

### Message from Miss Anderson

#### Dear Parent/Carers

It has been a brilliant week at Rivers. It was lovely to see our reception children moving their learning into our year 1 classrooms to support their transition into key stage 1. The children will continue to visit the year 1 classrooms two afternoons a week. They looked very grown up and enjoyed having their own desk and seat to complete their work at.

Year 3 also amazed me this week at our WAT musical celebration at Walsall Arena. This year they have been working with a professional musician to compose and write their own song. Their performance of 'Kindness is the Key' in front of over 500 other children from our family of trust schools showed real courage. We will be inviting our Year 3 parents into school for their own VIP performance of the song. School is all about making memories and I'm certain this is one they will all remember for a very long time.

Well done to all our Aspire Ambassadors this week who received their nomination from their class teacher for being able to become unstuck in their learning, being able to know when to ask for help is a really important skill to enable us to fly!

Have a lovely weekend.



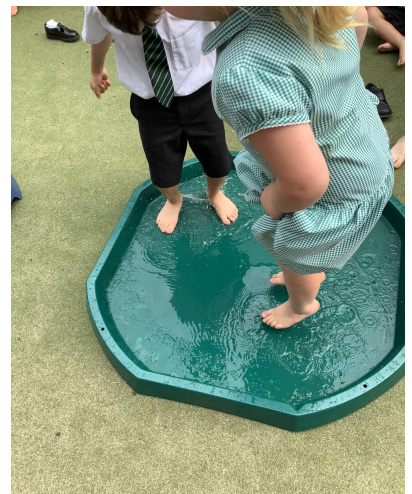


### Our week in EYFS

This week in nursery, children have experienced London. The children have enjoyed role-playing as ticket conductors and passengers in our London Underground role-play area.

Reception have enjoyed the hot weather! Children have enjoyed taking their shoes and socks off and walked through some large puddles to explore the feeling and sounds the cold water made. They have been enjoying their time outside in the water trays and have made their very own pretend ice cream shop!

Reception children have been very courageous this week as they have started their transition sessions into year one. They have spent two afternoons in their new classrooms and having enjoyed being big children!





### Our week in key stage 1

This week in Year 1, children have been learning about the weather and seasons. They have explored the seasons and thought about how the weather affects us. Children installed a rain gauge and used thermometers to see if the weather forecast is correct this week.

This week in Year 2, the children have loved continuing their new topic in Art where they have been incorporating music into their artwork. On Tuesday, this saw them mark making to different sounds, moving their pencil crayons to a piece of music and creating a drawing of a flower to the rhythm of a song. The children found the activities really therapeutic and were able to talk in detail about their finished results.

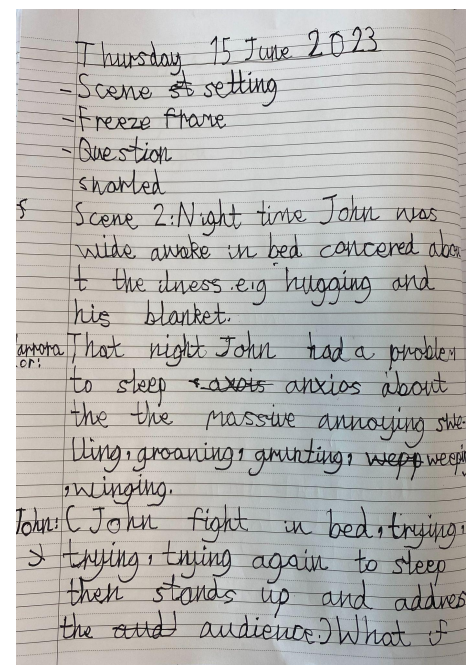
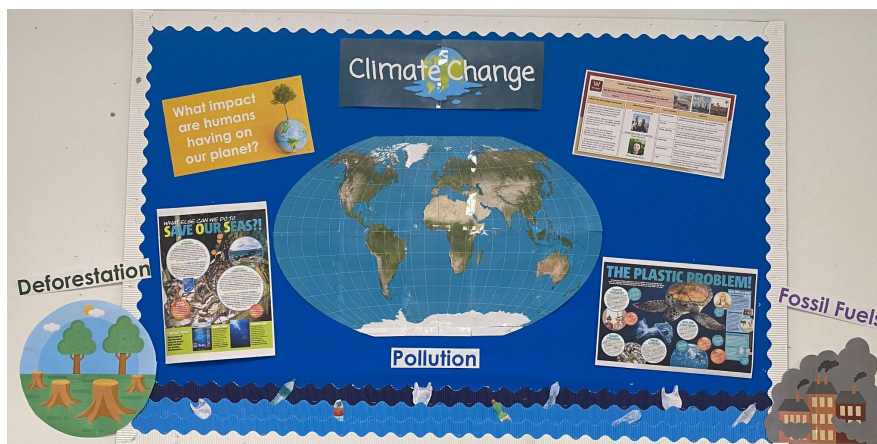
Children have continued to watch and listen to humorous poems by Michael Rosen, the 'chocolate cake' is definitely their favourite – give it a watch!



