

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1st December 2023

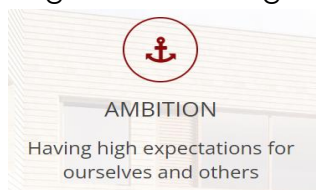
Dear Parents and Carers,

The temperature really dropped this week and we had the first flurry of snow on the playground today. In the cold weather, please make sure children are wrapped up warm with coats, gloves, hats and scarves.

If any families are struggling to heat their homes this winter, please follow the following link as Southwark will provide advice and support for families.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support/energy-support>

Ambition: In assembly this week we considered the meaning of one of our school values – ambition. We discussed setting goals and having the determination to succeed, even if tasks seem difficult at first. We discussed taking risks and being brave.



Aaliyah who teaches 'Singing Club' talked about her ambitions to succeed with writing and producing music and her singing club performed a fantastic song for the school. We also considered famous people, who were both ambitious and have made a difference to others. We talked about Marcus Rashford who campaigns for families to have enough to eat and helped secure FSM vouchers being issued for families during COVID.

Free school meal VOUCHERS

Free School Meal Vouchers: Sharon will be organising FSM vouchers for those families who qualify for them, but she needs your **correct**

email address. If you have changed your email address or have not already given her these details, please do so by **Tuesday 5th December** or you will not receive the vouchers in time for the holidays.

Art Ambassadors: Our Art Ambassadors take their duties very seriously and ensure that art teaching and learning is of a high quality. They met and discussed some of the splendid work that they have seen across the school considering the techniques and different materials that children have used. You can watch two of them talking about art by opening the following link [Click here](#).

School Council: At their recent school council meeting, the school council received word from Conor (PE lead) advising that they have **£100** to spend on items for the playground. Following this news the school councillors presented to their classes and held a hands up survey to help decide which sports equipment children would like to buy.

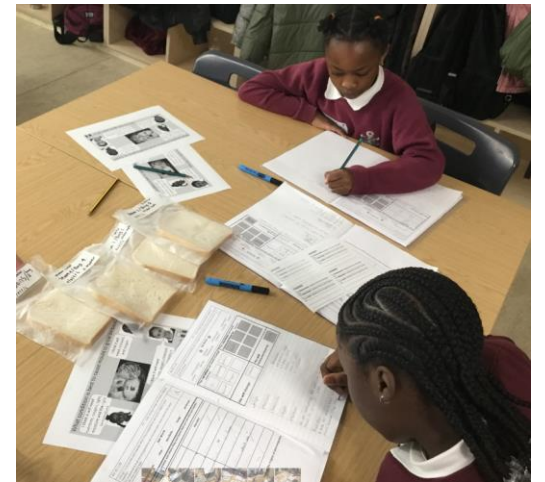
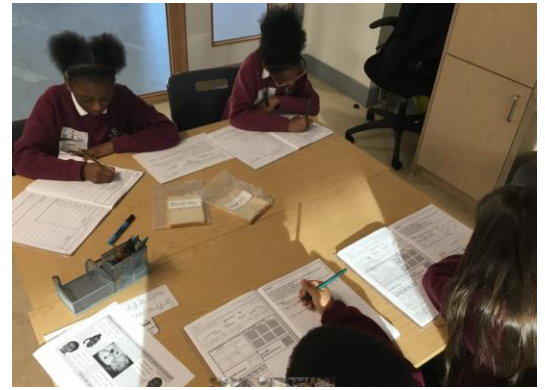
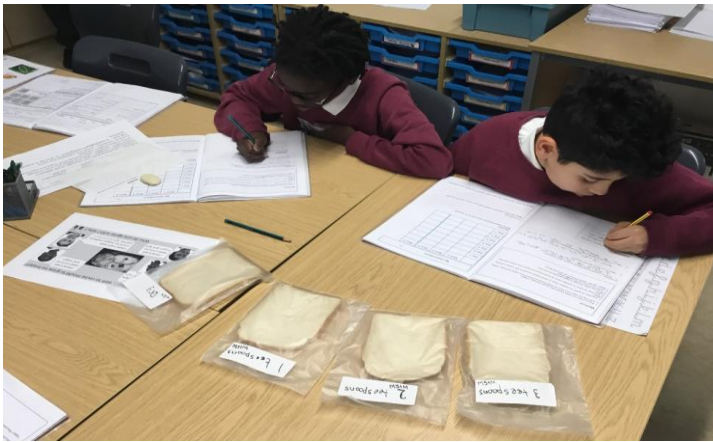
We have a new **NEST Parent, Carers and Visitors Code of Conduct**. You can access it via the following [link](#).

