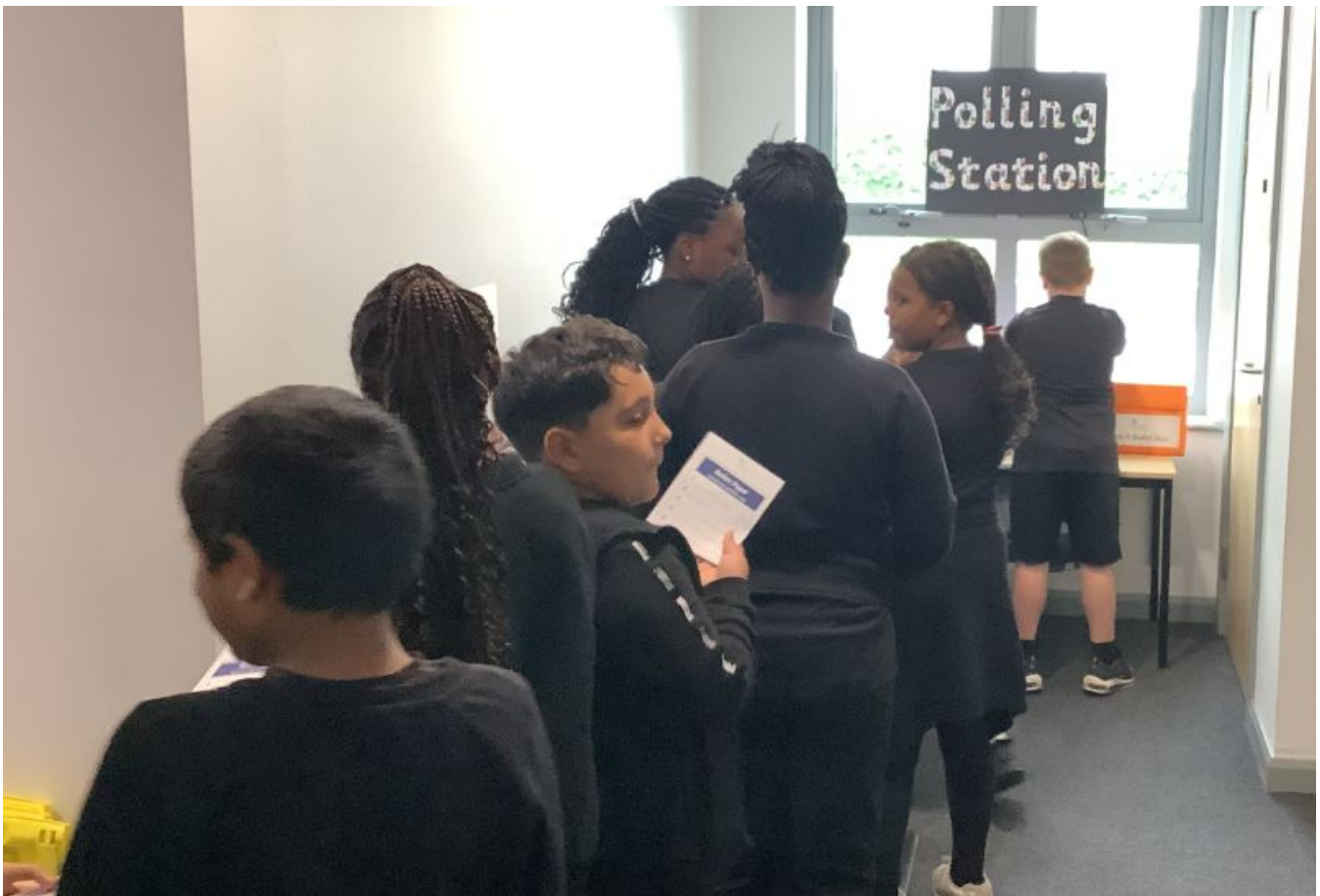


Message from Miss Anderson

The children have voted! There has been much enthusiasm around school this week as candidates prepared for our election of MPs to join our new Pupil Parliament. We were blown away by all the work that the children had put into their speeches for the class hustings and are really excited for our first parliament session next week.

It was brilliant to see so many parents in school this week at our first parent/carers workshop of the school year. Next week reception parents and Y1 Grandparents have the opportunity to come and spend time with their children in their classroom environment. Have a lovely weekend.



Our week in EYFS

Wow, nursery had a fantastic start to the week by hosting their first parent/carer workshop. Children enjoyed teaching the grown ups how we learn nursery rhymes. It was great to see so many adults joining in with the singing and the actions. Reception have their first parent/carer workshop next week. Please do come along, the children really do enjoy seeing their parents/carers joining them in class.

