

Message from Miss Anderson

Another wonderful week at Rivers. It was lovely to hear all our reception children sharing everything they had seen and done at the ThinkTank in Birmingham. They were so excited and loved seeing all the stars in the planetarium.

The new Director of Children's Services from Walsall Council visited today and was very impressed with all of your children and how happy and positive they were about school. They really are a credit to you.

Have a great weekend!



Our week in early years

Nursery have enjoyed learning about night time through their story 'Owl Babies'. They have enjoyed learning about other animals that come out at night. Children have explored using a range of vocabulary to talk about feelings.

Reception have started their new story 'Lost and Found.' They have also explored talking about how the penguin was feeling.

Reception had an amazing trip to the Thinktank this week. They were so well behaved and listened to all the instructions. Children were able to explore the space show and enjoyed exploring the minibrum.

One child said, 'I wish we had more time at the Thinktank to look at more.'



Our week in key stage one

Year 1 have enjoyed their new text 'The Jolly Postman' this week. They have been creative whilst designing their own stamps. In art, the children have been looking at sculptures that already exist and started to explore what they were made of, sketching out different ideas before they start to design their own.

This week in Year 2, the children got to experience life as a Tudor including listening to music of the time, dancing and sport (tennis) which they really enjoyed. In art, they have started looking at architecture and the children were inspired by researching the different buildings we have around Birmingham. The children have also enjoyed looking at signs of inter in Forest School – which there have been plenty of this week!



Our week in lower key stage 2

In Year 3, the children have started their new PE unit gymnastics. The children have been working together and practicing different skills to put into their end of half term routine. They are excited to perform to each other. They have also been working really hard in maths on multiplication and division. They have been learning how to use arrays and bar models to help them solve word problems.

Year 4 have been working really hard in their English lessons this week, writing all about the Iron Man. They have been exploring feelings the Iron Man had when he broke to pieces. In their reading lessons, they have been reading *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* and can't wait to find out more about Narnia.



Our week in upper key stage 2

In Year 5 science the children have been investigating the absorption of different materials. They did an experiment to test which brand of supermarket nappies were the most absorbent and best fit for purpose! In music, the children have been learning how to read notes on the staff and play the notes on the glockenspiel.

Year 6 have had a busy week learning lots of different skills in their maths lessons, from division to ratio and fractions! In writing they have been writing their own story linked to their reading text, *The Graveyard Book*. In history, they have been very interested in learning about World War Two, having the opportunity to interview members of staff about their visits to Auschwitz.



Attendance

Golden Classes: Severn & Tocantins

This Term's Attendance Reward

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



Pastoral



Some great discussions and ideas shared at yesterday's parent/carer session 'Lets talk about racism.' Thank you to all those that attended.

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Family Bulletin

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This Week/Next Week

This Week	
Monday 22 January	
Tuesday 23 January	0900: Y6 Parent/Carer SATS Information Session
Wednesday 24 January	Y1 Eye Tests
Thursday 25 January	0900: Y4 trip to Lichfield Cathedral
Friday 26 January	0900: Celebration Assembly - invite only

Next Week	
Monday 29 January	
Tuesday 30 January	0900: Y3 Parent/Carer Let's Learn Together
Wednesday 31 January	0900: Y5 trip to Drayton Manor Park
Thursday 1 February	
Friday 2 February	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