NEST Education Review: On Tuesday we had three leaders from the NEST education team visit the school. Following deep dives in reading, science and computing they were clearly very impressed with the standard of teaching and learning. They have also asked Anthony (computing lead) to be involved in supporting other teachers within the academy trust. Well done to our fantastic teaching team and to the wonderful children that they teach.

The Christmas tree is now up! Have fun this weekend! Lisa (HoS)

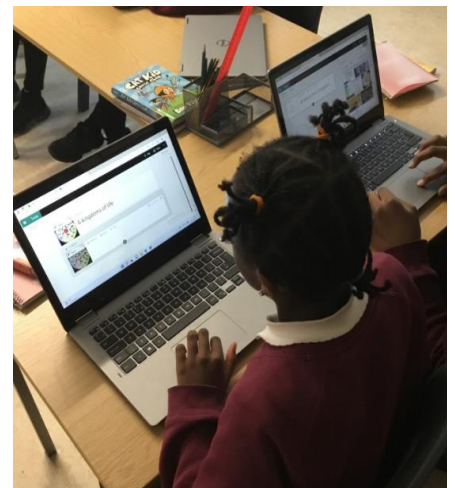
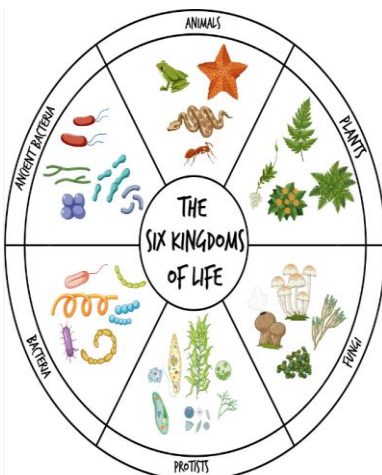
We love learning!

Year 5/6 enjoyed setting up a comparative test to determine the best condition under which mould would grow. They worked collaboratively to identify the variables and then selected which variable would be the independent, dependent and control in their investigation. They are eager to observe and measure the outcome over the coming days!



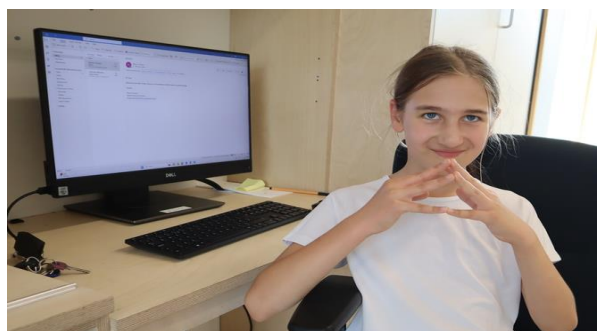
In Computing this week, Year 5/6 considered copyright. They discussed whether it is fair or not to use other people's intellectual work without acknowledging them or receiving permission to do so.

The children then went on to add content to a web page and use their planning from previous lessons to create a home page in Microsoft Sway. They linked this to their science learning of the '6 Kingdoms of Life'.



Digital Leaders

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Our Digital Leaders are a fantastic group of pupils from Year 6 who have been selected because of their skill using ICT software. They are responsible for leading online safety developments throughout school. The Digital Leaders are here to help children learn how to stay safe online and on electronic devices. The team meet every three weeks to plan assemblies, review policies and prepare resources to share with classes based upon their needs.

They also teach younger children how to use apps on iPads such as Numbots. The younger Reception children love them coming to visit.

The digital leaders are keen to ensure that children are protected and informed when online and have created a short podcast to explain the age restrictions on social media platforms. They also provide information about age-appropriate games. You can access their podcast on the website using the following link: [Click here.](#)



RPS Book Club

Our children love reading so much they have persuaded Nina (our English Lead) to hold a book club for them. They are currently reading "The London Eye Mystery" by Siobhan Dowd. This exciting title is about Ted who has an older, rebellious sister called Kat. Ted and his older sister Kat arrange to take Salim, their cousin on the London Eye but although they watch him go up in a pod, he never comes down again. Salim is missing! Ted's analytical mind becomes an asset as he and Kat piece together the information surrounding their cousin's disappearance and begin to unravel the mystery. Here are a few quotes from our club members about the current title that they are reading.

"This book's been amazing to read and we can't wait to read more!" – Maqdis

"The book is interesting. It helps me to use my imagination and helps to expand my vocabulary."
– Naima





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Science

On Wednesday, Penguin class took a trip to the Creekside Discovery centre in Deptford. We went to learn more about habitats and how they are different for different living things. The children explored habitats on land and in water. They used nets to learn about pond life as well as going on a colour hunt, leaf hunt and a bug hunt - finding spiders, flies, small snails and a ladybird! The children had a great (and chilly) day! Special thanks to all of the parents who volunteered their time, we wouldn't be able to do it without you!

