

RPS Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had! A highlight for our children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 was a special treat and visit to the O2 Greenwich cinema where they watched **Wicked: For Good!** The big-screen experience was magical, with pupils captivated by the stunning visuals, incredible music, and powerful storytelling.

Trips like this bring stories to life and spark creativity, discussion, and imagination back in the classroom. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this memorable outing possible! With an especial thank you to Alex who managed to source free tickets for both RPS and Grove (formerly DKH).

A huge well done to all the children who attended, as their behaviour was impeccable.

Perform- The Magician's Chambers.

We had a fabulous morning of drama fun as children from Year 1 and Year 3 took part in some wonderfully imaginative Drama sessions with a Drama Teacher from Perform called Charleen. The sessions included games, dancing and singing. Drama is a fantastic way of developing children's oracy skills and they thoroughly enjoyed the sessions as you can see from their smiling faces.



Perform, deliver drama classes for children within Surrey Quay's shopping centre and children can try a free class.

The children really enjoyed immersing themselves into the characters created by Perform today. **To find out more about Perform see the leaflet below or visit their website by clicking this link: <https://www.perform.org.uk/>**

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Scientists exploring!

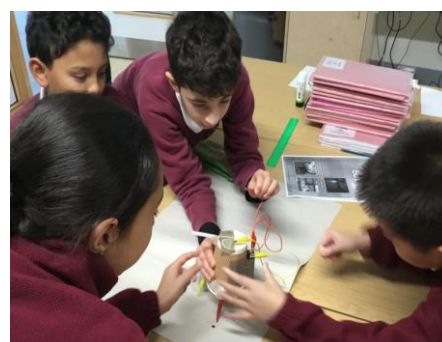
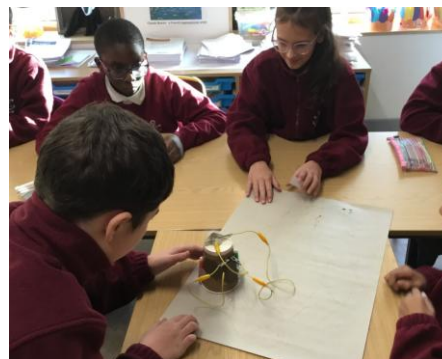
Year 6 Science and Design & Technology

Continuing their unit on Electrical systems, Year 6 pupils have been investigating existing products to understand what influences their **form** (appearance) and **function** (how they work). As part of this hands-on project, pupils explored how 'Doodlers' are designed and constructed.

They demonstrated impressive skills by:

- Carefully taking apart a product and successfully reassembling it.
- Identifying which components affect the product's function and which influence its form.
- Experimenting with configurations to see how small changes can alter performance.

This activity encouraged problem-solving, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking—key skills for future designers and engineers! In addition, this task also connected with their science unit of study: electricity. Pupils explored how electrical circuits and components such as wires, switches, and motors contribute to a product's function. They applied their understanding of conductors, insulators, and energy flow to explain why certain parts are essential for operation.



Science Club Returns!

This week, our young scientists explored the chemistry of cakes with a fun kitchen science experiment—making microwave mug cakes!

First, pupils followed a recipe for the perfect cake. Then, they investigated what happens when certain ingredients are left out. This scientific approach revealed the role each ingredient plays:

- Baking powder makes the cake spongy by producing carbon dioxide gas.
- Flour gives the cake structure.
- Oil coats other ingredients to prevent drying out, leaving a moist texture.
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Through this tasty experiment, pupils discovered how chemistry is part of everyday life—and enjoyed eating their results too!

Save the African Penguins!

Year 6 had the privilege of meeting our newly adopted penguin, 'Pibbles' via an online workshop. This special occasion was documented by one of our Science Ambassadors, Zakhar, who has prepared the following report:

African Penguin Facts and Conservation Efforts

The African penguin faces several major threats, including **overfishing, pollution, and oil spills**. Back in the 1930s, their population was around **2 million**, but today fewer than **10,000 remain**, making them an endangered species.

SANCCOB, a conservation organisation founded in **1968**, plays a vital role in rescuing and rehabilitating these penguins. They feed penguin chicks a special **fish smoothie** and provide care for injured birds. Some penguins become **permanent residents** because their injuries would make survival in the wild impossible. SANCCOB has two main areas: one for permanent residents and another for **rehabilitation and hospital care**. They even have facilities for **surgery**, including procedures where damaged limbs are amputated and replaced with prosthetics.

