

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we enjoyed a special assembly to celebrate National Poetry Day, held on the 2nd October. We spoke about all of the reasons why we might read poetry, such as humour, language appreciation and gaining new perspectives on people and the world. The children were introduced to our school's new 'Poets of the Month' - each class will focus on a different poet, explore their unique writing style and read one of their poems each day. The assembly concluded with performances from each of our KS2 classes. We were all so impressed with their confidence, expression and memory skills!



It has been a busy week of visitors and trips. On Monday we had a special visitor all the way from South Africa. She came to talk to the children about the endangered 'African Penguin'. The children watched a short video about the penguins and heard all about why they are endangered and the efforts being made to protect them from extinction. Our visitor was representing an organization called Sanccob and you can find out more about their work by clicking this link: [Home - SANCCOB](#) As a school, we will be adopting a penguin and helping to raise money to help prevent their extinction. Look out for future events.

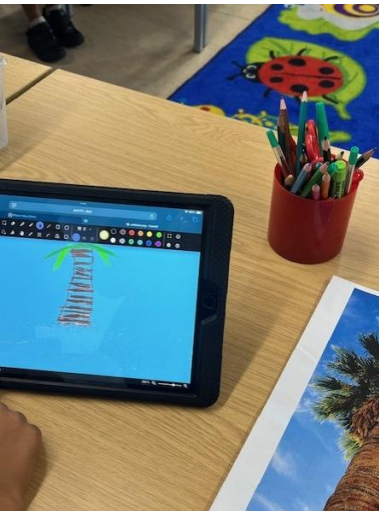
On Tuesday, Eden class ventured to the Garden Museum and learned lots of interesting facts about plants and Tyne class had a special trip to the Unicorn Theatre to watch a play of the 3 Little Pigs! And if that wasn't enough, year 5 & 6 were visited on Wednesday by Jonathan from the Cyber Crime specialist police unit, who taught them about Cyber crime and how to protect themselves from it. Phew! Such a busy week.



Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you at Run Rotherhithe Run! Lisa (HoS)

Year 3 are studying Digital Devices. The children drew an image on the Paintz app on iPads, discussing with their partner the different tools, tips and tricks they were using. After they had finished, they used questions to think about whether they preferred using iPads or regular materials to create and draw. Finally, the children lined up and spoke to a series of different partners, justifying their preference and listening to their partners thoughts.

Digital Artists!



Year 6 attend Junior Citizenship workshop



Year 6 attended an action-packed workshop to prepare them for the step up to secondary school! Through interactive and fun scenarios, they learnt vital skills for staying safe and being responsible including:

- **Fire Safety:** What to do in an emergency and how to prevent fires at home.
- **Police:** Meet local police officers and learn about how they help our community stay safe.
- **Money Matters:** Discover how to manage pocket money, spot scams, and save for the future.
- **Travel Safety:** Get clued up on how to travel confidently and responsibly on public transport.
- **Road Safety:** Learn to be a safer road user, whether walking, cycling, or travelling by car.



We love art!



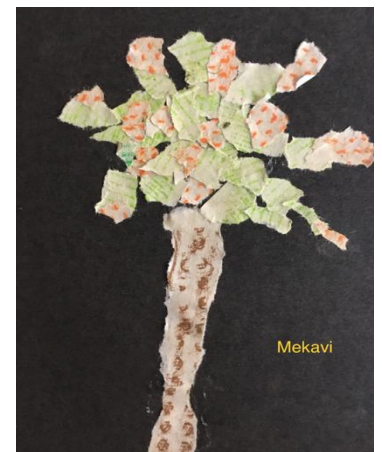
Year 3 children have learnt a new technique 'frottage', which is when a rubbing is taken from textured surfaces to form the basis of a work of art. After creating a variety of textures on paper, the children tore different shapes to form a picture of a plant, which is linked to their science learning. What brilliant cross-curricular learning!

'We used frottage. It's where we get an object and rub a pastel to create different textures'

- Deena

'I've used black, brown, orange and green to create a plant. I even used brown for the stem.'

- Alfie



Thank you!

This week, our generous vegetable plot sponsor paid a visit to see our dedicated gardener and gardening ambassadors in action, tending to and harvesting from the garden. She was truly impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment shown by everyone and amazed at how vibrant and healthy the garden looks.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to her for her continued support and generosity. Her contribution has made a real difference, and we're so grateful for the opportunity to grow and learn in such a thriving space.

