

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



**Friday 24th November 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At RPS we love reading. Learning to read is an essential life skill but reading for pleasure is a passion for life. Books bring the outside world into children's homes and the classroom, increasing both knowledge and understanding as well as expanding children's vocabularies.

*'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life outside of education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – It's that simple'. Bali Rai.*



This week, children were introduced to a new school project - Author in the Spotlight! Each class will be assigned an author for each term and will be given a box of their books to read as a class and individually. Children will also carry out research about their author to understand what inspires them and how they approach the writing process. Over the year, children will experience a range of much-loved authors, styles and genres! We can't wait to get started.

It was lovely to hear about the children's favourite authors in the launch assembly. We hope they share these with you at home! Here are some of authors that the

children were introduced to.



We also had 2 visitors from Canada Water library, who celebrated the achievements of children who took part in the summer reading challenge. Do remember to make use of the fantastic selection of books they have there. Signing up is free and easy! After this special assembly the children are raring to go!

**The Children's Book Project:** We have been chosen to take part in the Children's Book Project that has been featured on the One Show. We will receive 3 book packages across the year. These contain pre-loved books - enough for each child in the school to select 2 books to take home and share. To launch this project, we are inviting parents to join their children for a 'reading café' in the foyer. Please do come. See poster below for more details.

**Christmas Lunch:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our **Christmas Jumper Day** and having a seasonal festive feast. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school dinner on the 8<sup>th</sup> please book this at the school office next week. See poster below.

Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

# Reception Reading Cafe!



On Fridays it is a wonderful to see parents joining their children in class to share books. Reading books to children enables them to become immersed in the story and develop their imagination in a fun, comfortable way. Young children love hearing stories over and over again. This supports both their language and reading development. For more tips on how to make reading with children fun click on this link and watch the following film clip: [10 things: Reading to your child.](#)



### Flagship status for Inclusion:

We are very proud at RPS to hold Flagship status for Inclusion and on Tuesday we hosted 15 SENDCOs from around the country. They visited to look at our SEND provision and discuss a range of strategies to help develop children's spoken language, manage their emotions and develop self-regulation.

One of the activities we use in Reception that enables children to achieve an optimal level of alertness is sensory circuits. This consists of 3 steps of physical activities: Alerting Activities, Organising Activities and Calming Activities. A sequence of activities that helps children to process sensory information.

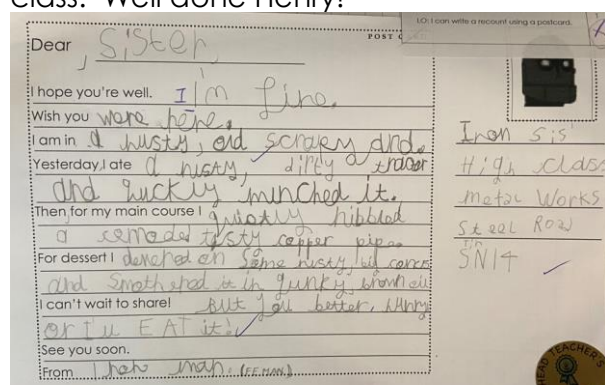
Coach James delivers these activities daily and the children love it! The SENDCOs were very impressed and wished they had their own coach James!

## Sensory circuits



## Star work

It was a pleasure reading this fantastic creative postcard based on the story of the Iron Man written by Henry in Tyne class. Well done Henry!



4-year-old Rowan in Reception class loves reading and rainbows so much, that he just had to draw a picture of one of his favourite books 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers. His favourite bit is when all the colours combine to make a rainbow crayon.





By: Jasmine Stanton, Cristina Olmedo-Bogicevicovca, Jaida hallowell & Sabreen Hamsa Ali

#### In this Issue:

- Science
- Technology
- Mathematics
- Art and Design

#### Science

In Yr2 Johns' class this week the children designed posters to make people aware of the issues that rainforests face. They also informed people how they can help to protect



#### Computing

In Yr1 Kealans class this week the children went onto the laptops to create shapes and then they copied them in their books. As a challenge they made their own shapes using different painting tools.



