

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Black History Month begins today and although our curriculum reflects diversity every month, we feel it is important to also celebrate Black History Month. The theme this year is **Proud to Be** and at RPS we are celebrating the fact that we are **Proud to Be Me**. The aim of the month is to empower every child to value themselves and to have aspirations for the future.

Each year group will learn about the achievements of key black figures throughout history. Year 1 will be learning about **Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock**, a British female space scientist.



Year 2 will be learning about **Martin Luther King** an American civil rights activist.

Year 3 & 4 children will be learning about NASA's 'Hidden Figures' the female mathematicians: **Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan**, who were pivotal in the 'space race' in the 60's.



Year 5 will be learning about the life and impact of **Nelson Mandela** and Year 6 are learning about Windrush and the authors **Benjamin Zephaniah and Floella Benjamin**



On **Friday 22nd October** children will be encouraged to dress in clothing that celebrates and represents their culture or nationality. There will be a **special lunch menu** on that day, so that the children can sample flavours from the African continent. You can access more information about Black History month on this [link](#). You can find ideas about how to explore black history month at home on this [link](#).

Learning with Parents (LwP): At RPS we know that you as parents are your children's first teachers, which is why we have invested in the 'Learning with Parents' programme (formerly Maths with Parents). LwP provide short film clips for parents to watch with fun activities to carry out with children at home, (some of our parents have contributed to the creation of these film clips in the past). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have activities set by their teachers to complete as part of their home learning. A live tutorial was held for parents in these year groups and the recording is now available on our website click link [here](#). Please watch it as it provides you with information on how to access and get the most out of LwP. Children will be acknowledged for their engagement with tasks by receiving certificates throughout the year and there will be stickers to earn too!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and remember to be proud of who you are!

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Leah Delahaye – (Year 2 teacher)

One of my Favourite Books is **Supertato** by Sue Hendra. I love this book. Supertato goes on a series of missions to rescue a supermarket from an evil pea. My class absolutely love these books and enjoy reading what mischief the pea gets up to.

Sue Hendra is one of my favourite authors. She has written a series of Supertato books that are fantastic for all of the family to enjoy.



#HelloYellow Day



Hello Yellow Day this year is on **Friday, the 8th of October.**

We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs. RPS would like to invite everyone to **wear yellow** on this day and donate **£1** for YoungMind's campaign for World Mental Health Day. Whether you want to wear all yellow or a little yellow, any bit of yellow is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health. For more info:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

All children across the school will be engaging in a mindful art project on this day. The theme is to bring the joy of sunflowers into the classroom. I can't wait to see their creations.



Thought for the week

If we want to achieve our goal, then let us empower ourselves with the weapon of knowledge and let us shield ourselves with unity and togetherness.

Mala Yousafzal human rights advocate.

Walk To School Day

Wednesday 6th of October is 'Walk to School Day' and with the current fuel crisis this seems to be a perfect time to don the trainers and get the children to walk to school.

Why walk? Well we all know that walking is a great **physical activity**. It helps children to build strong bones, muscles and joints and reduces the risk of obesity.

Mental Health: Regular physical activity is linked to high wellbeing and good mental health.

Pollution: It may contribute to reduced pollution if parents leave their cars at home!

It is also a perfect time to start teaching children about road safety. Here are some tips for parents.

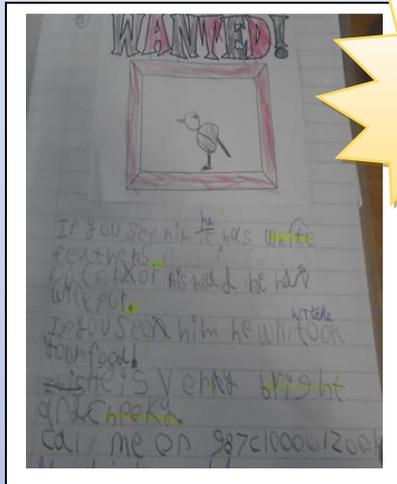
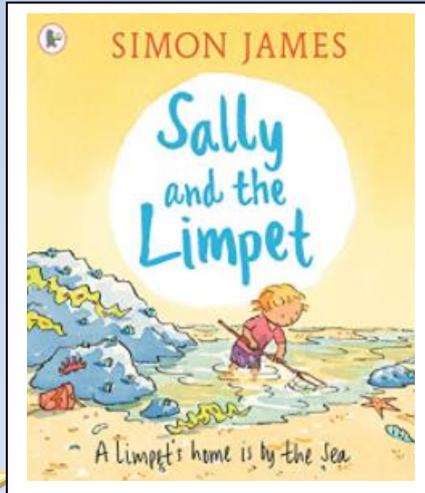
- set an example: **stop, look and listen**, don't take risks and avoid using your mobile phone when crossing the road
- bend down to their eye level to get an idea of what they can and can't see
- find a safe place to cross where you can see easily, ideally at a crossing or away from parked cars and when it's clear, walk straight across
- talk about the traffic you see on your way and the best places to cross, and ask questions about the speed and size of different vehicles
- in quiet areas, gradually allow your children to practice making decisions about where and when to cross the road.

