

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Welcome

What a busy week here at Rivers! There's always something exciting happening and this week has been no different. Year 4 looked great in their Stone Age outfits and thank you for your support with this. Read further on to hear about how their day was. Welcome to Mrs Britton who has joined our admin team and has settled in well this week.

Unfortunately, due to the latest government guidance for the lockdown period, we have had to postpone the photographer coming in and had to cancel after school clubs. We are also moving our inset day on 27th November to Friday 11th December. This means that school will be open on 27th November but closed on 11th December.

Thank you to those members of our school community who support us in helping to make the school safe. Please remember that if you enter the school building for any reason, then you will need to wear a face covering and we strongly advise wearing them when entering the school site.

There are lots of exciting things happening next week too!

Attendance

This week's attendance: 86.9%

The Government has issued the following guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely clinically vulnerable from COVID-19 during this current period of lockdown:

Education settings

More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from COVID-19, even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow this advice. Speak to your GP or specialist clinician, if you have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school while this advice is in place. Your school will make appropriate arrangements for you to be able to continue your education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school.

Curriculum

There has been some fantastic learning happening this week across the curriculum at Rivers. Year 1 has been learning about the Royal Family, Year 5 have been creating Greek pots and Year 4 have been creating cave paintings. Year 4 have also had a special visitor in teaching them all about life in the Stone Age. I'm sure you'll agree that they all look fantastic in their costumes!



Next week, we look forward to completing our history theme before moving on to an exciting art and music before Christmas. More information about this will follow on next week's newsletter.

Year Group Focus: Year 2

Well done to Year 2 for how enthusiastic they have been in their learning this week. There have been some very interesting events happening. On Tuesday, they had a message about a mysterious character Beegu being lost and not belonging on Earth. Year 2 looked everywhere for clues but there was only an empty space ship. On Wednesday, there were some mysterious footprints in Severn class that led to the gift of a book called 'Beegu' and Beegu herself in her rocket. As well as book talk, the children have been working hard to teach Beegu times table recall and about different materials in Science. In RE this week, children enjoyed making their own diva lamps out of clay to mark Diwali and they have written poems to remember Bonfire Night.



Artist of the Half Term: Leonardo da Vinci



Leonardo Da Vinci (1452 - 1519) was an Italian inventor and artist who lived during a period of History called the Renaissance. He was a great inventor and engineer, who made plans for machines including a submarine, a helicopter and an armoured tank (although none of these were ever built).

Leonardo was an incredible artist. His famous painting includes the Mona Lisa.



Artist of the Month Competition

Will you be November's artist of the month?

November's competition is 'Portraiture'. Create a portrait in the style of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. A portrait can capture someone's face or a section of someone's face - you choose. You can enter a drawing, a painting, a collage or a photograph.

There will be prizes for winners and runners up.

All Art competitions can be entered via Class Dojo - please send your entry to your class teacher. Good luck! If you have any questions, please contact Miss Ravat.

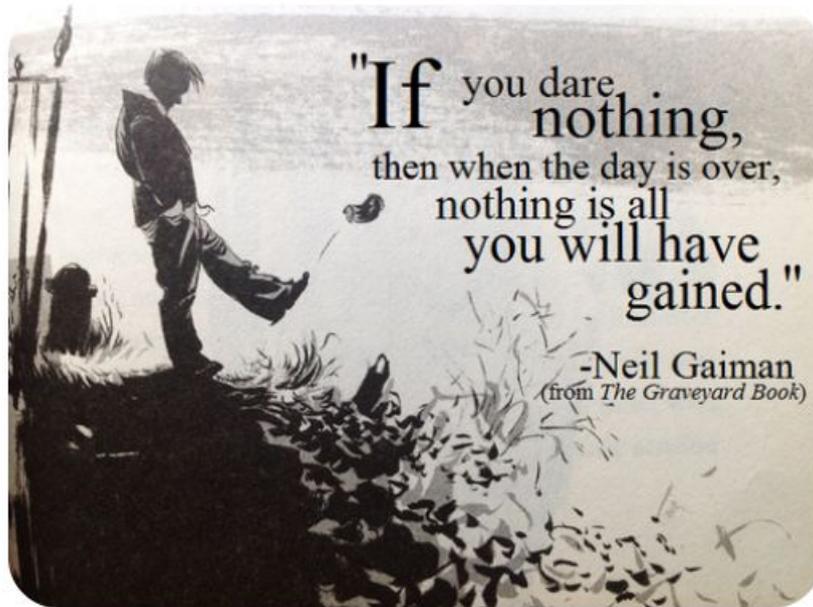
Rivers Love to Read

This week's star readers:

Name	Words Read This Week
Zianna S	119,820
Leena A	95,667
Aqram LB	85,024
Yoan B	78,131
Ava Rose C	74,854

Class Leaderboard - well done Amazon for joining Fuji in the class millionaires club and topping the leaderboard!

