

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

### Welcome

Well done to all of our amazing children for a great first half term back; I know how much you have enjoyed our new school building. We welcome Miss Watton back who will be covering Mrs Andrews in Nursery whilst she is on maternity leave. The children have had a great day today taking part in a range of activities for our first 'Rainbow day'

When we return after half term, we will be serving hot food again from our kitchen, as we did before. Children will be able to select what they would like in the morning in class. If you pay for your child's lunch, remember this needs to be via our parentmail system.

Walsall Public Health have stated that there is currently a high community transmission. This is from people not following the rules and guidelines set and then bringing it into school. Please help to protect our school community by following the rules. If your child does test positive during the break, it is important that you let me know. Please send me a message on dojo.

Have a lovely break next week and please ensure that you are staying safe.

### Attendance

This week's attendance: 78.0%

The rise of COVID-19 in our local community is really impacting upon our school attendance and has meant that this half term we have had to close 3 out of 14 bubbles for two weeks. This has enabled us to ensure that there has been no transition within our school. Please support us to keep our academy COVID secure by adhering to the local tier 2 restrictions and wearing face masks during drop off and collection.

School continues to remain fully open for all children apart from those who have been told to self isolate. Please remember to call school every day that your child is not able to attend to enable us to authorise the absence and also keep track of any COVID-19 cases.

### Curriculum

What an eventful half-term at Rivers Primary Academy! We have seen some fantastic learning happening across school including a whole-school D&T project, some exciting starts to the first history project, Key Stage 2 developing their French vocabulary and music lessons delivered by Rock It music

and from Miss Alexander!

Next half term looks set to be just as exciting as we finish our history projects and move on to an art and music theme leading up to Christmas. Children will also be developing their computing skills. Keep an eye on this feature in the newsletter for more information.

### Year Group Focus: Year 4

Year 4 has had a really exciting week. They have almost reached the end of their whole class reading text *James and the Giant Peach*. They can't wait to find out where James ends up with his new bug family! In Maths, they've been practising using the column method to subtract. The counters really helped them to visualise the number sentence they were solving. In Science, Year 4 enjoyed working as a group to classify and group animals into vertebrates and invertebrates. In History, they studied an amazing sculpture that was made almost 40,000 years ago during the Stone Age period. Have you heard of The Lion Man? They are looking forward to creating their own sculptures after half term! And finally, they practised their dribbling skills in PE so that after half term, they can play a non-contact game of Basketball.



### Musician of the Half Term: Tchaikovsky

The children have enjoyed learning more about our composer of the half term, Tchaikovsky, and have enjoyed listening to some of his famous ballets. The children have completed quizzes and scores have been collated for each class. The class with the highest score will win a Music reward afternoon in the new studio that now has many new instruments!

The winning class for this half term will be announced after the holiday!



### Rivers Love to Read

This week's star readers:

Name	Words Read
Zianna S	191,735
Demi-Leigh T	106,536
Leena A	91,595
Aqram LB	90,816
Kai MB	51,641

Class Leaderboard:

A huge well done to Fuji our first word millionaire class!

Class	Words Read
Fuji	1,087,698
Amazon	968,741
Kuma	101,753
Clyde	93,324
Tiber	92,137
Foyle	68,637
Hvita	15,566

'All the reading  
she had done had  
given her a view of  
life that they had  
never seen.'

Roald Dahl  
Matilda

## Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for improving their rockstar status. They will receive a certificate during the first week back after the half term break. Please make sure that your child is logging onto Time Table Rock Stars if it is part of their homework.



Rock Legend ( < 2 secs)	Support Act ( < 5 secs)	Breakthrough Artist ( < 6 secs)	Unsigned Act ( < 7 secs)
Jaedyn (Amazon)	Ava (Hvita) Millie-Mae (Tiber)	Lacey (Amazon) Cherrie (Hvita)	Guravdeep (Thames) Andreea (Fuji)
Gigger ( < 8 secs)	Busker ( < 9 secs)	Garage Rocker ( < 10 secs)	Wannabe
Keegan (Foyle)	Joyce (Foyle)	George (Foyle)	Ashadieehyah (Severn) Harvey (Tiber) Peyton (Tiber) Lexie (Tiber)

**TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!**

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

**$2 \times 8 = 16$**

16						
2	2	2	2	2	2	2

**$16 \div 2 = ?$**



How many ways can you represent each fact?

**$8 \times 2 = 16$**

16	
8	8

**$16 \div 8 = ?$**

## Safeguarding

As Halloween falls during the holidays, please discuss the following safety information with your children:

- \* If children are going out unaccompanied, ensure they wear reflective clothing and carry a torch.
- \* Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult.
- \* Don't go into strangers' houses.
- \* Respect people who don't open their door or display a 'no trick or treaters' sign.
- \* Make sure that tricks do not damage anyone's property.

Have fun, enjoy yourself and please remember that as Walsall is in Tier 2 lockdown, households should not be mixing indoors unless they are part of a support bubble.

## Celebrations

This week, some more of our amazing children have earned their bronze behaviour badges! You will all receive your badge on the first week back after the holidays.

**Severn:** Lana-Mai B, Finley B, Noah CS, Faith C, Christian ND, Lillianne Rose P, Zion S

**Clyde:** Layan A, Mikaeel A, Emmanuel A, Elias H, Ruben JB, Eva J, Faith L, Dolcie L, Keith M, Daisy M, Ethan M, Marcus M, Laila N, Eva P, Jayden R, Mason S, Talitha A, Tommy S, Mateusz S, Tyler T,

Olivia T, Lily-Jo T, Ted W

**Foyle:** Angel A, Cristina A, Ayvah D, Mia M, Heidi S, Cole S, Honey S, Connor T

**Fuji:** Yahia A, Anayah A, Heathen CS, Meshach C, Jasmine F, Billy S, Isabel S, Andreea V, Ryan F, Ava G, Aqram LB, Richard M, Eberechukuru M, Demi-Leigh T, Elena T, Bella W

Who will join them next week? And who will be first to earn their silver badge?

**ASPIRE ambassadors for this week:**

Faith C - Severn

Lacey-Pearl B - Thames

Marcus Mc -Clyde

Keegan E - Foyle

Hanif LB - Tiber

Andrew T - Hvita

Ava G - Fuji

Lexi S - Kuma

Maja M - Amazon

**Hot chocolate winners for this week: LKS2**

Dolcie L - Clyde

Christina A - Foyle

Lexi S - Tiber

Nicole J - Hvita

**Diary dates**

**Children return:** Tuesday 3rd November