

RPS Weekly Newsletter



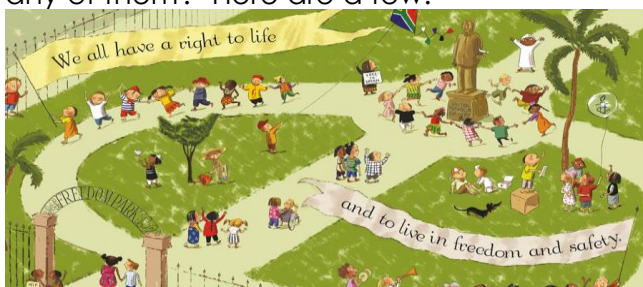
United Nations

Human Rights Day
10 December



Dear Parents and Carers,

Sunday 10th of December will be Human Rights Day. In assembly this week we discussed the origin of Human Rights Day which is an international event held on the 10th of December each year. This date marks the global pledge of the United Nations to honour the human rights of every person. This year is the 75th anniversary of this declaration which sets out 30 human rights. Do you know any of them? Here are a few.



WE CAN ALL ASK FOR THE LAW TO HELP US WHEN WE ARE NOT TREATED FAIRLY.



Dance Performances: We are lucky at RPS to have Chantal from Pioneer Dance teach our children and on Thursday, Tyne and Thames classes delighted their parents with a special dance performance to show off the skills that they have learned. Thames class did a Latin American routine and Tyne an Afrobeats dance. They were brilliant!

Friday 8th December 2023

The Children's Book Project: There has been a lot of enthusiasm this week as children across the school got to select two exciting books to take home and treasure. Thank you to those parents who joined us and to Nina Hall for organising these events.



Sneak preview of Turtle Class!



Next week is Christmas performance week and the children from all year groups have been working very hard in rehearsals to make sure that they give the very best performance that they can for parents, carers and their audience. Good Luck Turtle class – it will be their very first performance! Click the following link to have a sneak preview:

<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/turtle-class-christmas-songs/>

Christmas Performance: There is no ticket charge, but parents may make a donation to the school if they wish. We look forward to welcoming parents next week.

Administration of Medicine: If your child requires medicine to be administered in school or there is a change to how the medicine is to be administered, please inform Sharon at the school office.
Have a lovely weekend. Lisa (HoS)

We love learning!

Year 1 bake off!

This week Octopus class have been learning how to bake bread. This cross curricular activity stimulates learning for both literacy and food technology.

The children were tasked with following clear instructions on the processes needed to make dough to later be baked to make bread. They rehearsed sentences using time connectives.



Year 5/6 Scientists: Studying Fungi

In Science, Year 5 and 6 were observing spore dispersal in fungi. So what are spores? How do fungi spores spread?

Spores are tiny cells that form on special hyphae and are so small that more than 1,000 would easily fit on a pinhead. Being so small and lightweight, spores can easily move unseen in the air currents, and most fungal spores are spread by the wind.

The children examined this activity over a 24-hour period.



The **Gardening ambassadors** met with our benefactor of the Gardening Project to give an account of our progress made so far. They spoke about preparing the soil, sowing seeds, types of seeds sown, tending to the plot by clearing leaves, weeding and watering, composting food waste and that we will use the produce to cook with in the practical room.

They spoke about the cross-curricular opportunities of the project and how it links with writing, maths, science, art, PE, DT and PSHCE.

Christmas Dinner



Today the children got to dress up in their favourite festive jumpers ready to get tucked into a fantastic roast dinner with all the trimmings. Compliments to our chefs who cooked a fantastic meal that was enjoyed by all. Thank you.

"The hall looked like it was set out for 'princes and princesses and looked so beautiful' said one child in awe, when seeing how wonderfully the dining hall was set out.

The children had a lot of fun pulling crackers and telling each other jokes. There was also a bit of Christmas dancing.

It now really feels like Christmas is coming!



Reception Star Writers



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.

Lea Class 98.4%

Octopus Class 97.1%

Well done and keep it up!

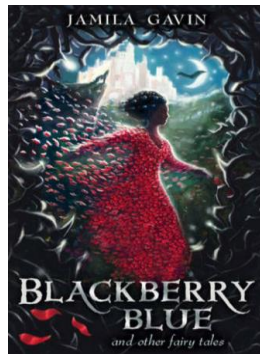
Please do not book holidays during term time!



