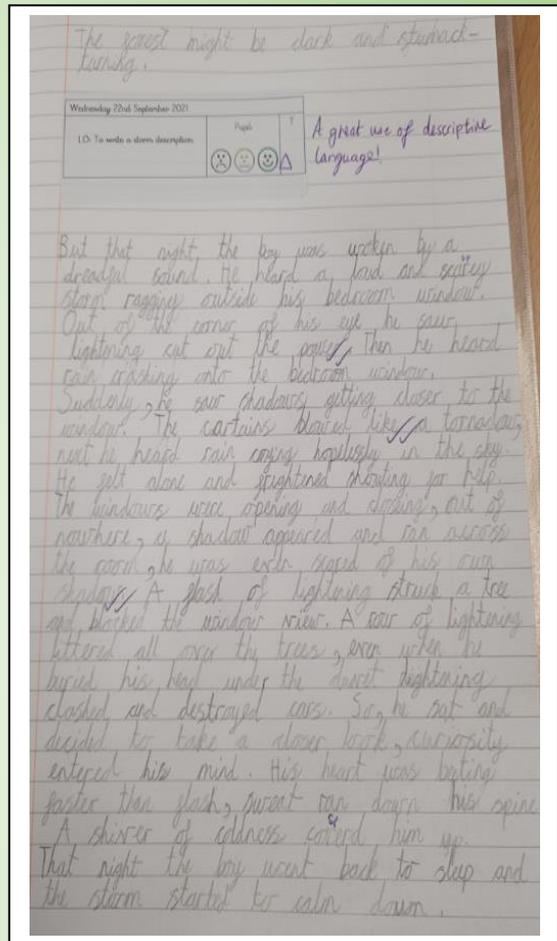
Year 1 children have been investigating 'Composition Art' inspired by the Brazilian Artist Beatrice Milhaze. They have made some fantastic abstract art using different shapes, colours and forms.



Star Writing



This is a brilliant piece of independent year 1 writing produced by Amelia C in Octopus class. She was writing in role as Baby on his way back from visiting the moon. Wonderful!



Year 3 & 4 children have been inspired by the story 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. They have written storm descriptions based on the first picture from the book, where a boy was woken by a terrible storm. This is a great description written by Elizabeth from Walbrook class.

Star Member of Staff Emma (Teaching Assistant)

Emma has been nominated by Katie Dagama. Emma has been a 'rock when giving support to my daughter Joannie'. I would like to thank her and recognise her for all the work and support she has given Joannie. Joannie has even asked if she can take Emma to secondary school with her!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Saifan	Saifan has shown a great improvement in his independent writing. He has made good progress and continues to be a fantastic role model in Whale Class. Well done Saifan.
Octopus	Grace	Grace has shown a resilient attitude to her work. She puts 100% into everything she does even when she finds things difficult. Keep it up!
Coral	TJ	TJ has been working very hard this week in Phonics. He has been applying his knowledge and using Fred-talk to help him sound out the letters in words. Keep it up!
Seal	Zakhar	Zakhar has really improved this week especially in his Maths. He completes challenges every day to the best of his ability. Well done Zakhar.
Effra	Leah-Rose	Leah-Rose has worked hard on her writing this week. She has been using her word bank to help her write her sentences independently.
Brent	Fatima	Fatima has impressed all week with her attitude to learning. She is always the first to be ready to work, in all subjects across the curriculum. Fatima sets an excellent example to all those around her. Amazing!
Walbrook	Kaiden	For his fantastic write up on his science investigation carried out at home as part of his home learning. Kaiden has shown a good understanding of solids, liquids and gasses. Well done!
Ravensbourne	Alexander	Alexander – Alexander is an avid reader. When we have independent reading time, he is always the first one to get his book and begin reading. He is a wonderful role model with his consistent interest in reading and visually showing students what a 'good reader' looks like.
Wandle	Sabawoon	Sabawoon is starting to rise to the challenge of being a year 5 student. He is taking on every challenge set, showing that he is both ambitious and resilient. He is a fantastic role model. I know he will make excellent progress this year if he keeps up his current work ethic.
Lea	Adam	For showing courage, resilience and respect which are three of our school values. He is also displaying good learning behaviour by always working hard and staying focussed. Keep up the good, positive attitude Adam.
Thames	Ufuoma	For displaying exemplary learning behaviour in all areas of the curriculum. She has also written an engaging autobiography with appropriate relative clauses, figurative language and a variety of punctuation. As well as this, Ufuoma has been very diligent in assisting her peers during peer editing. What a star!



1st October	Black History Month begins
6th October	Walk to School Day
12th October	School Council elections
18th October	Anti-slavery Day
25th-29th October	Half Term
31st October 11:59pm	Deadline for Year 6 secondary school admissions application
Week beginning 1st November	Parent conference meetings
10th November	World Science Day
11th November	Armistice Day
3rd December	International Day of People with disabilities
6th December	EYFS Christmas performances
7th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance
8th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
10th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance
15th December	Class Christmas parties
16th December	Last Day Early school closure Reception at 1:45 pm Year 2 and 5 leave at 1:55 pm Year 3, 4 and 6 at 2pm Nursery at 2:05pm

attendance
MATTERS
every student • every day



Thought of the Week

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind. – CS Lewis

Attendance

All children should aim to have above **96%** attendance. Children with good attendance make greater progress nationally.

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	87.6%	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	98.3%	
Octopus	95.5%	
Coral	99.1%	
Seal	90.9%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	96%	
Brent	97.3%	
Walbrook	96.2%	
Ravensbourne	93.5%	
Wandle	95.4%	
Lea	89%	
Thames	94.5%	

Well done to the classes with the best attendance this week. Keep up the good work everyone!!

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

Please remember to take into account any quarantine requirements if you are travelling abroad.



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- Increases Confidence and independence
 - Builds resilience
- Enables well-being to flourish

"The team was so supportive, creative and simply delightful in not only welcoming her with bundles of energy, but also ensuring she enjoyed every single day with them!"

"Thank you for providing great activities in a fun safe environment for our children!"

"Our son had a fabulous time! On arrival it was clearly welcoming, efficient and safely run."



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SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB



“The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension. We would love for this valuable service to continue.”

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