

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Maths Week** has been a great success and children have really enjoyed dressing up as their TTRS avatars. I was impressed by the problem solving and mathematical thinking of children as they tackled the football premier game! Look at the fantastic maths art produced by Thames class too! Thanks to Annalise for organizing these super activities. The children had a lot of fun while learning.

**Christmas:** It is hard to believe it but there are only 6 weeks left until Christmas day, which means it is time to start talking about Christmas! The teachers have planned out year group performances and the children have started learning to sing Christmas songs today. Please encourage them to practice any lines or songs that they bring home over the next couple of weeks. We have decided across the federation that performances will be filmed and made available on our private pages on our website. Children will have the opportunity to perform to another year group.

**Odd Sock Day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November** is the start of anti-bullying week. Please remember to send children into school wearing odd socks. The more colourful

the better!

**Cinema:** This week children in year 3, 4 & 5 went to the cinema to watch the film 'Onward'. The children were very well behaved, and it was especially lovely seeing the awestruck faces of the children who had not been to the cinema before. Femi in year 4 let everyone know when he returned to school 'I have been to the cinema, and I had a fantastic time'.

**Armistice Day:** on Thursday assembly focused on Armistice Day. The children learned a bit about the origins of Remembrance Day and how and why we mark this day each year. They learned a bit about the poem Flanders Field and how reading this poem inspired Moina Michaels an American woman to buy and make poppies as a way of remembering those who died. The children held a minute silence in their classes.



Have a lovely weekend. Lisa (Head of School)

## Parent Code of conduct

Unfortunately, this week there have been two incidents of unacceptable conduct outside the school gates.

On Friday parents brought their personal issues to the school gates and were arguing outside of school as we were due to release the children. To ensure our children were safe we held them in school and called the police. This type of behaviour is not unacceptable and must not occur again.

I would also like to remind all parents that if there is an issue that has occurred between children in school you must discuss this with the members of staff. You must not approach other children's parents or the child directly as this often leads to disagreement. We expect all parents to behave in a courteous manner with other adults and in front of children at the gates. Please read our [Parent Code of Conduct](#).

## Bowling competition

One of our bowling teams won a BRONZE MEDAL at a Bowling Festival on Wednesday. There were 12 school that took part and our winning team certainly looked like the youngest team there! The team included Majid from Jellyfish, Dawoud and Reggie from Octopus and Henry from Seal class. Dawoud was a natural – he scored a few strikes!!!

Well, done all. Not surprisingly Dawoud said, "He loved it!"



## School Council set to work!

**Food School Matters:** Children across the school completed a 'Healthy Zones' survey. The results of the children's responses are being collated and used to revise our food school policy. One of the questions the children were asked to consider was whether or not the school should have a 'meat free day'. Did you know that a meat free day can save the equivalent of 10 bathtubs of water in a year? It can also help reduce greenhouse gases that are negatively affecting climate change. I can't wait to hear what they children thought about this. On Wednesday children from the School Council set to work to create a short film about healthy eating with Hope from Food School Matters. The school council will share this invaluable work with us in the future.

## School Uniform:

The children met with Galiema and Kealan (SMSC Lead) on Friday to consider future changes to our school uniform. They considered whether to keep the uniform the same or to change the colour and the design of the uniform. Issac the school council chair completed a short film that will be presented to children and teachers across the school next week sharing the proposed new uniform ideas.

What a busy week the school council have had.

## Thought of the Week

Every problem is a gift - without problems we would not grow.

