

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely seeing the children again after the half term break.

## Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Review

We are very proud of how inclusive we are as a school. We hold Flagship status for inclusion and on Thursday we had our IQM Review. Fiona, our reviewer, really enjoyed her day, first venturing off with the early year's children to Forest School. Throughout the day she met with a number of members of staff and had a tour of the school to see some of our fantastic practice. She met with a parent to discuss the impact of the Resilient families workshop that we ran last year and also spoke to two of our wonderful children about their yoga experiences. We were very impressed by how eloquent the children were and they rightfully deserve the Head Teacher's award that you will see on the pages below.

## Diversity Role Models

As part of our relationship education, we were very lucky to have Diversity workshops on Tuesday and Thursday. These workshops are fully funded by the **Department for Education** with the aim of teaching children to embrace difference and end bullying. The children considered different types of families and learned about the experiences of diverse role models. This included considering those with disabilities, from different cultures and different genders. They learned about the impact bullying can have on people's lives. The children were very thoughtful in their discussions and really impressed us with their skills of empathy. We were asked by some parents if children could be withdrawn from the workshops. All workshops were of course age appropriate. Relationship education is a compulsory part of the national curriculum.

## Attendance Matters Double Winners:

A group of children from RPS were rewarded for their fantastic attendance all term with a trip to the Hollywood Bowling alley on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Not only did they have a fantastic time at the bowling alley, they were also entered into a special bowling competition organised by the PESSN. They were pitted against other schools in the borough and our amazing children won the competition and brought some silver home with them! You can see our double winners below posing with their fantastic bowling trophy.



We are busy organizing more amazing events for our children who have 100% attendance in a half term block. Who will be selected next?

**Strike Action:** On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March some of our teachers will be taking strike action. At present we will be fully open. If there are any changes to this, we will keep you informed.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Lisa (HoS)

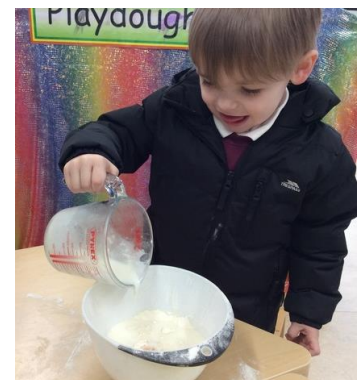
# Nursery - Pancake Day Fun!

On Tuesday 21st February our nursery master chefs took to the pantry to gather all of the ingredients needed to make some delicious pancakes for Pancake Day!

As you can see in the pictures below, the children quickly took to whisking, beating, cracking eggs, weighing flour and milk and finally enjoying the delicious pancake treats that they had all made together.

To see more pictures of the children making pancakes click the following link:

<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/pancake-day-fun/>





# Nursery Fire Team to the Rescue!



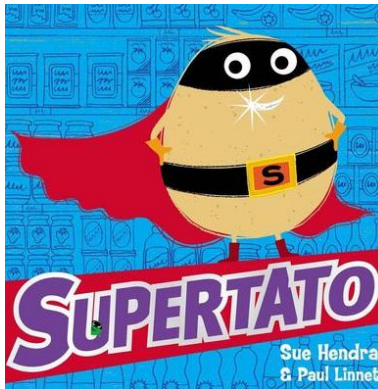
**Nursery Fire Station:** Today our nursery area was converted into a working Fire Station. The children split into teams where some were taking emergency calls, some were driving the fire truck and manning the pumps and the ladders, and some were the rescue team, making sure that the public remained safe at all times. They even found time to create a Fire Team Drill Course.

