

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic half term break. As always, this week has been a busy one.

On Monday, **Year 6** visited **Creekside** where they participated in a low tide river walk. The children donned waders and explored the creek (which is part of the river **Ravensbourne**), sampling invertebrates using a range of scientific equipment and classification keys. They identified and grouped a variety of living organisms including a Chinese crab, bullhead fish, flounder, leeches, bloodworms and shrimps. A lovely and enlightening time was enjoyed by all!



The 5th June marked **World Environment Day** and the theme this year is '**Beat Plastic Pollution**'. The children considered the process of how plastic is made and how it contributes to air pollution and harms the environment. The children were very interested in the topic and considered alternatives to 'one off' plastic.

If you can't reuse it, refuse it!



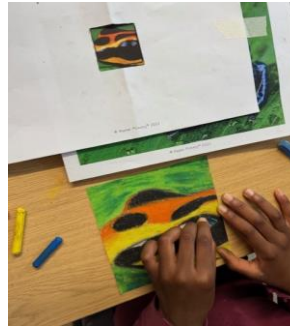
Young Readers and the National Literacy Trust

On Tuesday, year 1 and 2 children were treated to a visit from Vanessa Woolf a professional storyteller and Rod Kitson a local artist and illustrator, who treated the children to a short art lesson. It was a fantastic morning of storytelling and selecting a book to take home. These books were provided free from the Literacy Trust and we would like to say a huge thank you to Georgia from the Trust and to our visitors. What a great morning it was!

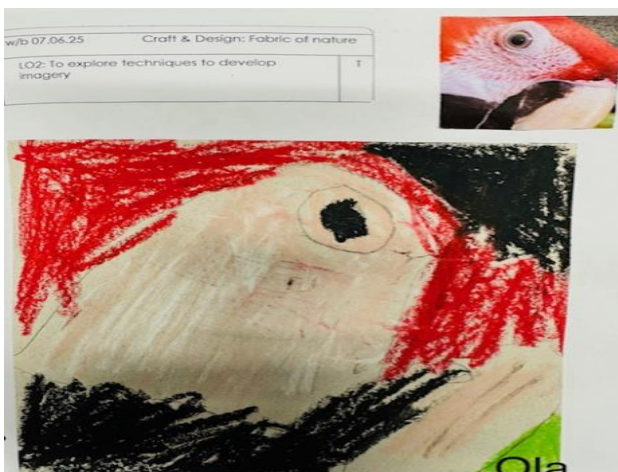


Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Year 6 love art!



Year 6 explored how drawings can develop ideas for pattern design by drawing one rainforest animal (linked to Geography and Science) from different perspectives. They chose interesting sections of one picture to enlarge then selected materials and tools to show colour and texture. The results are beautiful!



Year 2 Butterfly Garden

This term in science, Year 2 have been exploring the fascinating life cycle of a butterfly. They watched in awe as tiny caterpillars grew, transformed into pupa (or chrysalis) and finally emerged as stunning 'Painted Lady' butterflies. It was a magical experience that brought learning right before our eyes.



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Art and Design



Leandro

Leandro: "In Art we did a drawing of a rainforest animal. We had to add detail such as texture to it. I like that my animal had various patterns and it was good to draw the various patterns."



Science

The children in year 4/5 looked at how plants reproduced. They looked at the reproductive parts on a flower. Also, they looked at asexual reproduction and set up an observation using basil plants and root powder. Now they will observe what happens to the plant over time.



Mathematics

The children in year 3 were learning how to represent and solve multiplication and division problems.

Amari: "I learned how to multiply the number using counters."



Creekside

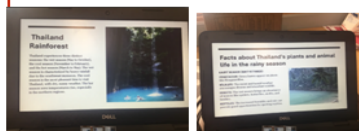
The children in year 6 had a chance to go to Creekside and they had so much fun and got a chance to go into part of Ravensbourne river.



"I mostly enjoyed going into the river and seeing all the creatures." - Daniella

Computing

The children in Year 6 were researching and using PowerPoint to present their findings on ecosystems and facts about plants and animal life in each season.



Phonics Screen Check and the Multiplication Check

Next week all children in year 1 and some children in year 2 will be taking the **phonics screening check**. The children are presented with 40 single words that include a range of phonic sounds. 20 are real words and 20 are nonsense words.

Year 4 children will be taking the **multiplication check**. These children are presented with 25 times tables questions and get 6 seconds to answer each one on an iPad.

I would like to wish all children good luck in the tests and please praise the children for their efforts!