Tony Robbins

# Year 3 & 4 children at work



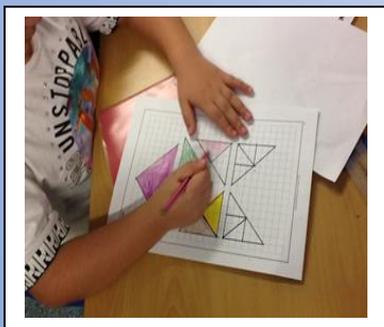
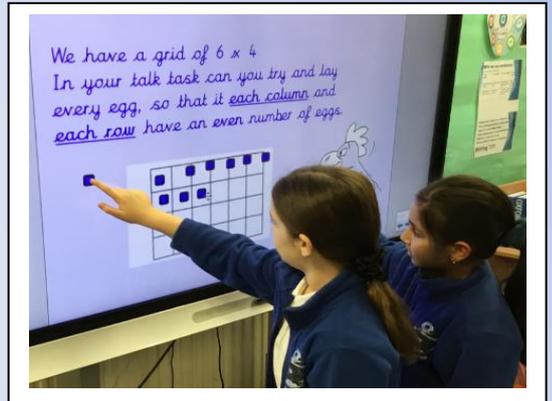
What a busy week it has been in year 4. The children are studying the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and were very engaged while acting and retelling sections of the story in class. I am extremely impressed with these fantastic Iron Man models that they completed for homework.



Aleena and Adela explain how to solve this puzzle.

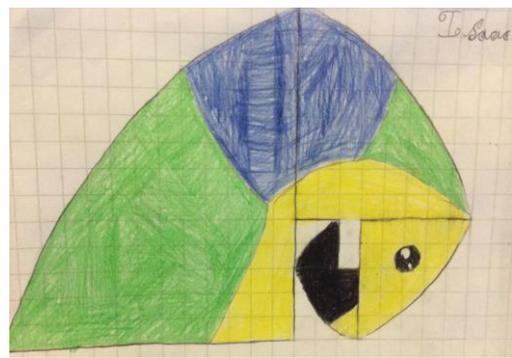
Is that a TTRS avatar I can see?

The children completed some amazing tessellations of shapes and really enjoyed the problem-solving activities for Maths week!

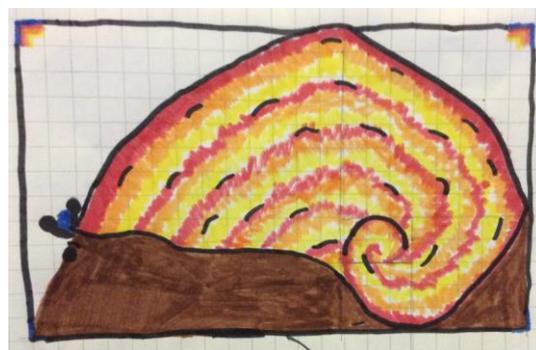
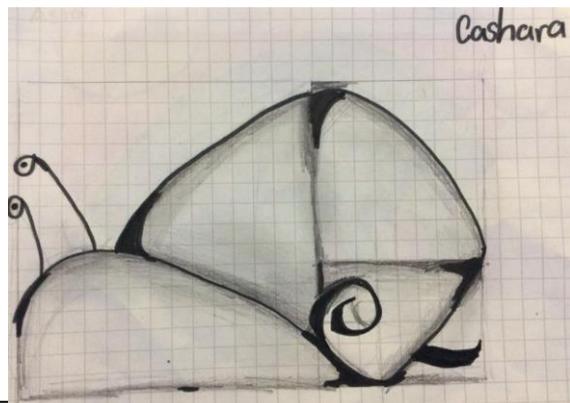


After a leaf hunt in the playground the children used the leaves to identify the names of our trees.

