

Message from Miss Anderson

It has been brilliant welcoming your children back to Rivers this week. They have all returned happy and settled; visiting their classrooms every day I am so impressed by their learning behaviours and how confident and proud they are when talking about their learning.

Last term your children completed a national student survey and we are really pleased to share that the proportion of children reporting that they are happy to be learning at Rivers is bigger than the national average. We will be sharing more details over the coming weeks.

As always, thank you for your continued support and have a brilliant weekend.



Our week in EYFS

Nursery have enjoyed travelling all the way to Space this week. They have enjoyed exploring their new book *Aliens Love Underpants* creating alien pictures and designing pants for their aliens using a range of different materials.

Reception have travelled all the way to the Antarctica and loved exploring their new text all about penguins. They have used the non fiction book to find and learn facts about penguins.

In forest school children enjoyed making their own stories using natural resources.

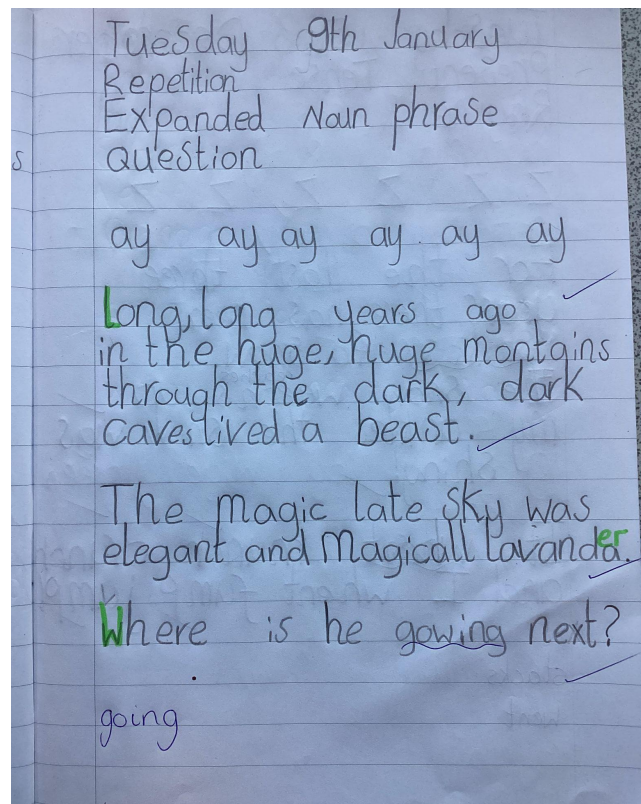


Our week in key stage 1

Wow! What a great start the children in key stage 1 have had for the Spring term. They have all returned to school with lots of enthusiasm. The behaviour has been excellent and children have been engaged in lessons.

Year 1 have been learning all about time. They have looked at the months of the year and have used time words such as before, after and then to help them sequence events. Children have enjoyed learning about how to be healthy and which professions help us look after our health.

Year 2 have loved writing about their new English text George and the Dragon. They have also enjoyed exploring about King Henry VIII.



Our week in lower key stage 2

Wow! Lower key stage two have come back ready to learn for the Spring term. They have all been very positive and enthusiastic about their learning. The children have been working very hard and earning lots of Dojo points!

In Year 3, the children have started reading *The True Story of The 3 Little Pigs*. They have been writing questions to ask Mr Wold and enjoyed hot seating taking on the role of the criminal.

Year 4 have been enjoying their new history unit, learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. They have also been enjoying gymnastics in PE where they were working in partners to perfect different positions.