Before releasing penguins back into the wild, SANCCOB conducts **DNA tests** to ensure proper identification. Penguins are **loyal creatures**, staying with their chosen partner for life. In captivity, they can live for **30 to 40 years**. Our adopted penguin, **Pibbles**, swims for about **three hours a day** and has a slightly above-average weight. Penguins at SANCCOB are fed **sardines**, and their towels are washed daily to maintain hygiene.

SANCCOB does not receive government funding and relies on **donations** to continue its work. Today, there are very few African penguin colonies left, making these efforts crucial for their survival.

The African penguin will become extinct by 2035.

'That's only 10 years away! We should save them!'

- Henry



Meet Penguin Pibbles!



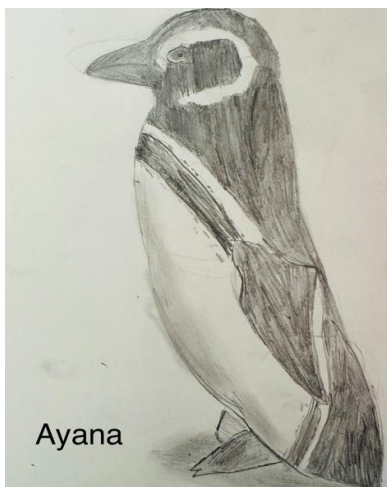
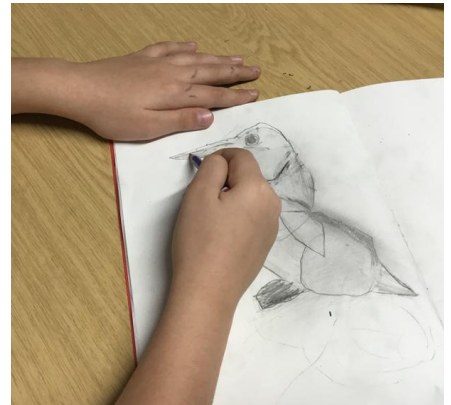
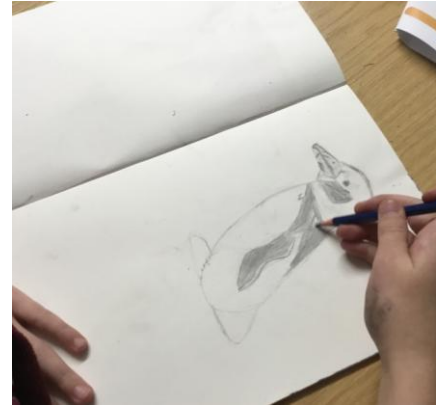
Conservation inspired Art!

Year 6 were thrilled to meet Pibbles, our newly adopted African penguin, and used this experience as inspiration for their art lesson. The children applied key art techniques to create detailed sketches of Pibbles, focusing on tone and shading to capture texture and depth.

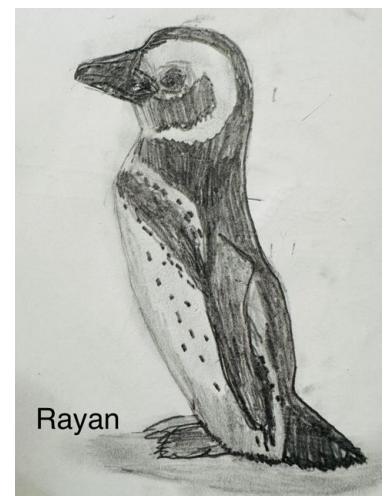
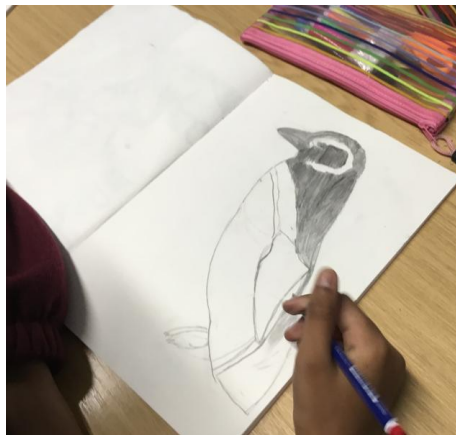
This activity also linked to science, as pupils explored the adaptations that help penguins survive in their natural habitat. They discussed topics such as insulation, waterproof feathers, and how penguins regulate body temperature—connecting their artistic observations to biological concepts.

Through this project, pupils learned about the importance of wildlife conservation and protecting endangered species like African penguins. They discovered how human actions, such as climate change and overfishing, impact penguin populations and why conservation efforts are vital for their survival.

The results were fantastic—full of character and creativity, while deepening understanding of wildlife, ecosystems, and the role we play in protecting them!



Ayana



Rayan



Annabel



Daniel



Skylah

Welcome to RPS Rock Steady Band

The music room was rocking and rolling today as children took part in their first, really enjoyable music lessons with Rock Steady!