# Maths Art by Thames class



Isata



Mateo

Temilola



Elsie



Bella

# STAR OF THE WEEK

|                     |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Whale</b>        | Mohammed | Mohammed has really worked hard this week on his independent writing. He has begun to recognise that he is able to re-read his work back to check that it makes sense and improve his work using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. You should be so proud Mohammed      |
| <b>Octopus</b>      | Oyin     | Oyin has really impressed us during Maths Week. She has excelled in problem solving tasks. She worked systematically and efficiently, using her star words in order to explain the patterns she found.                                                                                |
| <b>Coral</b>        | Jayden   | Jayden has been working very hard in class this week. In English he worked independently and included finger spaces in his writing. He has displayed a wonderful attitude towards his learning. Keep it up!                                                                           |
| <b>Seal</b>         | Iman     | Iman has worked really hard on her presentation of her writing. All of her letters are now the same size and she is beginning to use joined up writing. She is also using a variety of punctuation independently. Well done Iman!                                                     |
| <b>Effra</b>        | Daniella | Daniella has worked really hard on her spellings and writing homework. She clearly researched the spelling words and wrote a whole factual paragraph using her science spelling words. It was great to her taking real pride in their learning at home.                               |
| <b>Brent</b>        | Jaida    | Jaida could have had Star of the Week for a number of reasons this week. From maths to reading she has worked hard and shone. But this week her attitude and care towards the class and her friends has stood out, being helpful and caring all week long.                            |
| <b>Walbrook</b>     | Daniela  | Daniela has been working hard at home and school. She has worked well with others to solve puzzles in maths and written an excellent report on how to classify animals in her homework.                                                                                               |
| <b>Ravensbourne</b> | Precious | Precious has been tackling her math learning in a new way that is manifesting itself in the form of great success. Her approach to this subject has shifted and I'm so proud of her maturity in understanding how her mind-set can change her belief in herself. Way to go, Precious! |
| <b>Wandle</b>       | Ibrahim  | For some stunning mental maths representations using bar models this week. You have made brilliant progress Ibrahim – well done!                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Lea</b>          | Muhammed | For being a fantastic role model and school council representative. He works extremely hard and can be relied on to behave sensibly. Well done Muhammed we are proud of you!                                                                                                          |
| <b>Thames</b>       | Kieran   | For excellent work with fractions in Mathematics this week. He is truly proficient in converting between mixed and improper fractions, simplifying and calculating with fractions. Well done!                                                                                         |

### Kindness Award:

Jahmal has nominated **Amelia T** for always bring kind to her peers and the staff. Well done Amelia!



## Fitness at RPS

Health, fitness and vitality plays an important part of our everyday lives and at RPS, we take our fitness very seriously. Our team of coaches work very hard with the children to ensure that they get the very best out of their PE sessions to improve their fitness level, agility and skill sets.

On Wednesday we captured some pictures of an indoor athletics lesson where we see the children using both skill and stamina to clear the obstacles and keep moving over a set time. We also see a good amount of teamwork in this exercise so well done to everyone. Click [here](#) to see more pictures.



## Year 2 Scientist investigate!

As part of their on-going science topic discussing miniature beasts and their natural habitats, Year 2 children ventured outside to lift a rock or two, delve into a shrub and dig a little dirt to see how many tiny animals they could find this week.

As it was a bit of a wet day, so the expected creatures were in abundance as they recorded multiple findings of woodlice, snails, slugs, earth worms and spiders. The children then went back to their classrooms to record their findings and write an account of the day. [Click here.](#)

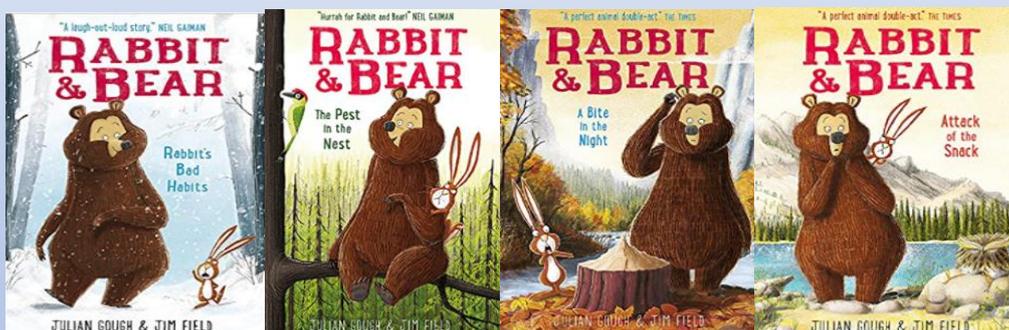


## Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Conor McTernan (Year 3 & 4)

One of my favourite books is **Rabbit and Bear** by **Julian Gough**.