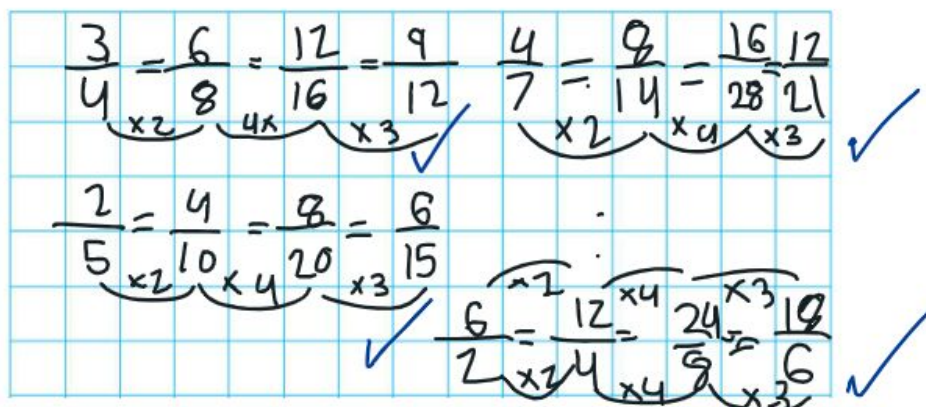


Our week in upper key stage 2

Wow! The children in Upper key stage two have come back to school keen and eager to learn. They have been showing fantastic behaviour and great enthusiasm in their lessons.

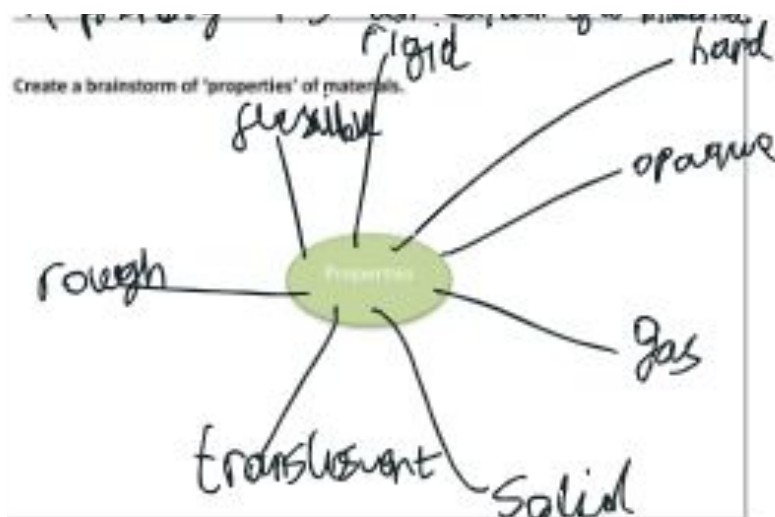
Year 5 have enjoyed starting their history unit all about the Shang Dynasty. In science, they have started a new unit all about materials.

Year 6 have been enjoying learning about World War Two. In their writing lessons, they have started a new story unit linked to their whole class reading book, The Graveyard Book.



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- $3 \times 2 = 6$, $4 \times 3 = 12$, $4 \times 4 = 16$, $3 \times 3 = 9$
- $4 \times 2 = 8$, $7 \times 2 = 14$, $4 \times 4 = 16$, $12 \times 3 = 36$
- $2 \times 2 = 4$, $5 \times 2 = 10$, $4 \times 4 = 16$, $3 \times 3 = 9$
- $6 \times 2 = 12$, $2 \times 2 = 4$, $12 \times 4 = 48$, $24 \times 3 = 72$



Attendance

Golden Classes:

Avon and Tocantin

This Term's Attendance Reward

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



Pastoral

Walsall Family Hubs January – March 2024

Walsall's family hubs are based in the heart of our communities. They provide a welcoming space, offering help and support for a range of children's services. This includes face-to-face support, a virtual offer and outreach services. The services and support are aimed at children aged 0-19 (0 to 24 for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities), their parents and carers.

Services that form part of our Family Hubs and spokes are:



familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk

Facebook Page @Walsallfamiliesintheknow

Mrs Kaur (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mr Tuck (Pastoral Lead)

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 [help@nspcc.co.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/help)

Childline 0800 1111



Family Bulletin

12 January 2024

This Week/Next Week

This Week	
Monday 15 January	
Tuesday 16 January	
Wednesday 17 January	0900: YR Trip to Thinktank
Thursday 18 January	1430: Let's Talk About Racism Parent/Carer Session
Friday 19 January	0900: Celebration assembly (invite only) 1000: Nursery NHS Toileting Workshop

Next Week	
Monday 22 January	
Tuesday 23 January	0900: Y6 SATs Parent/Carer Workshop
Wednesday 24 January	0900: Y1 Eye Tests
Thursday 25 January	0830: Y4 Trip to Lichfield Cathedral
Friday 26 January	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	Reception Year 2 Year 3 Year 5