Census Day

On the **7th October** census records are collected from all schools. Funding to schools are adjusted based on school census figures. One of the figures that is collected is how many children take advantage of the free school meal that is provided by Southwark on that day. So we are encouraging as many children as possible to have a school dinner. The cook has prepared a menu to entice your children to abandon their packed lunches. See the menu below.

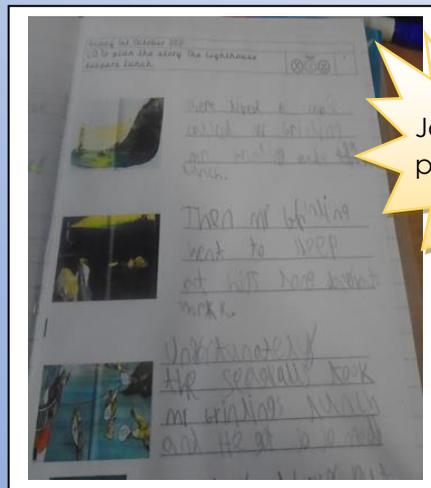
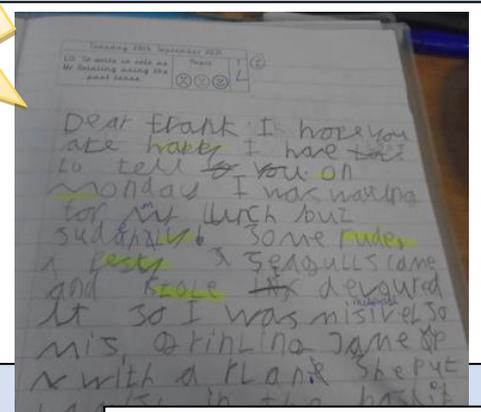
Year 2 Star Work

Year 2's topic this half term is the 'Seaside'. The children have been immersing themselves in the story Sally and the Limpet by Simon James. You can listen to a retelling of the story [here](#).



Zahkar's wanted poster

Deeqa's letter to Fisherman Frank



Jahzi's plan

In Science Year 2 children have been practising the skill of classifying. They have learnt about the importance for humans to eat the right amounts of different types of food. They have sorted foods on a Venn diagram based on healthiness.



Star Parent - Janet Martin

I would like to nominate Janet for her continual support of the school and for getting involved with our marketing campaign. Thank you! Janet has also written an amazing book called 'Women's Empowerment' which provides puzzles, quotes and inspiring passages to raise the self-esteem and confidence of women. It is fantastic to have such inspirational parents at RPS. If you are interested in knowing more about the book please email her at: hello@success-all.com



STAR OF THE WEEK

Octopus	Janae	For showing a courageous attitude to her learning. Janae has learnt to be willing to make mistakes in order to learn, especially in her English writing. Well done Janae!
Coral	Ehab	Ehab has worked extremely hard this week. He has been an active listener and was engaged on the carpet. Ehab has also been a wonderful and supportive talk partner. Keep it up!
Seal	Emilia	Emilia has worked extremely hard this week especially in her writing. She uses expanded noun phrases consistently to make her writing more interesting. Well done Emilia Keep it up!!
Effra	Evelyn	Evelyn has worked really hard in Reading to snap and copy facts in a text and answer inference questions. During PE, she showed outstanding defending skills when working as a team. Amazing!
Brent	Adonijah	Adonijah has worked very hard in his writing and used a variety of adverbs. He has really impressed me and his writing has been a pleasure to read!
Walbrook	Libaan	Libaan has tried really hard to listen carefully to instructions and to follow them first time. Coach Jahmal was also really impressed with Libaan's ability to help others during his PE lesson too. Well done!
Ravensbourne	Zelick	Zelick has shown great maturity while working independently. He strives to complete his work in a timely fashion. Keep it up Zelick!
Wandle	Raheemah	For being inclusive of all children from all walks of life – she is a role model for both empathy and inclusivity. Star pupil!
Lea	Kuba	For working very hard in his English lessons and regularly reading at home. Keep it up Kuba!
Thames	Seth	For displaying excellent knowledge of iconography in our RE lesson and for creating a great modern icon. Well Done!



1st October	Black History Month begins Food School Matters meeting
6th October	Walk to School Day
7th October	Census Day
8th October	Hello Yellow Day- dress up in yellow
12th October	School Council elections
18th October	Anti-slavery Day Food School Matters workshop- Healthy Living Champions
22nd October	International Diversity 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 Champions creating a film to promote healthy living.
11th November	Armistice Day
15th November	Year 6 online safety – Police workshop
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

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

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	88.8%	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	92.9%	
Octopus	96.4%	
Coral	93%	
Seal	95.2%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	98.7%	
Brent	97.3%	
Walbrook	95.3%	
Ravensbourne	92.4%	
Wandle	95.4%	
Lea	94.2%	
Thames	94.2%	

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.

BURGERS & DOGS

07/10/21

Tasty Mains
Beef Burger

Veggie Hot Dog

Scrummy Sides
Chips

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Yummy Desserts
Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake
with Chocolate Custard

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!
To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

Sadie's celebrating...

Black History Month

Jerk Chicken
Rice and Peas

Sweet Potato Stew
With Rice and Green Salad

Fried Plantain

Pineapple Upside Down
Cake
Fruit and Ice Cream