Dates for your Diary

	Half Term Break
2.6.25	Children return to school Trent and Severn class trip to Creekside
3.6.25	Young Readers Event for year 1 & 2 children Year 6 Michael Morpurgo online workshop
Week starting 9.6.25	Multiplication Check for year 4 to be administered Phonics Screening Check to be administered for Year 1 and some year 2 children
Between 9.6.25-20.6.25	Key Stage 1 SATS start.
9.6.25	Severn class Garden Museum trip
10.6.25	Trent class Garden Museum trip
11.6.25	Trent Climate Workshop – year 6
12.6.25	Severn Climate Workshop – year 6
13.6.25	Wandle class Creekside trip Class photographs am
26.6.25	Fleet Class Creekside trip Drama 4 all workshops Reception, Nursery and year 1
27.6.25	Ravensbourne Class Creekside trip
1.7.25	Year 1 & 2 dress pyjama day Final young Readers book event
2.7.25	Secondary school transition day for many schools
4.7.25	Fleet class trip to Central School of Ballet Spanish Day
8.7.25	Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
9.7.25	Reception and Nursery Sports Day
10.7.25	Year 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
11.7.25	Summer Fair
14.7.25	Parents Evening
15.7.25	Meet your new class teacher Year 6 Lion King performance 4:30 pm
16.7.25	Sailing trip
17.7.25	Year 6 prom
21.7.25	Celebration Awards
22.7.25	End of Year parties/Year 6 graduation/ Break up

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	91.5%	
Jellyfish	88.3%	
Octopus	85%	
Whale	93.3%	
Eden	85.6%	
Tyne	76%	
Avon	88.6%	
Fleet	90.3%	
Ravensbourne	93.2%	
Wandle	85.7%	
Severn	82%	
Trent	82.2%	

Please do not book holidays during term time!
This may lead to a penalty notice.

Children's Book Recommendation



Book: Ghostcloud
Author: Michael Mann
Reviewed by: Tamera

The main character is Luke, who's 12 years old and he's hunting for freedom and to escape the Battersea Power Station. But during his imagined attempts, he becomes friends with a ghost-girl named Alma, who is one of the many things/people that Luke can see but others can't. Their one enemy is Tabitha Margate, who is the main antagonist in this story. Luke's sidekick is Ravi, who is also 12 years old, and is Luke's best friend. My favourite part of the book is when it says 'POP UP' at the start of the chapter - I think this is a memorable writing feature. My favourite character has to be Alma because I love her character design. I think the illustrator should get some credit too because the pictures are iconic. I give this book a 10/10!

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

Star of the Week

Whale	Haris	Haris is the star of the week for showing fantastic dedication during phonics lessons! He actively asked to do extra phonics work in preparation for the upcoming phonics screening check, demonstrating great enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards learning. Keep up the amazing effort!
Octopus	Logan	Logan always stops, looks and listens when told to. He focuses on learning during carpet sessions and always participates. Well done, Logan!
Tyne	Malick	Malick has returned from the holidays with an outstanding attitude towards his learning. He is consistently making positive choices, especially in his behaviour, which has led to remarkable progress across all areas of his learning. Well done Malick – keep up the fantastic work.
Eden	Arisha	Arisha has been working hard on her writing this week. She has really focused on making sure that her sentences make sense, her writing is neat and that she edits her work. Well done!
Avon	Armani	For focussing on having a more positive attitude in class and in the playground. He has significantly improved his behaviour and as a result is now more focussed and engaged in class. Keep it up!
Fleet	Kamai	Kamai was completed an investigation write-up in science with care, accuracy and showed good understanding of the lesson topic about how plants reproduce. He included accurate labelling of a diagram and great use of the rocket words.
Ravensbourne	Sawda	Sawda created a fantastic vector drawing of a bird for her peace club badge. The detail she used was exceptional and she took her time to apply all the skills she had learned over the term. Well done!
Wandle	To all year 4 children in Wandle class	For all my year 4 children who have worked tirelessly for the entire academic year. I am grateful for their enthusiasm and resilience. Whatever their scores in the MTC next week, they are truly champions. Nice job year !
Severn	Daniella and Aleena	For displaying admirable perseverance with swimming. They both bravely overcame their apprehension and participated well in the lesson. Well done!
Trent	Maqdis	Maqdis gave clear and thought-provoking opinions during a debate on stereotypes during our PSHE lesson this week. She listened and respected other people's opinions while sensitively offering her own.



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21ST JULY - 22ND AUGUST 2025
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WEEK ONE
ANIMAL WEEK

WEEK TWO
SPACE & PLANET EARTH

WEEK THREE
MOVIE & MUSIC

WEEK FOUR
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