Dates for your Diary

2.9.25	Children return to school
5.9.25	Year 6 secondary school transition parents' workshop
8.9.25	Year 4 meet the teacher session
9.9.25	Octopus meet the teacher session
10.9.25	Year 2 meet the teacher session
11.9.25	Brent class & Year 6 meet the teacher sessions
12.9.25	Lea Class and Year 2 meet the teacher session
15.9.25	Whale Class meet the teacher presentation
9.9.25	Pizza trip for best attendance
16.9.25	Years 5 & 6 Midsummer's night dream theatre trip pm
19.9.26	Jeans for Genes Day
26.9.25	TA appreciation/Thank a teacher Day/ International Day
1.10.25	Black History Month starts
2.10.25	National Poetry Day
3.10.25	Year 6 – Junior Citizenship 1-3 pm
5.10.25	Run Rotherhithe Run- Sunday family fun run.
7.10.25	Pizza Express trip for best attendance
15.10.25	Diwali clay lamp making workshop for families.
17.10.25	Break up for half term
2 week half term Half term	
3.11.25	Children return to school
4.11.25	Parents evenings
5.11.25	
Week starting 10.11.25	Anti-bullying week
12.11.25	Science workshop for parents
14.11.25	Children in Need – dress up for charity
28.11.25	Drama 4 All workshops for year 1 and year 3
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
17.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
18.12.25	Year 1 Christmas performance EYFS Christmas performance
19.12.25	Year 2 Christmas performance Class parties pm
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas

Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility.

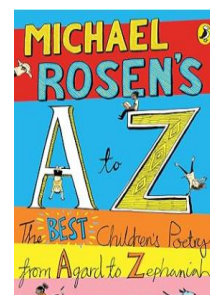
William Wordsworth

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	82.3%	
Jellyfish	89.2%	
Octopus	96.3%	★
Whale	95.5%	★
Eden	98.9%	★ ★
Tyne	97.2%	★
Avon	98.2%	★
Peck	96.5%	★
Effra	98.1%	★
Brent	95.2%	★
Lea	97.7%	★
Thames	91.9%	

Book Recommendation

Book: A to Z the best children's poetry from Agard to Zephaniah
Author: Michael Rosen



Michael Rosen's A to Z is an anthology of children's poetry, featuring a diverse range of British performance poets and covering various cultures, voices, and sounds. The collection aims to make poetry exciting, entertaining, and thought-provoking for readers of all ages by showcasing the music, exuberance, and thoughtfulness of poems that range from funny to haunting. The poems are presented as short, accessible "stories" that can be enjoyed by dipping in and out of. Michael Rosen encourages readers to experience the poems with both their bodies as well as their minds. A must have poetry book!

Star of the Week

Whale	Winnie	You are brilliant! You are always caring, helpful and super mature. Keep shining with your wonderful attitude. You make a big difference each and every day.
Octopus	Olivia	Olivia has really impressed me with her retelling of 'Whatever Next'. She takes real pride in her work. Her handwriting is neat and her book presentation is immaculate. What a brilliant start to Year One.
Tyne	Oakley	Oakley shines as soon as he walks through the classroom door! He brings an excellent attitude to his learning every single day and always gives 100% effort in every subject. His determination and hard work are really paying off – he's made fantastic progress across all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Oakley – we're so proud of you!
Eden	Deliliah	Deliliah has impressed me with her writing this week. She wrote an excellent explanation of how the character was feeling in the text and gave good reasons why using conjunctions. Keep it up!
Avon	Cleo	Well done, Cleo, for your dedication and hard work in Numbots. This week Cleo has increased the number of questions she has answered within a given time.
Peck	Alfie	Exceptional use of mathematical language and full sentences when reasoning and explaining answers in maths. Great job Alfie, you are really setting a high standard for yourself and others!
Effra	Ruben	Ruben has been selected as the Star of the Week for his outstanding creativity and discipline in writing a poem. Additionally, he has demonstrated impressive confidence while speaking in front of his classmates.
Brent	Rahim	Rahim has shown incredible growth and maturity this week. Truly turning a corner and is now setting a brilliant example to his peers in not only group work but independent work too. He has worked exceptionally well in class, consistently showing responsibility, focus, a positive attitude, and support for his peers whilst showing real team spirit during lessons. It's been fantastic to see Rahim take ownership of his learning and contribute to a kind and collaborative classroom environment. Well done, Rahim. Keep it up!
Lea	Reggie	Reggie wowed everyone with his focus and participation during the trip to the Garden Museum this week. He produced some fantastic work that we will proudly display in our classroom. Well done, Reggie!
Thames	Ava-Rose	For displaying consistent effort and perseverance in developing her arithmetic skills, particularly in mastering short division. Her dedication to improving in this area is commendable and reflects a strong commitment to learning. Keep up the excellent work!

RUN KIDS RUN



READY FOR A 2KM CHALLENGE?

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ROTHERHITHE RUN

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

2 - 4 PM

**SOUTHWARK PARK
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FOR ALL !**



Join us for an afternoon of fun and fitness to raise funds for our school.