Pupil Book Recommendations

Child: Maqdis (Lea Class)

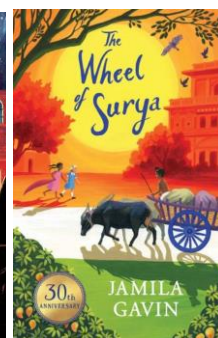
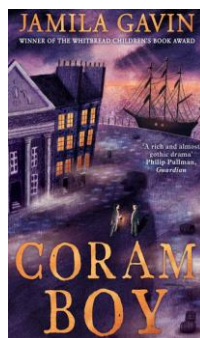
Favourite Story: The Purple Lady by Jamila Gavin (featured in Blackberry Blue)



This book is a compilation of short stories, and my favourite is the Purple Lady.

Story Summary: This story is all about Abu (the main character) whose sisters Leyla has been captured by the Purple Lady who is a villain in the story. Abu sets off on a quest to find his beloved sister even if it costs him his eye or even his life!

Rating: I rate this book 5/5 because its full of mystery, fantasy and adventure. I would recommend this book to pre-teens. Other books to read by Jamila Gavin.



Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

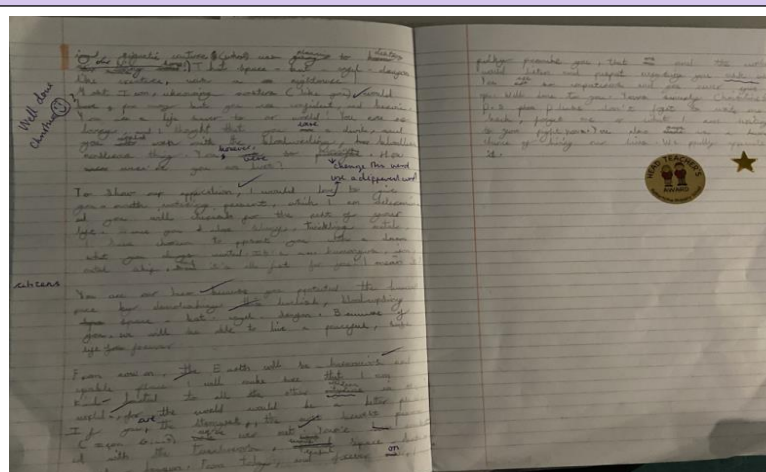
Nelson Mandela



Whale	April	For her fantastic behaviour for learning in class and for the kindness she shows to others when they are upset. Well done, April!
Octopus	Jude	For being a proactive member of Octopus Class. When Jude sees something that needs doing, he rises to the challenge! Whether it is tidying up, helping a friend, or completing a written task independently, Jude is the first to take action! Thank you for being a super star!
Seal	Ella	Abigail nominated Ella as the star of the week for Seal Class. She's worked hard on learning her phonic sounds and on her reading and she is an excellent role model to others in her group. Keep it up, Ella!
Avon	Antonella	Antonella has been making good progress in improving her reading and writing. She is trying very hard to read through her questions and use the text to support her answers. Her writing is a lot more detailed, and she is embedding new vocabulary into her writing pieces. Keep up the good work!
Eden	Ehab	Ehab has shown resilience and determination in maths this week (really for the last month or so). He has been attending maths booster classes as well as asking to do more time on TTRS. He is growing in confidence and as his teacher this is so exciting to watch. Keep it up, Ehab!
Tyne	Kloe	Kloe is a dedicated learner who always puts 100% effort into her learning. She is creative, thoughtful, and helpful. I would be lost without her. Keep working hard Kloe!
Brent	Majeg	For his huge improvement in learning behaviour & motivation especially in Mathematics. Majeg has tried really hard to listen carefully to all of the grown-up's instructions and to follow them first time. Keep it up Majeg! Well done.
Lea	Jaida Jasmine Cristina Sabreen Tahani	For their dedication to their roles as librarians. They have demonstrated organisation and vision, and the library looks amazing as a result! I would like to thank them all for their hard work.
Thames	Walid	For providing our Gardening Project benefactor with a detailed and articulate account of our work on the allotment. She was very impressed with his knowledge of plants and the growing project. Thank you and well done!



Amina in Lea	For being kind and helpful in Peace Club when a child came in from the playground injured. Super star!
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Christina E's amazing thank you letter written to the Iron Man. It is full of fantastic descriptions. Well done!



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

