

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term has finally arrived. On Monday two special **achievement award assemblies** were held to acknowledge the progress and positive attitudes of two children from each class. These children were selected because they have worked consistently well and have impressed their teachers. They then got to choose a new book, to take home and treasure with their families. Well done to all those who were selected this term. Keep up the excellent attitude and hard work. We are proud of you.

Christmas Party Day: Tuesday's arrival prompted much excitement, as this was Christmas Party Day. They were clearly dressed to impress! They got into the party mood and enjoyed dancing, eating and festive games. Their faces lit up when Snowball the elf arrived and visited all the classrooms. She was such a welcome sight, and the children were still talking about her the next day. We are very grateful that she was able to deliver a Christmas gift to all children in person. We hope the children enjoy their gifts.

Christmas Learning: All this fun did not stop the children from remaining focussed on their learning. Year 5/6 observed the conditions in which yeast grows best and made cinnamon rolls. This was an enjoyable activity which concludes their unit on 'Living Things and their Habitats'.



Steady Hand Game: It's finished! Year 5/6 children constructed their base for their 'Steady Hand Game' and installed the electrical circuit. They invited the Year 2 children (whom they surveyed at the beginning of the unit) to test the game. It was lovely to see both groups enjoy the project.



Good Luck: I would like to send our best wishes on behalf of children, parents and staff to Nina Hall, as she starts her maternity leave. We will miss you Nina! We are all looking forward to meeting the new baby. We welcome Venesia who will be teaching Lea class on Fridays.

I wish all families who celebrate a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**. I hope everyone gets to spend cherished time with loved ones. I look forward to greeting you all on **Monday 8th January** when children return to school once again.
Lisa (HoS)

We love learning!

Year 2 have been learning about special religious books during their Religious Education lessons. They have been exploring important books across a number of faiths and have also visited a church, a local christian place of worship, and received visitors to class who talked about their own special books.

They have clearly learned much about different faiths. We would like to say a huge thank you to those parents who helped share their faiths and beliefs with our children. You are amazing!

Amarni and Amari brought in a copy of the Children's Bible. The twins' Great Grandmother used to read it to their Grandma, so it is a very special book for them.



We had a visit from Yasmin's mum. She told us about the Holy Book of Islam; the Qur'an. It should always be treated carefully; it must not touch the floor and must wash your hands before you read it.



We visited St Mary's Church in Rotherhithe. Father Michael showed us different copies of the Bible and explained that it is a special book for Christians. He had an old Bible written in Hebrew – it was very heavy! He told us about the Ten Commandments, and we decided which of these were most important to us.



Which three commandments do you think are the most important?

1. Love God more than all others
2. Be happy with what you have
3. Always tell the truth

By Eliora

Nandana's dad came in to talk about the Hindu Holy Book, the Vedas. We designed a cover for the book.



Design a book cover for the Vedas.

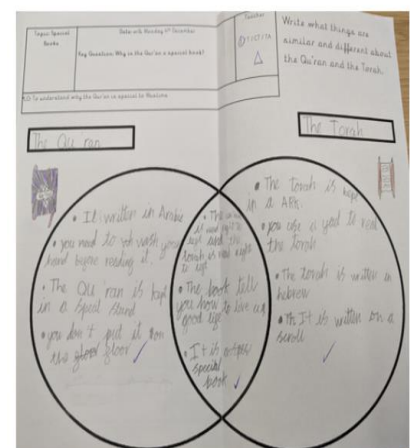


By Ramzy

Amber taught us about the Torah – a special book for Jewish people. The Torah is written on a scroll and read with a special stick called a Yad.



We looked at the similarities and differences between the Qur'an and the Torah. The Qur'an is written in Arabic and the Torah is written in Hebrew. Both languages are read from right to left. They both teach followers to live a good life.



By Quan

Achievement Awards Autumn 2023

Turtle	Gulalai	Gulalai is a very kind and caring member of our class. She always tries her best with everything she does and her number skills are coming along really well. It is a pleasure to have her in Turtle class.
	Erum	Erum has a can-do attitude. She is always ready for a challenge. Her confidence has grown this term, and she has settled well making lots of new friends. She is a joy to teach!
Jellyfish	Malcom	Malcom is a shining light to those around him. He has been a wonderful example to his friends in all areas of learning. He always works hard on personal standards and in schoolwork. He is a superstar. Keep it up!
	Selina	Selina's attitude to school and learning has really helped push her progress this term. She is keen and ready on the carpet with great listening skills, which has translated into good progress particularly in phonics. Well done, Selina!
Penguin	Karim	Karim has made excellent progress with managing his feelings and behaviour. He is working hard every day. Well done and keep it up!
	Giorgia	Giorgia approaches all activities with a positive, enthusiastic 'can-do' attitude. She always tries her best in class, and it shows in her work.
Whale	Akbar	Akbar has been awarded progress and achievement award for his fantastic progress in writing. Akbar has become an independent writer and he has shown excellent skills; checking his work, using Fred fingers to help him spell words and also using great describing words. Well done!
	Jeronimo	Jeronimo has shown a great attitude to his learning. He shows great understanding and always contributes his ideas in lessons. Jeronimo 'WANTS' to learn and will always try his best. Fantastic progress made.
Octopus	Israel	Israel is making excellent progress in phonics and with his handwriting. He is starting to take more pride in his work and is listening carefully to instructions – keep it up!
	Deborah	Deborah always tries hard during carpet sessions and written tasks. She participates during whole class discussions and enjoys sharing her good ideas. Thank you for showing great engagement across all subjects!
Seal	Amara	Amara is a resilient member of Seal class who always tries her best when faced with challenges. She has a positive attitude every day and always comes to school with a big smile on her face.
	Isata	Isata's confidence has grown so much. She puts 100% effort into every single subject, she is always well behaved and is a kind caring friend, who is willing to help her classmates.
Avon	Rayan	Rayan has made fantastic progress in maths this term. At times he has found maths challenging and he didn't have much faith in his abilities. This term however, Rayan has proven to himself that he can overcome challenging questions. He is a lot more focussed and resilient in class. He feels more confident and always puts in 100% effort during lessons. Rayan even won first place during the TTRS battles. Well done!
	Christine	Christine is an absolute pleasure to teach. I am so grateful she is in my class. She comes into school with a beautiful smile, even when she is feeling a little sad. Christine has always put in great effort in her work in class. She is so positive and ambitious. She is polite and a respectful member of Avon class. She is continuously abiding by our school values. Keep up the great work!

