

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

### Message from Mrs Wright

Welcome to the families joining Rivers for the first time and welcome back to our existing families. I hope you all had a great summer - I'm sure it goes faster every year! The children have settled into their new classes and year groups really well and I continue to be so proud of how resilient they are.

On Tuesday, we had our first ever assembly for years 1-6 in our brand new school hall. It was so lovely to be able to get all of the children back together again. We have been singing together this morning in our weekly celebration assembly. Please see below for our award winners this week. I'm also very excited that we can have Hot Chocolate Friday all together again for the winners from each class.

After school clubs start again next week and we are really pleased to be able to offer a wide range of clubs. We have some of our staff leading these but also some specialists coming in. As ever, there is no charge for after school clubs.

Please remember that if your child shows any symptoms of COVID that you should get a PCR test as soon as possible. Please inform us of any positive lateral flow or PCR test results.

It was great to be able to invite parents/carers into school this week for our parent/carer class teacher sessions. We look forward to welcoming parents of years 1-4 in next week:

Tiber (Miss Ravat): Monday 13 September at 0900  
Hvita (Miss Watson): Monday 13 September at 1440  
Foyle (Mr Heighway): Tuesday 14 September at 0900  
Clyde (Miss Holland) Tuesday 14 September at 1440  
Severn (Mss Evans): Wednesday 15 September at 0900  
Thames (Miss Cotterill): Wednesday 15 September at 1440  
Avon (Miss Coleman): Thursday 16 September at 0900  
Trent (Miss Parsons): Thursday 16 September at 1440

We are hopeful that we can invite you to other events and even have a tour of our school! Details will follow soon.

### Reminder

Gates now close at 8.50 am each morning, please ensure that your child is at school before this time.

### Attendance

This Week's Attendance: 94.3%

Golden Class: Hvita

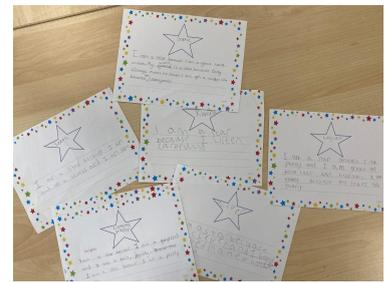
## A Week at Rivers



What a fantastic first week we have had in early years! We have welcomed lots of new children and families into Rivers this week. The children have been amazing and have settled into their new environments. This week we have been exploring our environment, learning about our classroom, school rules and most importantly making new friends.!



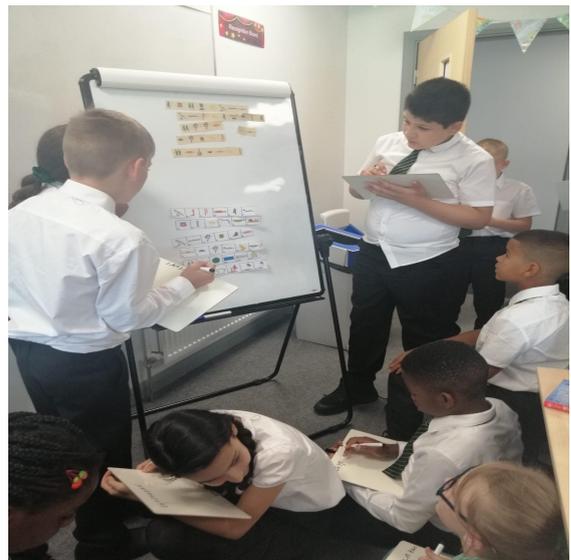
Across lower key stage two all of our children have been settling in beautifully, learning routines and finding their feet in their new classes. They've really hit the ground running! In Year 3, we have been reflecting on what makes us a star as part of our new writing topic, 'Star in a Jar'. We also experienced what it felt like to be a child chimney sweeper and being taught by a strict teacher in a Victorian classroom.



In Year 4, we kick-started our History theme by becoming an archaeologist and exploring ancient prehistoric artefacts. We used our observational and enquiry skills to think about what the artefact was and how it may have been used thousands of years ago. One student was so inspired by this lesson that he went home and started digging in his garden to look for artefacts! Here is a lovely quote from one of our star pupils: 'I love being in Year 4, the lessons are really fun and everything's so interesting.'