Rocksteady is the leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary age children. Their inclusive approach helps children find a sense of belonging through new friendships and a shared love for music, whilst boosting social skills, wellbeing and confidence.

As you can see from the images below, the children really enjoyed the experience. Rock Steady will be a regular fixture at Rotherhithe Primary on a Friday morning. You can see more of the year 2 band in the making by clicking this link: [We get Musical with Rock Steady! | Rotherhithe Primary School](#)



Book lessons with Rock Steady using this QR code



We love Design Technology!

Year 3 began their Design and Technology unit by exploring pneumatic systems. Pupils learned that mechanisms are systems of parts working together to create motion and that pneumatic systems can be incorporated into these mechanisms. They also discovered that pneumatic systems are widely used in everyday objects, such as bus doors, bicycle pumps, pneumatic drills, and even some children's toys. This hands-on introduction helped them understand how air pressure can be used to create movement in practical applications.






Dates for your Diary

2 week half term Half term

3.11.25	Children return to school Tyne Garden Museum Trip
4.11.25	Brent Garden Museum Trip Parents evenings Reception to Year 6
5.11.25	Reception to year 6 except- Whale and Brent
6.11.25	Parents Evening for Whale and Brent classes
Week starting 10.11.25	Anti-bullying week Odd Sock Day Year 6 Millwall PE lesson trip
11.11.25	Armistice Day School photographer – siblings and single photographs
12.11.25	Science workshop for parents
13.11.25	Healthy School Food matters Parent Coffee morning 9 am – 'Cautious Eaters'.
14.11.25	Children in Need – dress up for charity Lea class trip to the Apple store
18.11.25	Brent class trip to the Apple store
20.11.25	School Food Matters events
21.11.25	Rocksteady Workshops KS1 & 2 Year 6 online workshop Sanccob penguin workshop
25.11.25	KS2 Cinema trip to the O2 to see Wicked
28.11.25	Drama 4 All workshops for year 1 and year 3
1.12.25	International Day of Disabilities
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day Pioneer dance last session to finish for Christmas
12.12.25	Christmas Fair after school
16.12.25	EYFS Christmas performance am Year 1 Christmas performance pm
17.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
19.12.25	Year 2 Christmas performance Class parties pm
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	95.8%	
Jellyfish	94.6%	
Octopus	89.6%	
Whale	92.7%	
Eden	92.2%	
Tyne	95.9%	
Avon	89.5%	
Peck	96.7%	
Effra	91.6%	
Brent	90.7%	
Lea	91.8%	
Thames	90.5%	

We have been informed that a number of families have been issued with penalty notices by the local authority and have or are in the process of paying the fines that have been issued. Each of these fines is due to families taking children on holidays during term time.

If children are unwell they should remain at home, but please **do not book holidays** during term time! This may lead to a penalty notice.

Reminder: Parents need to contact the school and let us know each day that a child is absent. If you have the Study bugs app, this makes it far easier for you to let us know. So, if you have not already signed up to study bugs, please do so by following this link:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Star of the Week

Whale	Chau	Chau's independence in writing is coming along great. She is really taking ownership of her presentation and writing. Her confidence when speaking is also shining. Well done!
Octopus	Isabelly	Isabelly has really impressed me in geography this week with her fantastic map skills. She was able to place features on an aerial map of the school playground using key symbols. Superstar!
Tyne	Rowan	Rowan is our Star of the Week for his fantastic work in science! Whilst learning about the rainforest he created an outstanding poster that combined brilliant artistic talent with impressive scientific knowledge. Rowan showed real passion for protecting endangered species like red pandas and used excellent scientific vocabulary such as "poaching" and "deforestation" to explain the issues. Well done, Rowan!
Eden	Imani	Imani has impressed me this week especially in her writing when we were retelling the story of the Owl Babies. She went over and beyond in her work by including similes and the structure of her work was amazing. I want you to keep that up Imani
Avon	Sami	Sami is our Star of the Week for working hard during maths! He has shown incredible commitment to improving his number skills. His determination is especially clear on Numbots, where he is the top of the class leaderboard and has reach Diamond level. His hard work has paid off as he also performed brilliantly in his maths assessment. Well done, keep it up!
Peck	Ali – Sina	Excellent effort this whole week with his assessments. Both in maths and in reading, Ali has impressed with his careful application of knowledge and his diligence whilst answering questions.
Effra	Amara	For demonstrating exceptional maturity and resilience. We are so proud of how you handled a difficult situation this week with calmness and grace.
Brent	Dawoud	Dawoud has truly impressed me this past week with both his writing and handwriting. It is clear he has been working very hard to improve not only the uniformity and size of his handwriting, but also the overall quality of his written work. He has shown remarkable determination and continually pushes himself to meet high standards. I am very impressed by his hard work and effort. Well done, Dawoud!
Lea	Janae	Janae's ambition never ceases to amaze me. In her arithmetic test this week, she went above and beyond, asking if she could represent her answers in different ways. This demonstrates her depth of understanding and the high standards she sets for herself.
Thames	Henry	For displaying excellent progress in managing changes to the daily schedule. Henry remains calm and focused when routines are adjusted, demonstrating a much-improved ability to adapt. This flexibility has had a positive impact on his learning and participation during class activities. Well done for developing such a resilient and positive attitude!