In Thames class, they started an experiment of moulding bread, then they did each one in a different category using science vocabulary. The experiment will be tested for one week

Computing

In Kealan's class, they did computing while using art and shapes.



Art and Design

In Amber's class, a child called Daniel made a magnificent castle as a demonstration for their class.





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!

please sponsor me!



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

Currently sponsors have pledged an amazing £1,545. Well done Hal. Keep walking and please do sponsor Hal.

Healthy at home week 4



Coach Theo is back with another edition of #Healthyathome. This week Coach Theo demonstrates a simple five session circuit to keep you fit and healthy over Christmas.

This circuit is designed for both adults and children to do a quick and simple set of exercises consisting of five activities with twenty repetitions for each activity performed three times.

If you try and do these daily, they take no more than 10-15 minutes but will keep you feeling healthy and vitalised every day.

We do hope that you are enjoying our videos. If you are, please do share these videos with friends and family to help us spread the word.

Watch the video: <https://bitly.ws/343Ut>

Illuminate Rotherhithe and Bermondsey



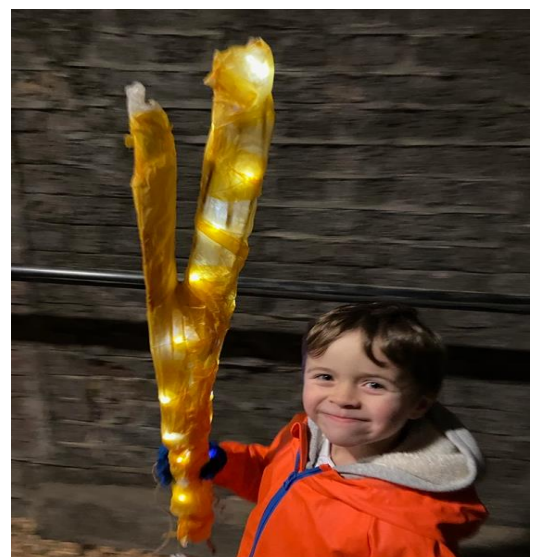
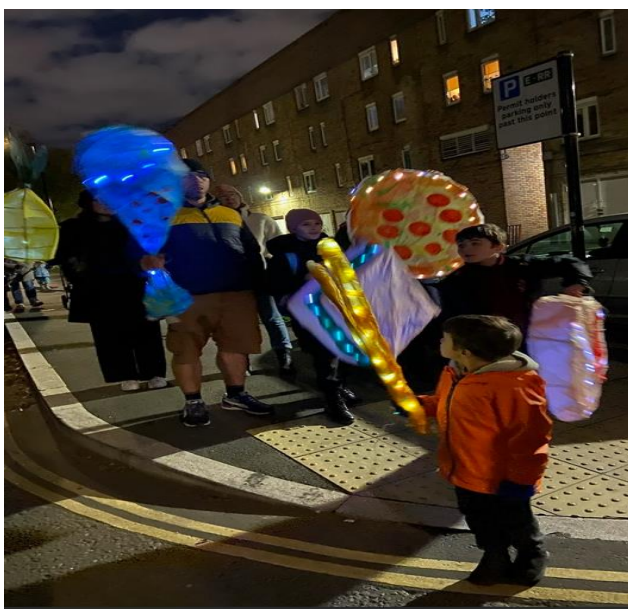
On Friday 24th Hudson, Oakley, Kloe and their intrepid parents braved the cold weather and took the fantastic lanterns the children had designed and made to the Illuminate Rotherhithe Parade.

Our superstars walked the fantastic lanterns all the way to the Southwark Park Bandstand where they were treated to brilliant orchestral music performed by children.

It was a truly magical night. A huge thank you to Andreia who worked with groups of children to complete their designs and to the children for their determination to ensure they got the lanterns to the event.

Can you spot the food theme? Look out for a Jammie dodger, some chips, a sandwich and a slice of pizza or two!

Oakley loved the chip lantern so much he took it home and used it as a night light! Ahhh!