An exciting week has been had by all in Year 5 and 6. Both year groups began their theme lessons with a code breaking activity. Children were amazing at translating Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics in Year 6 and Ancient Greek in Year 5 to decipher clues into what they will be exploring in upcoming weeks - lots of excitement and lots of challenging activities await!

Our writing has also been a highlight this week. Year 6 have been exploring performance poetry and have had great fun performing for one another. In Year 5, we have been amazed by some of the writing children have produced in our first narrative unit based on 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne.



## Clubs at Rivers

We have a wide range of clubs on offer this half term! Places are limited and so they are on a first come

first served basis.

### **After school clubs**

Monday:

- Y4 Keyboard
- KS1 Gymnastics
- KS2 Board Games
- Y1 Sewing club
- Y5 Sewing club
- KS2 French

Tuesday:

- KS2 Dance
- KS1 Football
- Y5 & 6 Basketball

Wednesday:

- Y4, 5 & 6 Kickboxing/ Martial Arts
- Y3 Sketch club

Thursday:

- Y3 & 4 Football
- Y5 Computing
- KS2 Choir

Friday:

- KS2 Tennis and Badminton

We also have some lunchtime clubs that the children can attend if they wish.

## **Safeguarding**

At Rivers Primary Academy, we have several ways you can contact us. Dojo allows you to message all of our staff but you can also call our office if you need a response and have not had a reply on Dojo as although staff check regularly it is not always possible to get back to you right away.

### **Raising awareness of online radicalisation**

Young people are spending more and more time online and Counter Terrorism Policing are seeing younger and younger children being exposed to extreme material and views. Here in the UK, children as young as 12 have been targeted and groomed into supporting extremist ideologies.

CT Policing has partnered with [Netmums.com](http://Netmums.com), to encourage everyone to have radicalisation on their radar.

For more information about ACT Early, please visit [www.actearly.uk](http://www.actearly.uk) or contact [nctphq.comms@met.police.uk](mailto:nctphq.comms@met.police.uk).

Key messages:

- Have an age appropriate conversation with your children about the potential risks of radicalisation as you do about other harms like drugs, sexting and child sexual exploitation.

- Protect your child by finding out about extremism and radicalisation and help make them more resilient to potential risks.
- Find out how to make your child digitally savvy to help protect them
- Not all children are vulnerable to radicalisation but some are and every parent/carer needs to know the potential risks and what to look out for.
- If you are concerned, act early and seek advice from the advice line on 0800 011 3764.
- We are here to help and to listen. They will not be wasting our time. The earlier they tell us their worries, the quicker we can get the person they care about the help they need to protect them from being groomed and radicalised. Most cases these issues will be unconnected to radicalisation and the support will be provided by other partners

Miss Stone (Designated Safeguarding Lead)  
 Mrs Moorhouse (Pastoral Lead)  
 Miss Gamwell (Safeguarding Officer)

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

## Rivers Reads

This week's star KS2 readers:

Name	Words Read This Week
Bella W	198,227
Kai MB	84,799
A LB	47,182
Demi-Leigh T	21,094
Lacey-Ann A	7,260

Class Leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Amazon	372,420
Kuma	14,635
Fuji	12,306

## Celebrations

**Well done to our 'Aspire' winners: I am respectful**

**Avon:** Kaeyln S  
**Trent:** Malachi L  
**Severn:** Samreet M  
**Thames:**Jenson M  
**Clyde:** Lacey PB  
**Foyle:** Sophie C  
**Hvita:** Joanna P  
**Tiber:** Ruben JB  
**Fuji:** Phoebe W  
**Kuma:** Taio J  
**Amazon:** Lexi MS  
**Tocantin:** Eloane B

**Hot Chocolate Winners**

**Avon:** T'Shylee M  
**Trent:** Meleigha P  
**Severn:**Carter P  
**Thames:** Olivia-Rose P  
**Clyde :**Lilly J  
**Foyle:** George W  
**Tiber:** Marcus M  
**Hvita:** Martyna C  
**Fuji:** Taliah B  
**Kuma:** Elizabeth N  
**Amazon:** Yahia A  
**Tocantin:** Mika W

**Diary dates**

Friday 22nd October	Break up for half term
Monday 1st November	Return to school
Friday 26th November	School closed to children (Inset day)
Friday 10th December	School closed to children (Inset day)
Friday 17th December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January	School reopens