### Our week in lower key stage 2

Year 3 have continued to explore their big question 'Does everyone have the same rights?' They've looked at what 'rights' mean and identified countries of the Commonwealth. On Thursday, Year 3 were courageous and proudly performed a song that they have composed 'Kindness is key' as part of Rivers Arts Mark Award celebration event.

Year 4 have continued to look at what impact humans are having on our planet and have explored climate change. In writing Year 4 have continued to look at the play 'The Plague Village' and have created their own play script.

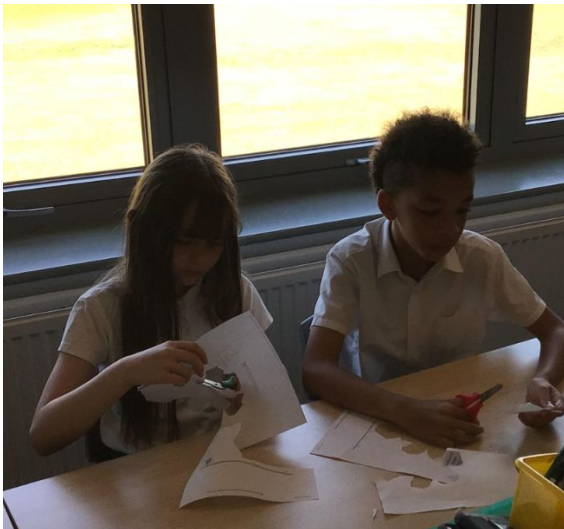




### Our week in upper key stage 2

Year 6 have enjoyed practising for their dance performance for the carnival in Walsall this week. They worked hard to create a range of craft items, which will be displayed during the dance and the children worked hard to learn a new dance routine.

In Year 5, the children have been learning about geometry in maths. This week, they explored the properties of 3D shapes and explored how nets of shapes are put together in order to create a 3D shape. The children were fascinated by the different shapes that the nets could take in order to make the same 3D shape.



## Celebrations

**Well done to this week's Aspire Ambassadors!**

Rejoice I

Remiro B

Zionah FB

Daniel B

Jett W

Chase K

Willow T

Ofurese O

Lenox P

Lillieanne RP

Rube James B

Alfie G

Astons S

Phoebe W

*I can become Unstuck*

**I know what to do when I don't  
know what to do.**



## Attendance

### This week's Golden Classes

Well done, we hope you enjoyed your golden time this afternoon!

Hvita

Kuma

### This term's attendance event

Inflatable fun for all children whose attendance is 97% (no more than 5 days of absence this academic year) or better coming soon!





### PE & Sport Success

More swimming medals have been handed out to children meeting the national curriculum standards for swimming of 25m and self safe rescue. Well done to Keegan E, Dominik B, Mason H, Alfie T, Evie M, Andrew T.

Courtney Fry an ex professional boxer and Olympian led an assembly and boxing masterclasses for children. Courtney's key message was about the importance of resilience and not giving up!

Our year 5 and 6 boys cricket team had a great day at Aldridge Cricket Club playing 5 matches in the sun. They managed to win their first match, and had 3 other close losses by less than 10 runs. The fielding and bowling improved throughout which helped the team play some close matches.

Our upper key stage 2 cricket team enjoyed their tournament too at Aldridge Cricket Club. They also finished with 1 win but had 3 other matches which were very close. There was some great batting including sixes from Joyce and Christina in particular!

If any children have football boots (any type astro, blades etc) or shin pads which now do not fit them. It would be really helpful if you wished to donate to the school so we can give them to children who do not have them to borrow, when they represent the school. If these can be passed straight to school office or Mr Perrin.