It is a story about an unlikely friendship - Rabbit and Bear. It proves how despite our differences, we all want the same things. The story is hilarious and exciting, but also full of caring. It also has awesome illustrations drawn by Jim Field that bring the story to life. Even better, it is part of a series, so there even more tales to get stuck into!





| 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October | Half Term                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November                  | Champions creating a film to promote healthy living.                                                                                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                  | Armistice Day                                                                                                                                             |
| Week Beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> November   | Anti-bullying week starts                                                                                                                                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November                  | Year 6 online safety – Police workshop<br><br>Odd Sock Day                                                                                                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                  | Children in Need<br>Children Dress up in spots!                                                                                                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                   | International Day of People with Disabilities                                                                                                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December                   | EYFS Christmas performances                                                                                                                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December                   | Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance                                                                                                                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December                   | Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance                                                                                                                          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance                                                                                                                          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Christmas Jumper Day                                                                                                                                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Class Christmas parties                                                                                                                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                  | <b>Last Day</b><br><b>Early school closure</b><br>Reception at 1:45 pm<br>Year 1, 2 and 5 leave at 1:55 pm<br>Year 3, 4 and 6 at 2pm<br>Nursery at 2:05pm |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January                    | <b>Children return to school</b>                                                                                                                          |

Better late than never  
**But never late is better**

## Attendance

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

| Class              | Total        | Best attendance                                                                       |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Early Years</b> |              |                                                                                       |
| Jellyfish          | 93.3%        |                                                                                       |
| <b>Key Stage 1</b> |              |                                                                                       |
| Whale              | <b>96.7%</b> |    |
| Octopus            | 92.1%        |                                                                                       |
| Coral              | <b>95.7%</b> |                                                                                       |
| Seal               | 91.7%        |                                                                                       |
| <b>Key Stage 2</b> |              |                                                                                       |
| Effra              | <b>97.7%</b> |                                                                                       |
| Brent              | <b>97.7%</b> |                                                                                       |
| Walbrook           | <b>99.3%</b> |  |
| Ravensbourne       | <b>95.8%</b> |                                                                                       |
| Wandle             | <b>94.2%</b> |                                                                                       |
| Lea                | <b>97.3%</b> |                                                                                       |
| Thames             | <b>96.1%</b> |                                                                                       |

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.**

# Christmas Card Competition 2021

We'd **LOVE** you all to be involved!

CLOSING DATE  
Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 5pm



## PRIZES

**GOLD** Entry | Pantoland at the Palladium | Wednesday 22nd December 2021 at 2:30pm  
**SILVER** Entry | Disney on Ice Find Your Hero at the O2 | Thursday 23rd December 2021 at 10:30am  
**BRONZE** Entry | Sleeping Beauty at Churchill Theatre Bromley | Wednesday 29th December 2021 at 1pm

Please send your entries to [competition@o-j.co.uk](mailto:competition@o-j.co.uk). There will also be entry boxes available at the school so you can submit your designs in them if that is more convenient for you.

OLIVER **OJ** JAQUES



## Fundraising Raffle

### £1 for 5 tickets

Pizza voucher for The Pizza Room  
(5 prizes available)

Digital Camera

Book Bundle - Kids 4 to 7

Book Bundle - Kids 7 to 11

Festive Food Selection

Coffee voucher for The Pizza Room  
(5 prizes available)



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## Family Food Experience Study

### Help us understand children's eating habits

NatCen Social Research is inviting you to express an interest in taking part in the Family Food Experience study that we are conducting on behalf of City, University of London.