This week nursery have started their new book, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' Children have enjoyed exploring the animals from the book and learning the repeated phrases in the story.

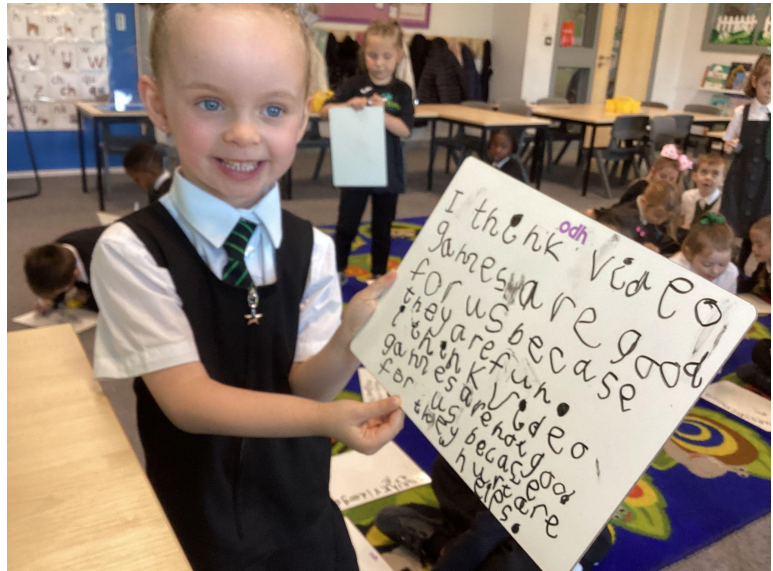
In Reception we enjoyed two new stories! They have read the story 'How to Get Your Teacher Ready' and have enjoyed being responsible teachers in their school role play area. They have also started their whole class reading book 'My Pet Star'. They have shared pictures of their pets and talked about how we can take good care of them. They had an exciting delivery... a pet star of their own to take care of!



Our week in key stage 1

We have had some fantastic mathematicians in Year 1 this week. They have been focusing on addition. Children have enjoyed creating their own addition stories and communicated these clearly with their partners. In English, children have been continuing to look at toys from the past and present. They became designers and invented their own wheeled toy, using great vocabulary to describe what it was made from and what it looked like. Children also shared their opinions and whether computer games were good or bad for us.

This week in Year 2 the children have written their first piece of independent writing based on the story – Stardust. In art, children got to choose their item from our outdoor area and trial different drawing styles ready to start their final piece next week where they will be able to experiment with colour.



Our week in lower key stage 2

In Year 3, children have been working scientifically and have set up an investigation where they observe changes over a short period of time. We have handled bread with washed hands, sanitised hands, hands that are wearing gloves and hands that have been washed. We look forward to sharing our results with you.

This week Year 4 have been finding out about how people from various different Stone Age eras lived. This included where they lived, when they became settlers and how they would forge weapons and equipment in order to hunt and farm and essentially survive.



Our week in upper key stage 2

In Art this week, Year 5 created sound posters using mark making and material based drawings, continuing on with our typography topic. In Theme this week, we compared life as an Athenian child and life as a Spartan child. We then wrote diary entries imagining we were a Spartan child in Ancient Greece.

Year 6 are enjoying learning about mummification in their theme lessons. They have been enjoying conducting experiments in science too.



Attendance

Golden Classes:

Clyde, Kuma and Fuji

This Term's Attendance Reward

For children with attendance of 97% or better (no more than 5 days of absence)



Pastoral

Let's Talk About Bullying

Thank you to all those that attended our parent/carer session about bullying, on Thursday. It was a brilliant opportunity for us to share how we educate about bullying at Rivers and what systems and support we have in place to ensure that all children at Rivers respect one another and work together as a community.

This is the definition of bullying that we use in school. The parents/carers that attended the session shared that the definition below will be helpful in shaping conversations around bullying in the home.



Mrs Kaur (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mr Tuck (Pastoral Lead)

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Family Bulletin

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This Week/Next Week

This Week

Monday 2 October	
Tuesday 3 October	1430: YR Parent/Carer Workshop
Wednesday 4 October	
Thursday 5 October	1430: Y1 Grandparents Afternoon Tea 1600: PTA Meeting
Friday 6 October	0800: Y6 Trip to Liverpool Museum 0900: Celebration Assembly - invite only

Next Week

Monday 9 October	
Tuesday 10 October	0900: Y1 Parent/Carer Workshop
Wednesday 11 October	
Thursday 12 October	
Friday 13 October	0900: Celebration Assembly - invite only

PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2 Year 3	Nursery Year 1 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1 Year 4 Year 6	Year 4 Year 5	Reception Year 2 Year 3