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Tyne	Safiya	Safiya has made amazing progress. From starting year 3 finding learning challenging, as she was also trying to learn the English language, she has become an increasingly independent learner making excellent progress in reading. This is due to her dedication to do her homework and focus always when in class. You should be proud of yourself Safiya!
	Annabel	Annabel has always shone as a star pupil for attitude and learning skills. No matter the lesson, she is always on task and gives it 100% effort. She is one of the most helpful students and I count myself lucky that this is the second year I have taught her.
Eden	Ayla	Ayla has started this year with a bang! She has made amazing progress with her reading abilities. She is using and remembering her sounds and blending them together to read unfamiliar words. I have several adults testify to her improvement and progress in reading. I can't wait to see her end of year progress. Well done, Ayla!
	Ehab	Ehab has shown great determination in growing his education. He readily volunteers to stay in during playtime to work on his multiplication facts and his approach to things that are hard is admirable. He certainly has grown and matured in his mindset towards learning.
Brent	Rayann	Rayann has made great strides in her social development this term. She is more confident and able to express herself, which has led to her making good progress in all areas of her learning. Watching her newfound confidence, particularly in dance and music has been a pleasure to see. She is a joy to have in the class and Brent class would not be the same without seeing her smile every day.
	Mohamed	Mohamed has a fantastic attitude to learning and regularly contributes to class discussions. He tackles new challenges with positivity and consistently makes good choices during the school day. Mohamed is such a caring boy and demonstrates his caring nature when helping his peers when they need assistance. Mohamed is a real team player and a role model to all his peers.
Thames	Vina	It has been an absolute pleasure to have facilitated Vina's progress this Autumn term. She has displayed due resilience and commitment to advancing her own learning in science (at home and in class) and has made exceeding progress in reading, writing and mathematics. Thank you and well done!
	Jade	This Autumn term has been a rewarding one for Jade as she has been unfailingly diligent in all aspects of her own and other's learning. Her positive attitude to all tasks is infectious and really encapsulates the essence of a model learner. Her own excellent progress is enhanced by her affability to peer mentoring children in Thames class as well as children in other year groups. Thank you and well done!
Lea	Joppa	Joppa has made superb progress this term, particularly in reading. This has been down to her participation in lessons, the ability to take on feedback and make changes to her work and her dedication to home learning. It is a pleasure to teach her!
	Reymell	Reymell is a ray of sunshine in Lea class. His positivity and sense of humour are infectious and his kindness to others is admirable. It is hard to believe he only joined us last year! You embody all our school values Reymell – thank you for being a true role model.

Dates for your Diary

8th January	Children return to school
11th January	Dance lessons start for Eden and Avon classes Year 2 trip to the Tower of London
19th January	Learning Together programme starts for some Nursery parents
1st February	Read Write Inc Development Day
2nd February	London History Day
6th February	Internet Safety Day
7th February	Travel Training Bus – for some year 6 children
8th February	Eden and Avon Class dance performance for parents 2:45 pm.
9th February	Break up for half term
	Half Term Break
19th February	Children return to school
20th and 21st February	Parent's Evening
22nd February	Year 1 dance lessons start
Week beginning 26th February	Parent's meetings with children with SEND need LGBTQ+ week
29th February	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
7th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 11th March	STEAM week (British Science Week internationally)
26th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
28th March	Year 1 Dance performance for parents.
28th March	Break up for the Easter holidays. Finish at the normal time.
	Easter Break
	Children return to school

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Lea Class 96.9%



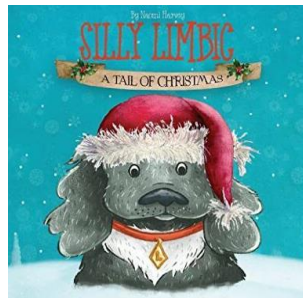
Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Teacher Book Recommendations

HoS: Lisa Christiansen

Favourite Christmas Story: Silly Limbic – A Tail of Christmas by Naomi Harvey



I love this series of books written by Naomi Harvey. Naomi was a psychotherapist who was inspired to write these books to support children who experience anxiety. The series of books are based around Oscar and his invisible dog 'Silly Limbic' who worries a lot!

This is a beautiful narrative poem. While Oscar and his friend Daisy are enjoying the Christmas festivities, Limbic is on high alert worrying about what dangers may be lurking around the corner. What dangers are there at the door? What is that scary noise on the roof in the middle of the night? Children will love these stories and even Limbic learns to be calm for Christmas day.



Quote of the week

You can pick up a mistake and carry it as a burden; or you can set it down and use it as a stepping stone to greatness.