#### Crest Club (science club)

In crest club this week they did a glue, test there was test A and test B. Sadly, test B was a fail but on test A it was a success!

#### Art and Design

In art and dt this week Anthony class they designed there own steady hand game own the person the desire the most



HI. I'M HAL

I am raising money so that everyone in my year can go on a residential trip. To do this I'm going to walk around Southwark Park 150 times!

I want everyone in Year 6 to go on the residential trip together and share these exciting experiences. I'm worried that with the cost of living this will not be possible as the trip is expensive.



#### Fun facts

I've already done over 80 laps!

Sometimes I cycle - then I do two laps and count it as one as it's easier!

At the end I will have done over 233 miles which is the same as 9 marathons!



Go Fund Me search:  
Hal Phillips  
<https://goFund.me/ce6527be>

please sponsor me!

Currently sponsors have pledged an amazing £1,510. Well done Hal. Keep walking and please do sponsor Hal.

#### RPS and TGI Fitness at home with Coach James and Coach Theo



This week Coach James introduces Coach Theo who shows us two great exercises that will help improve your speed, agility and quickness yet can be done indoors with a few simple props.

We do hope that you are enjoying our weekly fitness videos. If you would like to see something specific such as easy circuits for beginners, please let us know and we will do our best to get those out before Christmas.

Time to get active! Open the following link: <https://bitly.ws/33fit>

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-bullying week
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Odd Socks Day
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School photographer
	Phonics Workshop for Reception parents after school
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Times Table Rock Star Avator
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Thames Class school trip Apple Workshop
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Flu vaccinations
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	NEST Impact of Education Review
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
<b>Week starting 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas performance rehearsals
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
<b>Week starting 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year group Christmas performances
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Judo finishes for the term
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Achievement Awards
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Class parties
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 multisport club finishes
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Break up for the Christmas holidays. Finish at the normal time.

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

**Avon Class** 97.2%

**Whale Class** 96.3%



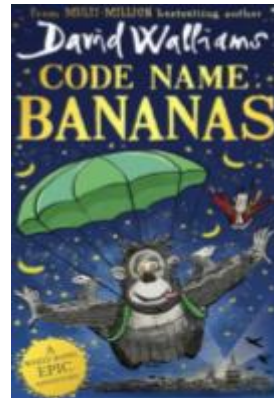
Well done and keep it up!

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

## Pupil Book Recommendations

**Child:** Lucy Brent Class

**Favourite Book:** Code Name Bananas  
**Author:** David Walliams



CODE NAME BANANAS is a book by David Walliams about a boy called Eric and his adventurous ape, Gertrude. The book's timeline is set during WW2. Eric also has a great uncle called Sid, who used to be in the war, but he lost his leg. Now, Uncle Sid is a zookeeper in the London Zoo. Eric's parents also died in a bombing raid. They are trying to save Gertrude the gorilla from a poison shot. I highly recommend this book for children who are still learning their reading confidence but love adventure and back in time genres. As always, David Walliams never ceases to amaze me. I give this book a strong four and half stars! The only reason why it's not five stars is because there are too many moments that give you a heart attack. On that note, enjoy, bookworms! Why not try other books from written by this author too,