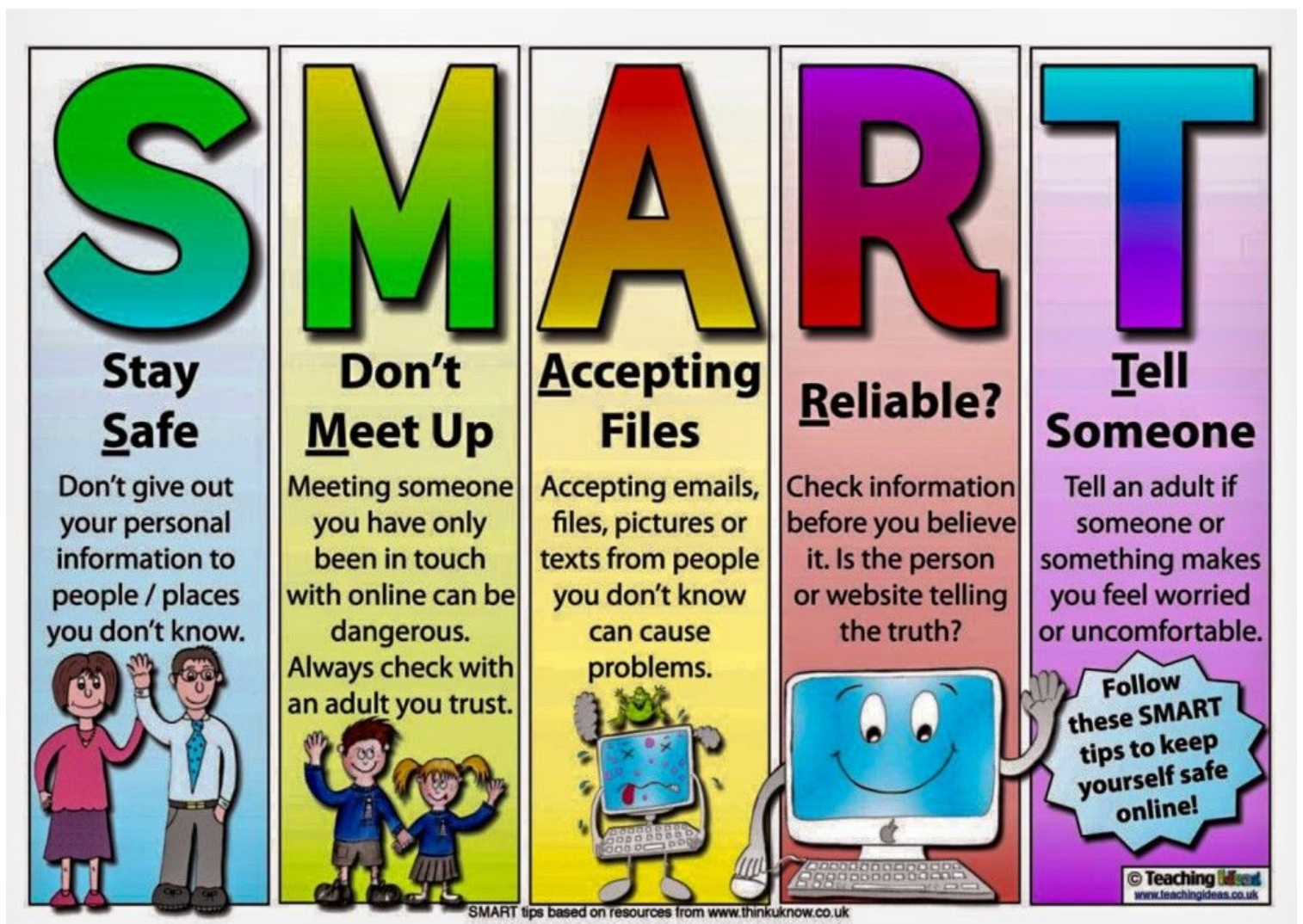




## Pastoral

### Staying safe online

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself online.



The poster is divided into five vertical panels, each representing a letter of the word 'SMART'. Each panel has a large, colorful letter at the top, followed by the letter's meaning in bold, and then a short paragraph of advice. The panels are: 1. 'S' (Stay Safe) with a blue background and an illustration of a man and a woman. 2. 'M' (Don't Meet Up) with a green background and an illustration of two children. 3. 'A' (Accepting Files) with a yellow background and an illustration of a computer monitor with a sad face. 4. 'R' (Reliable?) with a red background and an illustration of a smiling computer monitor. 5. 'T' (Tell Someone) with a purple background and an illustration of a starburst shape. At the bottom of the poster, there is a small text line: 'SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk' and a logo for 'Teaching Ideas' with the website 'www.teachingideas.co.uk'.

<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>Stay Safe</b>	<b>Don't Meet Up</b>	<b>Accepting Files</b>	<b>Reliable?</b>	<b>Tell Someone</b>
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

SMART tips based on resources from [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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# Family Bulletin

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## This Week/Next Week

This Week	
Monday 19 June	
Tuesday 20 June	Y3 Parent/Carer Workshop Y4 Trip to Sea Life Centre, Birmingham
Wednesday 21 June	Y5 Trip to The Lion King, London
Thursday 22 June	Y4 Parent/Carer Workshop
Friday 23 June	0900 Celebration Assembly - invitation only

Next Week	
Monday 26 June	School Closed
Tuesday 27 June	
Wednesday 28 June	Y5 Parent/Carer Workshop
Thursday 29 June	
Friday 20 June	0900 Celebration Assembly - invitation only

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