One of the many 999 calls that they received was a call about a cat stuck in a tree! Our fire team quickly set off to rescue the stranded cat. Click the link to see more pictures of our amazing fire team at work: <https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/eyfs-fire-station/>





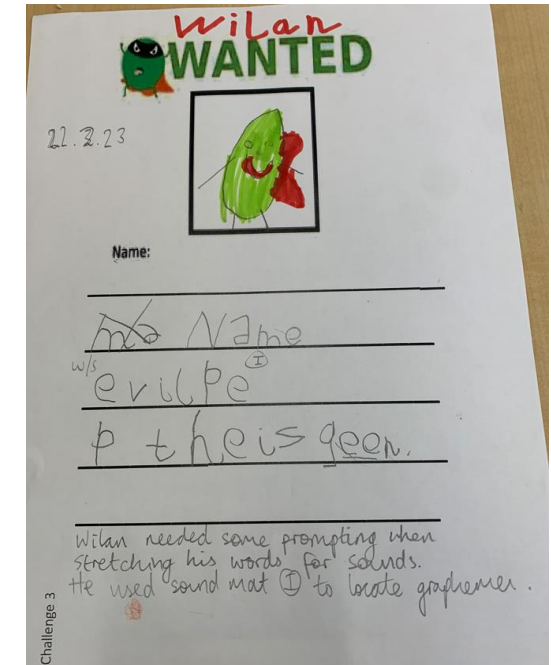
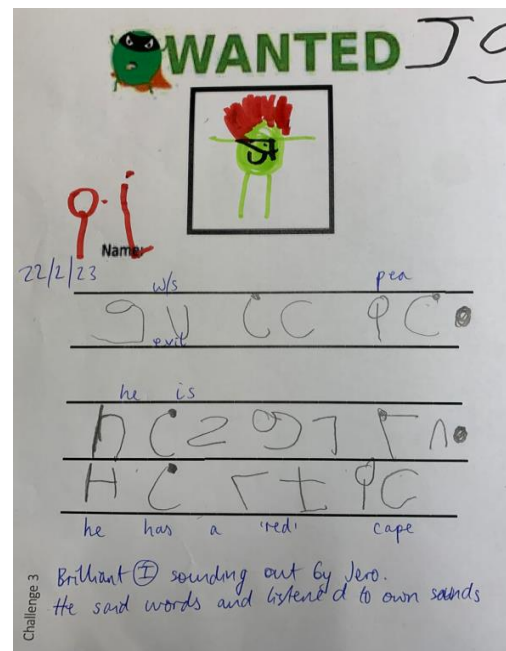
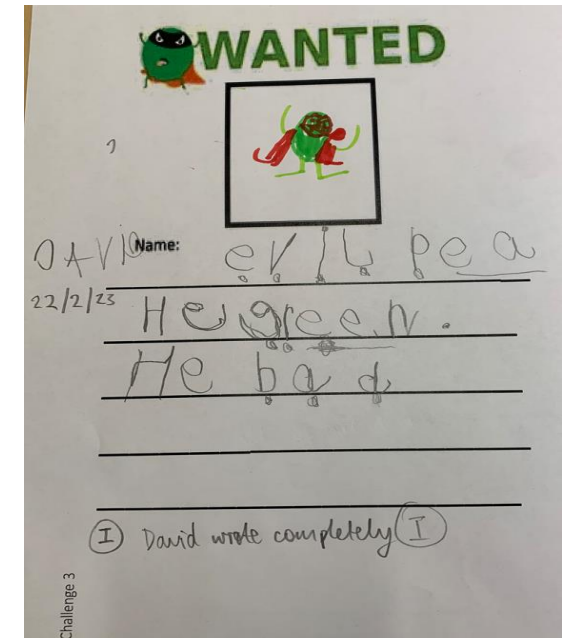
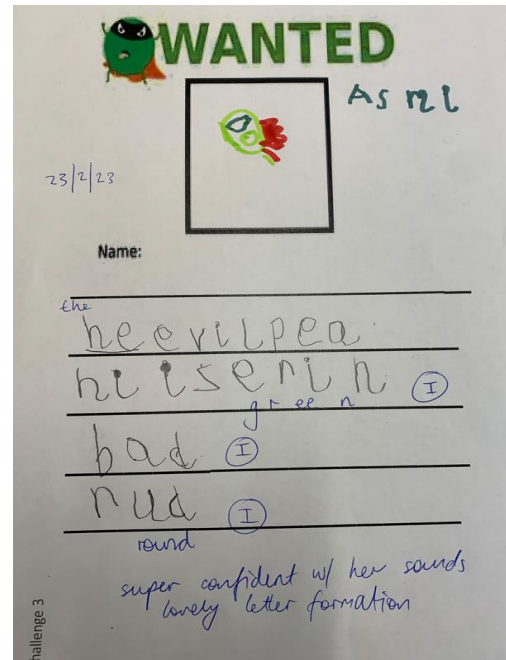
# Reception Star Writing



