

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful break, got to spend time with your families and have kept to your New Year resolutions!

The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm. **Year 1** children are already engaged with their new topic '**Toys**'. They had a lot of fun setting up a toy museum and exploring a range of toys. They invited staff from around the school to visit. They also got a bit messy with paints today (hand printing). The children are learning about the primary colours: red, yellow and blue and what happens when you mix them together. They had a lot of fun!

**Year 2** have started their new history topic on the **Great Fire of London**. Did you know, that the fire was started in a bakers shop in Pudding Lane that belonged to Thomas Farynor? It started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666. They have been role playing the events this week to immerse them into their topic. They are also exploring materials and their properties.

**Year 3 & 4** have started a new English topic around the book the **Voices** by Anthony Brown. They love it so far! They have started looking at diary writing this week. In Science they are learning about the human body. Today they compared the teeth of different types of animals.

**Year 5** are finishing off their topic on the

**Victorians.** They have been finessing their descriptive narrative skills using the Little Match Girl as a stimulus. They were very focused today and completed fantastic work on equivalent fractions.

**Year 6** are also honing their narrative description skills and have produced fantastic writing based on the story the Sleeper and The Spindle. The new history topic for year 6 is the **2<sup>nd</sup> World War**. The children are already so interested they have started researching information at home!

**New Build:** It is now only 6 more weeks until we move into our new school. Let the countdown begin!

**After School Clubs:** Children will have started bringing home letters regarding After School Clubs. Children who were not allocated an after school sports club last term will be prioritized this term. Children will receive a letter to confirm if they have been allocated a place. Clubs will run up till the Easter holidays but will not run on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Most clubs will start next week.

**Music clubs** will resume next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Lisa (Head of School)

# Star Work

Year 2's Tudor buildings are amazing!



Today Whale class used toys and photos and pictures to set up their own Toy Museum. They sorted the toys into different sections and added information about the toys they displayed. They have also been busy sorting materials into the following categories: plastic, metal or wood.



# STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Whale</b>	Madison	Madison has had a wonderful start to the Spring term. She has improved her focus and concentration during class activities. She has tried hard with her independent writing and has been extremely helpful this week. Well Done, Madison
<b>Octopus</b>	Nathan	Nathan has really impressed us with his phonics this week. Not only has he worked really hard with his own reading, he is also very supportive and encouraging to his phonics partner. Keep it up!
<b>Coral</b>	Jena	Jena has had a wonderful start to the term and returned with a can-do attitude. She also made a lovely model of a house that would have existed during the Great fire of London. Keep it up!
<b>Seal</b>	Rawda	Rawda has had a brilliant start to the term. She has come back very focused and is eager to learn. She has been answering lots of questions on the carpet and is more confident talking to her friends in class. She also made a fantastic model of a house that would have existed in 1666. Well done Rawda!
<b>Effra</b>	Fabian	Fabian has returned to school this term more focused. He shows that when he works hard, he is able to do some great work. Keep on having a positive can do attitude to learning Fabian!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Nikolas	Niko has made a great start to the term. He has been working really hard at his table and has shown improved listening in the classroom. We are all proud of him. Keep it up!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Glami	I've been impressed with Glami's consistent efforts to improve his penmanship whenever we have a writing assignment. I'm happy that he sees the value in upgrading this 'behind the scenes' skill. Nice job!
<b>Wandle</b>	Yazan	For amazing work on fractions in maths – he's shown a real understanding of equivalent fractions and their visual representations. I'm blown away!
<b>Lea</b>	Zainab	Zainab has made a great start to the term and has been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Star pupil!
<b>Thames</b>	Ethan and Bella	For constructing such wonderfully realistic World War 2 Anderson shelters as part of their half-term project. Brilliant work!





<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children return to school.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Healthy Zones workshops
<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 5 – Idling in Action workshops
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Poetry week Mental Health Awareness Week
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Internet Safety Day
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children break up for half term normal time
	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Orienteering Day/ Home learning/Timed tours of the school
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Orienteering Day/ Home learning/Timed tours of the school
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>All children back to school in the new building!</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	LA Science Review visit  Parents Evening
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day – Costumes to the ready!  Parents Evening
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent meetings for children with SEND
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Athlete school visit-special Assembly
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School photographer in
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Poetry Week
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Break up for Easter holidays

# Star Writing

Elisa – Wandle Class

The cold, icy cobbled road was adorned with soft feathery snow. So dark it was that not even the street lights were able to dispel the gloom. Evening -it was the last evening of the year. Snap! The occasional sound of a whip echoed through the tunnel as the clattering and clashing of the carriages, that rode dreadfully fast, resounded in the cold alleyway. Along the pavement scuttled a small, delicate girl. Although she scuttled like an urchin, she seemed as graceful as a swan. She wore little clothing on that cold December night, too little for even an urchin as destitute as she was. She shivered as soft flakes of snow brushed her cheek. She was bareheaded with naked feet. The wind whistled through that cold hard street.....

Amazing – I can't wait to read the rest. Well done Elisa!

## COVID update

Please read the updates to the school's COVID risk assessment on our website by clicking this [link](#).

We recommend all parents and children complete regular **lateral flow tests** at this time. If your child tests positive for COVID using a lateral flow test they must follow the stay at home guidance. They will not be required to get a PCR test to confirm this result. However, if your child develops symptoms of COVID the advice is still to book a PCR test.