“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss



<b>Whale</b>	Alfie	Alfie has had a fantastic week in Whale Class. He has produced fantastic pieces of work and has tried his best to use Fred talk, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in his writing. Alfie has also shown fantastic behaviour for learning.
<b>Octopus</b>	Makavi	For being a model student who is always ready to learn. Makavi always gives 100% in every lesson.
<b>Seal</b>	Sienna	Sienna has shown a resilient attitude towards her writing. She's worked hard at staying focussed on her table and has produced a wonderful re-telling of the story 'Lost and Found'
<b>Avon</b>	Amelia	Amelia always goes the extra mile when producing work for her homework. She uses intricate details and demonstrates her creative ability. Keep up the good work!
<b>Eden</b>	Abdillahi	Abdillahi is Star of the Week because he has shown, without any adult prompting, how to be a caring and thoughtful class citizen. One day, a student in our class was upset and Abdillahi made it his mission to find me and tell me. I don't know how he knew she was upset, but he wanted to help. There are some things that are not strictly on the curriculum, but sharing the world with someone like Abdillahi makes it a good place to be.
<b>Tyne</b>	Mohammed	Mohammed has listened well in maths and is now able to use column method for calculation. Keep working hard, using taught techniques. When you keep practicing you can achieve!!
<b>Brent</b>	Rayann	Rayann has been an absolute superstar this week. She has worked hard, faced challenges with the right attitude and made us all laugh with her comedic writing. She has also shown improved confidence with her singing and dancing in music lessons. Well done!
<b>Lea</b>	Hal	For showing great resilience and perseverance during assessment week. He completed all tests to the best of his ability with a cheery attitude. Well done, Hal!
<b>Thames</b>	Nikola	For displaying a mature attitude to learning and always being attentive and prepared in all areas of the curriculum. She has also participated pertinently to class discussions, particularly in reading and science.



To the Digital Leaders for their fantastic teaching of children in reception. The children are loving their learning using Numbots. Thank you for services to the school.

# Children's Book Project

This year, we are fortunate to have been chosen to take part in the Children's Book Project. Over the course of the year, every child in the school will choose and take home six pre-loved books. For our first event, we're inviting parents to come in for a Reading Café to select the first two books with your child.

**This event will be held in the foyer.**

## Reading Café Timetable

Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
9.00am – 9.20am	Jellyfish (R)	Whale (Y1)	Seal (Y2)
3.10pm – 3.30pm	Penguin (R)	Octopus (Y1)	Eden (Y3/4)

Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
9.00am – 9.20am	Tyne (Y3/4)	Thames (Y5/6)	Lea (Y5/6)
3.10pm – 3.30pm	Avon (Y3/4)	Brent (Y5/6)	Turtle (N) In class



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



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# Bede Centre CHRISTMAS FAIR!!!

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023

11 am - 2.30pm at the Bede Centre  
Abbeyfield Road SE16 2BS  
tel: 020 7237 8930 Free Entry, all welcome!!

games



toys

prizes



wreath making

cake

bric-a-brac

raffle



food

gifts



cards



crafts

Registered Charity  
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Hounslow and Richmond  
Community Healthcare  
NHS Trust



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Southwark  
2023 presents.

School aged children Flu vaccinations from Reception to Year 11

Date & Time	Venue: Full Address
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm	Surrey Square Pri School (only) Surrey Square, London SE17 2JY
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Family Hub 12 Chumleigh Street Burgess Park London SE5 0RN
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Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT

- No appointment is necessary, just turn up and wait.
- Consent on the day or via the QR code below before you arrive.



OR

Use the link provided to access the electronic consent form

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark>

or call office on 0208 614 5495/5496 If you want more information in different languages visit:  
[Share good times not flu | Flu leaflet in 13 languages.](#)

The poster has a dark green background with a border of Christmas decorations. At the top, there are pine branches, gold and red striped baubles, a gold bauble with a snowflake pattern, and gold stars. On the sides, there are blue and green baubles with snowflake patterns. At the bottom, there are more pine branches, red and gold baubles, candy canes, and a string of warm white lights. The text is centered and reads:

# Festive Menu

Friday 8 December 2023

Roast Turkey

Or

Roast Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Stuffing

Carrots & Peas

Festive Biscuit & Ice Cream

Fruit Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Slices

Seasonal Fruit Bowl

5 Choice Salad Bar, Cool Water, Milk & Freshly Baked Bread also available

We offer medical diet & allergen support,  
please speak to your school office in the first instance