Start training, register your place and collect sponsorship!

www.runkidsrun.org

Or click this link: <https://forms.gle/awZFirzLF6nFX1sf9>

Millwall Breakfast and After School Clubs

Come and join us for our Breakfast and After School Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.50 per day

After School club- sports activities and games will cost: 1 hour £6.30 and 2 and half hours £13.65

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a full week after school club and this is charged at £57.75 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+ only). Please see Sharon in the Office for more information!



School Uniform

Please ensure that children attend school wearing the correct school uniform. This includes 'all-black' shoes. Please write your child's name into all of their clothing- we have lost property with no names already!

Children are not permitted to wear smart watches, but they may wear a simple analogue or digital watch. The only jewellery that is permitted are small studs or small sleeper earrings.

On the days, that children have PE, they can dress in the **correct PE kit** for the day (white t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms) with their school jumper or cardigan.

Class teachers will contact parents if children are not in the correct school uniform. Click here for the school uniform policy. [RPS school uniform.](#)



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All My Love is Bubbling Over



On Saturday 4th October 2.00-4.00pm
Buchan Hall TRA, Buchan Road, Nunhead, SE15 3HQ

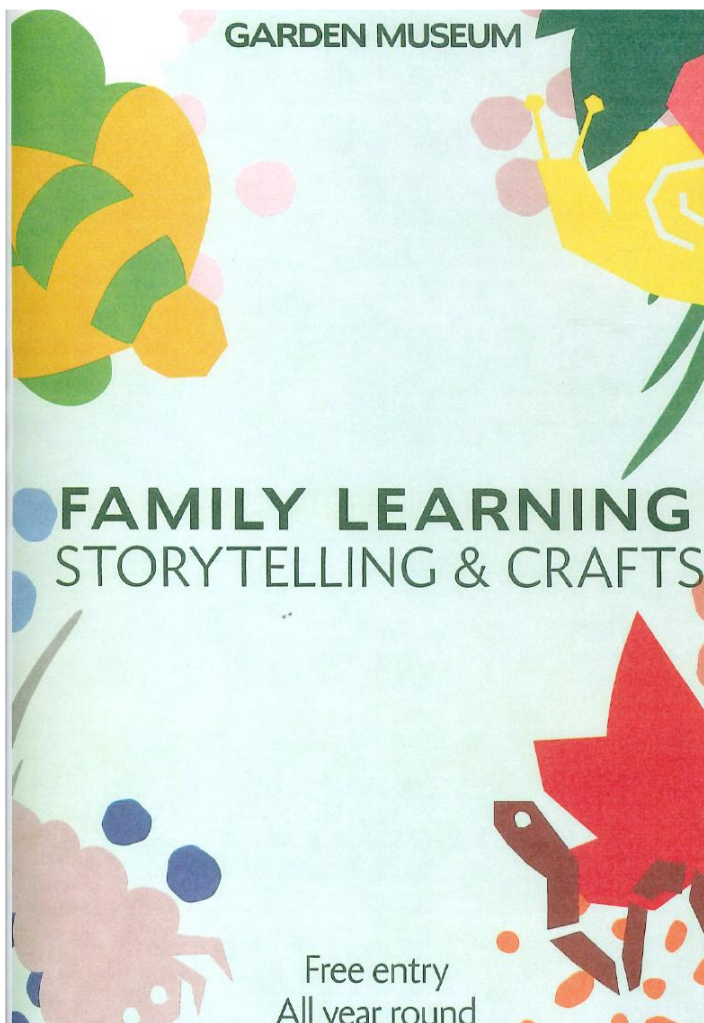
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Free entry
All year round



FAMILY LEARNING

Our Learning Team run workshops and activities for children and families all year round inspired by the seasons, our collection and exhibitions. Explore gardens and nature through art, craft, cooking and plant science.

TUESDAY TOTS

Tuesdays 10.30am-11.30am
Join us for seasonal stories, followed by art and craft sessions. For pre-school children aged 0-4yrs and a parent or carer.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sundays 11am-12.30pm
Seasonal family sessions that introduce and build art skills. For children aged 3-12yrs, accompanied by a parent or carer.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

During the school holidays we run sessions for all ages, including sessions or families with neurodiverse needs.

Check our website for details:
gardenmuseum.org.uk



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Family Learning at the Thomas Calton Centre

Southwark
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Monday 27th October 13.00-15.30
Family Learning Festival: Story Power

- arts & crafts
- puppet-making
- stay & play
- painting
- creative writing
- making books
- music & dance
- storytelling



Tuesday 28th October 13.00-15.30
Black History Arts & Cultural Crafts Fun Day

- storytelling from around the world
- arts & crafts
- stay & play
- song & dance
- music
- painting
- cultural displays

FREE!

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