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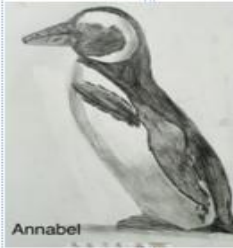
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Art

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Pibbles, focusing on tone and shading to capture texture and depth.



MATHEMATICS

This week the year 4 have been finding the products of the three numbers by multiplying them efficiently.



Science

Year 6 pupils have been investigating existing products. As part of this hands on project, pupils explored how Doodlers are designed and constructed.



Computing

Year 4 went to the Apple store in Convent Garden to participate in a workshop called Make a Theme Song. Students were taught rhythm basics and experimented with drums.



Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates.**

Click [here](#) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

Oracy Matters

Our whole school debate topic this week is...

Screen time for children should be limited to 30 minutes per day.

I disagree with ... because ...

To build on what... said...

That reminds me of...

Could you clarify what you meant by...?

I have changed my mind because...

In my opinion...

I think we all agree that...

To sum up what has been said...

I partly agree with... but I also think that...

Debate this question in your class using the oracy prompt display to support your discussion. Before you start, remind yourselves of your class oracy targets and your rules for talk! Oracy ambassadors, please report back a summary of your discussion.

RPS Christmas Performances 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
You are cordially invited to this year's Christmas performances.

Tuesday 16th December at 9:30am
Early Years: 'Nativity'

The Nativity



Tuesday 16th December at 2:50pm
Year 1: 'Whoops- A- Daisy Angel'



Wednesday 17th December at 10:15 am
Year 3 & 4 concert: 'Snow!'



Wednesday 17th December at 2:45 pm
Year 5 & 6 concert: 'Winter!'



Friday 19th December at 9:30 am
Year 2: 'Twinkly Nativity'



RPS Christmas Card Competition

We are exciting to announce our annual Christmas card design competition!
All students are welcome to take part.

Requirements:

- ❖ Create a design on A4 or A5 paper
- ❖ Use bright colours
- ❖ No glitter or 3D materials please



Deadline: Friday 12th December

Please give your entries to your class teachers with your name and class on the back

The Winning design will be used as our Official RPS Christmas card and will be sent to all our school partners!

Prizes will also be awarded for runners-up.



**We can't wait to see your
creativity!**





RPS Christmas Raffle

£1 per strip

(for sale at the office)

MAIN PRIZE:



**Drawn on Friday 12th
December at the Christmas
Fair at 4pm**

**Many other fantastic
prizes to win!**

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!



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28 Marsden Road,
London SE15 4EE

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Terrific Trees

Sunday 30th November
10am till 3pm

Have fun learning about our garden trees and using them to make natural art. Printing, leaf art, crafts, minibeasts and games.



The Holly and the Ivy

Sunday 7th December
10am till 3pm

Discover the evergreen plants in the garden and use them to make a wreath and other decorations. Games, crafts, activities.

All courses are for families living in Southwark. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. £3 booking fee but let us know if this is too much for you. Only one free Southwark workshop per academic year (Sept-July) These are whole day workshops not drop-ins. Booking required: visit our website www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or use the QR code email: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk for any queries.

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Pippa Wotton



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They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

“We couldn't be happier with William's Perform experience. We signed up to boost his confidence and it's making a wonderful difference.” - Samantha Nye

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
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- End of term presentation for family and friends

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Perform Surrey Quays

Thursdays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Time And Talents In Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, Time And Talents, SE16 7LL

Perform Isle Of Dogs

Fridays at 4.15pm (4-7s), 5.20pm (7-12s). Barkentine Community Hall, 12 The Quarterdeck, E14 8SJ

Perform Bermondsey

Fridays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Bermondsey Village Hall, Leathermarket Gardens, SE1 3TD

Until 2 Feb, new joiners can use ROTH020226 for a £40.00 introductory discount.

Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

perform.org.uk/try
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