Class	Words Read This Year
Amazon	1,535,840
Fuji	1,518,634
Tiber	177,710
Kuma	137,863
Clyde	131,555
Hvita	94,722
Foyle	75,455



Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for improving their rockstar status. They will receive a certificate next week. Please make sure that your child is logging onto Time Table Rock Stars.



Rock Star (< 3 secs)	Headliner (< 4 secs)	Support Act (< 5 secs)	Gigger (< 8 secs)
Marcus (Clyde) Layla (Tiber) Hanif (Tiber)	Ava (Hvita)	Guravdeep (Thames)	Ashadieehyah (Severn) Joyce (Foyle)

TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!

If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

$2 \times 12 = 24$

24									
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

$24 \div 2 = ?$

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$12 \times 2 = 24$

24	
12	12

$24 \div 12 = ?$

Maths Week

Next week is Maths Week England and to celebrate this, every day next week each class will complete a daily challenge. The winning class with the best average score will win a board game afternoon.

Families are also invited to take part in the Katherine Johnson Maths Week competition (where they can win a £100 prize) by following the link



<https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/math-week-england-2020-katherine-johnson-prize/>

Every family who confirms they have entered the competition with their child's class teacher will be entered into a raffle to win a scooter.

We will also be having a TTRS competition and the class who have logged on the most will win a prize.

#MathsWeCan

Children in Need



This year's theme for Children in Need is 'Act your age.' On Friday 13th November, children at Rivers will be taking part in activities that match their age e.g. complete a workout for 7 minutes if they are 7.

To fundraise, children are invited to bring in the number of coins of any value that represent their age e.g. 7 coins if they are aged 7. We will also be inviting children to come to school in their own clothes for a 50p donation.

Keep an eye out on Class Dojo next week for further information.

Safeguarding

As we enter a second lockdown, there are additional concerns that you may have for your child's well-being and mental health. NSPCC have set up a page specifically to provide advice and support for families during this time. The link is

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

As ever, should you wish school to support with any concerns you have about your child's well-being, please contact Mrs Dawes or a member of the pastoral team.

Celebrations

This week, some more of our amazing children have earned their bronze behaviour badges! You will all receive your badge next week.

We are also delighted that Maciej from Kuma has earned the first silver badge of the year. What a fantastic role model for behaviour!

Avon: Kai, Kian, Tyler, Amber, Delilah, Samreet, Eliana, Olivia, Poppy, Benjamin, Michael, Mohammad, Arya, Nikola, Kadiatou, Loga, Annie-Rose

Severn: Isabelle, Denis, Chloe, Lenox, Riley, Oliver

Thames: Lacey, Esa, Angel

Foyle: Joanna, Jenson, Rhiley

Hvita: Taliah, Harry, Ellis, Amelia, Nicole, Hope, Andrew

Tiber: Tyler, Lacey, Joshua, Peyton, Harry, Harvey, Arren, Ollie, Summer, Alfie, Millie, Tyler, Phoebe

Fuji: Jenson, Max, Sophie, Tiguidanke

Kuma: Mason, Heebba, Max, Fatoumata, Graham, Ruby, Jay-Jay, Mitchell, Ellie, Lexi, Ryan, Mika

Amazon: Dhillon, Junaid, Chloe M, Nathan, Lacey, Jack, Bailey, Zianna

ASPIRE ambassadors for this week:

Avon: Kai A

Trent: Chase P

Severn: Harmeet B

Thames: Esa

Clyde: Ted W

Foyle: Jenson W

Hvita: Daniel E

Tiber: Kai-Rhys

Fuji: Jenson-James

Kuma: Alfie N

Amazon: Jaedyn A

Hot chocolate winners for this week: KS1

Trent: Mesha C

Severn: Faith S

Avon: Navjot B

Thames: Kay W

Diary dates

Monday 9th November Flu Vaccine for Reception

Tuesday 10th November Parents Evening (Y2, Y4 & Y5)

Wednesday 11th November Parents Evening (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y3)

Friday 13th November Children In Need (non-uniform day)

Thursday 3rd December School Photos (provisional date)

Friday 11th December school is closed for inset day

Wednesday 16th December Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 16th December Christmas lunch

Thursday 17th December Christmas class parties

Friday 18th December 1.15pm End of term

Monday 4th January School reopens