### What are we looking for?

We are looking for families with primary school aged children (aged 4-11 years old) to take part in this study to help us understand how and what children are eating. We would like one adult in your household to complete an interview.

### Do I get anything for taking part?

As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £30 Love2Shop voucher which can be spent at many online and high street shops. At the end of the study we will also give you some top tips about children's eating.

### What happens if I am selected to take part?

If you register your interest and are selected to take part, you will receive a letter in the post in the next few months. An interviewer from NatCen Social Research will then contact you to arrange a convenient time for you to complete the interview. You can choose whether they visit you at home or call you to complete the interview over the phone. This visit or call will last about 60 minutes during which the interviewer will ask you some questions about your family life, your child's eating habits and their food likes and dislikes.

We are working in line with the Government guidance to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission and ensure that we keep you and our interviewers safe.

### Why should I take part?

By taking part, you will help us understand how and what children are eating and provide important information to help create a healthier nation. This information will be used by the Government and local authorities to improve the health of children.

### What if English is not my first or preferred language?

We really want to hear from you even if English is not your first or preferred language. If you would like to take part, but need some help with the interview, a friend or family member can translate the interview for you whilst the interviewer is there.

### Who is carrying out the survey?

City, University of London has asked NatCen Social Research to carry out the survey, with funding from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research agency. To find out more you can visit [natcen.ac.uk](http://natcen.ac.uk).



### How can I register?

To register your interest in this study please visit [survey.natcen.ac.uk/FFEE21](http://survey.natcen.ac.uk/FFEE21)

by 31st December 2021. If you prefer, you can also call on Freephone 0800 652 4568.

### When you register, we ask that you please provide:

- the name of the school your child(ren) attends
- your name
- your address, telephone number, email address
- the sex, age and ethnicity of the primary school aged children in your household.

For more information please visit [www.natcen.ac.uk/familyfood](http://www.natcen.ac.uk/familyfood). We hope you are willing to take part in this vital research and thank you for your time.

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## Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day so put the date in your diary.

Why not start making and decorating your own Christmas Jumper with your children.



**ROTHERHITHE**  
**Anti-Bullying**  
**POSTER**  
**COMPETITION**  
**12TH-18TH NOVEMBER**

Anti-Bullying Week 2021  
One Kind Word

The Anti-Bullying Poster Competition will be judged in 4 categories:  
EYFS/ Years 1 & 2 / Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6

**Closing Date :**  
Thursday 18th November 2021 Could you please give your entries to your class teacher.

**ENTRIES MUST:**

- ✓ Stand out with lots of colour.
- ✓ Clearly list the pupils name and year group. Use A4 paper.
- ✓ Include good grammar and punctuation.
- ✓ Include pictures and Art.

**YOU CAN WIN PRIZES**

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. All entries must reflect the 'one kind word' theme and manifesto. We welcome positive messages as well as work which reflects the challenges of bullying experiences and shared efforts to reduce bullying.

**Judging and Winners**  
Your entries will be judged by Kealan, Alex and Lisa. The winners will be announced in our newsletter and website on Friday and winning entries will win a certificate and a prize.

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**  
[ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY](#)

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**BBC CHILDREN IN NEED DAY is on Friday, 19th November**

we are raising funds for BBC Children in Need. We are requesting that children come to school in dressed up in spots and make a donation of £1 to support this worthwhile cause.

Children and their families can join in by creating outfits for the day by using items you already have at home. This not only reduces the expense for families but supports a more sustainable future for our children.

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

We can't wait to being seeing spots!



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

on **MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**Odd Socks Day**

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

The week starting the 15<sup>th</sup> November is **anti-bullying week** and it is starting with **Odd Socks Day**. This is not a fund raising event, it is an awareness raising day to encourage us all to appreciate our similarities and differences because these are what make us unique.