Dates for your Diary

Week starting 4th December	Christmas performance rehearsals
7th December	Tyne and Thames dance performances
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Week starting 11th December	Year group Christmas performances
15th December	Judo finishes for the term Christmas Fair
18th December	Achievement Awards
19th December	Class parties
20th December	KS1 multisport club finishes
20th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays. Finish at the normal time.
8th January	Children return to school
2nd February	London History Day
8th February	Eden and Avon Class dance performance for parents
9th February	Break up for half term
7th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 11th March	STEAM week
28th March	Year 1 Dance performance for parents.
28th March	Break up for the Easter holidays. Finish at the normal time.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Eden Class 97.3%

Whale Class 98.8%



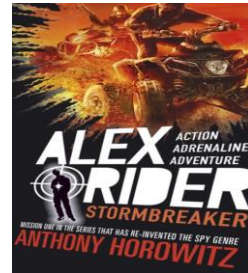
Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Pupil Book Recommendations

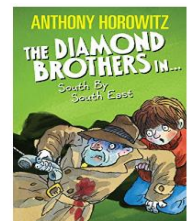
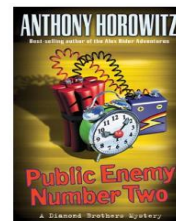
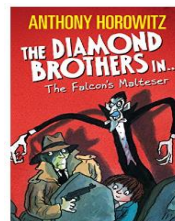
Child: Tierra-Lee (Thames Class)

Favourite Book: Alex Rider Storm Breaker by Anthony Horowitz



My favourite book is Alex rider Storm breaker. It is about Alex who wakes up one morning with a knock at his door and there standing was a police man who was about to tell him the sad news... his uncle had passed away! From that moment on, Alex was keen to find out the real reason of how his uncle had died but he was only a teenager so how could he solve such a mystery? A few days later, the place that Alex's uncle had worked at, heard about the news, however, his uncle's workplace was a secret organisation called MI6! They recognised that Alex had potential, so they armed him with secret gadgets and sent him on his first mission. but he soon finds himself in MORTAL DANGER! HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT MAY WELL BE HIS LAST!

If you like adventure and adrenaline, you will enjoy this book just like I did because the author creates suspense and it makes you want to keep reading and I suggest you read it!



**The best way
to predict
the future is
to create it.**
Abraham Lincoln



Whale	April	April has been chosen for her fantastic handwriting and presentation in her books and for always being kind and respectful to her peers. Well done, April!
Octopus	Deborah	Deborah has been developing her independence when completing written tasks. She is using word banks and concrete manipulatives to attempt questions before seeking adult or peer support. Great work!
Seal	Yassin	Yassin has really impressed us with his knowledge of the Qur'an this week. He has been sharing his knowledge with the rest of the class during R.E lessons.
Avon	Dawoud	Dawoud has impressed all the adults in class with his fantastic reading and maths skills. He has been working very hard on his phonics and is making good progress. He is working on challenges and is always keen for more.
Eden	Reyaan	Reyann is working hard, both during school and afterschool, in maths. I've been impressed with his perseverance in striving to be a better student. What I have been impressed with the most, is his enthusiasm. He is actually excited to be a part of the Booster Club and does so with a smile. I'm looking forward to seeing his continued success and achievements at the end of the school year.
Tyne	Iman	Iman always goes above and beyond in her learning. She is dedicated to improving her work, being a good team player and helping adults. She is making great progress in her learning, and this is all due to her diligence and willingness to do better.
Brent	Olatide	Olatide was a superstar in her Computing lesson this week. She observed that some children were having issues with their devices, and immediately offered her assistance. She was able to identify the problems and find a solution. Her teacher was immensely proud. Olatide is a computer scientist in the making! Well done!
Lea	Jasmine M	Jasmine showed great patience when supporting a partner in paired work this week. Her kindness and understanding meant that they worked well together and achieved the learning outcome.
Thames	Kaiden, Su'riah, Nikola and Astrid	For great collaborative work in conducting a comparative test in science. They worked really well in identifying variables and ensuring that their test was fair. Well done all!



RPS Christmas Performances

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are cordially invited to your child's Christmas Performance. These will all be held in the Large Hall. We do hope you can come.

Tuesday 12th December – Wassil by Alexander L'Estrange

10:30 am Avon Class, Tyne Class and Brent Class performance

2:45 pm Eden Class, Lea Class and Thames Class performance

Wednesday 13th December

9:45 am Turtle Class, Penguin Class and Jellyfish Class

Thursday 14th December

2:45 pm – Octopus Class and Whale Class

Friday 15th December

10:30 am Seal Class performance

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 th November	Wednesday 29 th November	Thursday 30 th November	Friday 1 st 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 th December	Wednesday 6 th December	Thursday 7 th December	Friday 8 th 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.

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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

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SENsational Open Day!

Come along to find out more about SENsational Play sessions for children with additional needs and disabilities!



- Find out where sessions take place
- Meet the staff
- Find out how you can access if you have a child up to age 11 (or how to refer)
- See how sessions are run
- Check out the resources available
- FREE goodie bags to take away!!

Tuesday 12th December, 11am - 2pm
Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre,
Chandler Way, SE15 6DT

Families and professionals welcome
Yummy light refreshments provided!



Southwark Children and Family Centres

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