This week Reception children started a new topic based on the fantastic book Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. This book covers so many educational themes and is always a real hit with the children. To develop their language children are encouraged to retell and act out parts of the story. The antagonist in the story is a character called 'Evil Pea' who gets up to a lot of mischief and has even ransacked our reception classes!

The children have written some wanted posters to catch the dastardly pea. Who will come to the children's rescue?

Parents can reinforce this learning at home with children using the following resource:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/supertato>





<b>Whale</b>	Sienna	This week, Sienna has made fantastic progress in her reading, especially in our guided reading sessions. Sienna has also become more Independent– learning about different fairy tales. Well Done Sienna
<b>Coral</b>	Faith	Faith is our star this week for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Faith has shown great progress in writing and produced a wonderful fact file about bats. Keep it up!
<b>Seal</b>	Seal	Lina is star of the week for showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning. In maths she has been excellent in solving money word problems.
<b>Effra</b>	Zakhar	Zakahar has worked hard this week on multiplication. He has been able to apply his understanding of multiples to solve reasoning questions. Zakhar is making sure that he is going on Times Table Rockstar so that he is always practicing his multiplication skills. Star!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Marcelina	Marcelina has shown a more positive attitude towards her learning and behaviour. She has followed all instructions given to her by adults and has tried really hard in all her subject this week. Well done!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Scarlett	Scarlett has grown in terms of her participation in class discussions and finding her voice. She is answering questions more often and taking risks that are such a large part of growing and progressing. Keep going, Scarlett.
<b>Wandle</b>	Joshua	Joshua has settled so well into Wandle Class. He is kind, hardworking and has a great sense of humour – he fits right in. We're lucky to have you, Joshua.
<b>Fleet</b>	Lucy	Lucy is our 'Star of the Week' for always working hard and involving herself in whole class and group discussions. Lucy has been a superstar in Maths this week and has displayed excellent problem-solving strategies.
<b>Lea</b>	Lilly S	Lilly is new to Lea class and has had a very positive week. She has settled very well into Year 6. Welcome to Lea Class Lilly we are happy to welcome you to Rotherhithe Primary School
<b>Thames</b>	Drake	For accurate calculations using the four operations and applying this to reasoning questions. Well done!



### Head Teacher's Award

To Alex and Jace who spoke to the IQM reviewer on Thursday. They were both amazing at articulating their experiences of doing yoga and how this has benefitted them. They were so eloquent and represented the school beautifully.



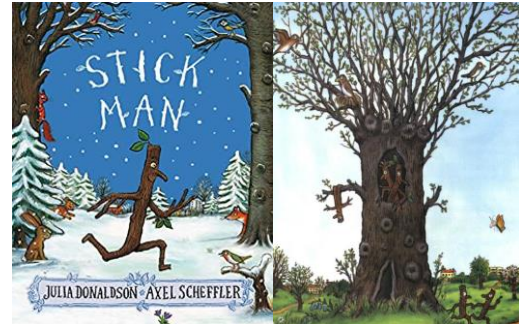
# Dates for your Diary

<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Diversity Role Models workshops
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 2 mock SATs week
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Parent's Evening
<b><del>2<sup>nd</sup> March</del> Now 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Week starting 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 6 Mock SATs International Women's Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Kindness Workshops
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Debate Mate competition – after school Year 2 SATs parent workshop
<b>Week starting 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	British Science Week Scholastic Book Fair
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Dress up as you favourite Scientist or science inspired costume
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Year 6 SATs parent workshop
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 phonics workshops
<b>Week starting 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Poetry Week
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade Achievement Awards  Early school closure at 2pm

## Teacher Book Recommendations

**Teacher:** Conor McTernan

**Favourite Book:** Stickman by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



I have chosen this book because it tells a wonderful story of resilience and adventure. Stickman has to find his way back to his wife and children. He has to brave hard conditions. The story explores different seasons of the year and the importance of family and how that drives the main character. The children love this book.

Why not explore other books by this author.



“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

**Coral class** 97.1%

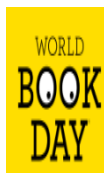
**Wandle Class** 97.1%



Well done and keep it up!

**Please do not book holidays during term time!**





# World Book Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March



## Dress up time!

As always, it is time for children (and adults!) to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Please note we are holding our World Book Day on **Friday** this year. We will hold a special assembly on the day and there will be a prize for the best dressed child in each class. Please encourage your child to talk about why they have chosen to dress up as that book character.

## World Book Day fun

The children will be getting stuck into a variety of book related activities. They will participate in an online workshop and listen to authors talking about how they created their stories, but most importantly they will be having lots of reading fun.

This year each class will be creating a class book that will be sent off to be bound. Parents will have the opportunity to buy a copy of the book or receive a digital version of it. All children will receive a book voucher.

## Masked Reader

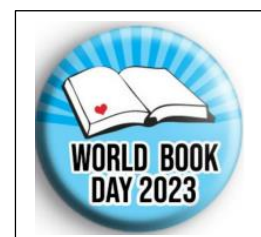
Look out for the first glimpse of the contestants of 'The Masked Reader' on our website. Can you guess the member of staff behind the mask?



Not only is it a fun way to bond with your children, but sharing books increases children's vocabulary and language skills too. Children who read regularly for pleasure also achieve to a higher standard academically. So why not take your children for a trip to Canada Water library and get reading!

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



There are a range of resources that families can access on the World Book Day website. This includes pre-recorded author workshops and also a range of audio books for younger readers. All resources are free to access at: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

# What to **READ** if your child likes ...

We've worked with our friends at Wonderland Bookshop [wonderlandbookshop.co.uk](http://wonderlandbookshop.co.uk) an independent specialist children's bookshop, have helped us come up with some easy read titles for children who love...

## Scary stories Ghost and horror stories for beginner to fluent readers.



HARPER COLLINS  
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## Cartoons A selection of comic books and graphic novels for beginner to fluent readers.



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## Mysteries Mystery and mayhem for beginner to fluent readers.



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CHILDREN'S BOOKS



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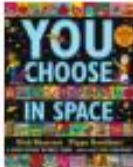
## Gaming Fun books for emerging to fluent readers who love games, gaming and STEM!



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## Football A selection of fiction and non-fiction football reads for beginner to fluent readers.



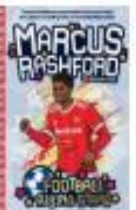
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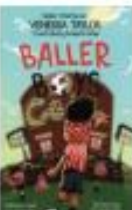
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## RPS author gift

Hugasaurus is the huggiest dinosaur who ever lived, hugging everything and everyone. Well, at least he would hug everyone .... but it's quite tricky when you're a terrifying T. Rex!

It was a real pleasure receiving a free copy of this book signed by one of authors. Teachers are reading this book to their classes and the children love it!

Why not consider buying the book with your book vouchers?

**MEET THE STEAM CLUBS**

# STEAM 2023

**Transition Open Evening**  
**Thursday 9th March 5 – 7 pm**

**HANDS-ON SCIENCE AND ARTS ACTIVITIES**

Art work by  
Victoria Year 8

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