

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

Message from Mrs Wright

Another fantastic week at Rivers, as you will see below there has been lots of hard work and achievement across school. Children have been fascinated by their learning in theme - ask your child which era of history they are learning about and see if they have a favourite fact to share. All of us teachers are thrilled with the engagement from both our children in school along with the effort you parents are making in supporting your children's home reading since their return - thank you!

Following on from this week's class parent/carer sessions, we are looking forward (pandemic dependent) to being able to invite parents into school on Wednesday 20 October for parents evening. Further details and booking system will be shared nearer the time. We are also working running year group workshops which will provide you parents with the opportunity to work alongside your child in school and get to see first hand what in school lessons look like compared to the online lessons you all spent so much time observing last academic year!

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday morning.

Attendance

This Week's Attendance: 96.2%

Golden Classes: Trent, Thames, Hvita, Kuma, Amazon, Tocantin

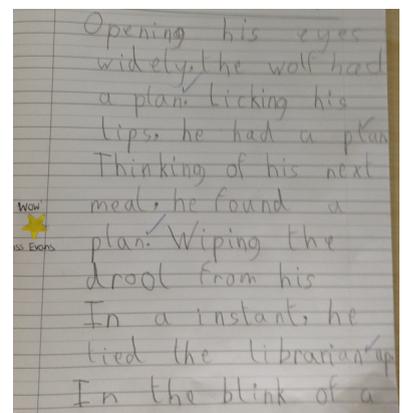
A Week at Rivers



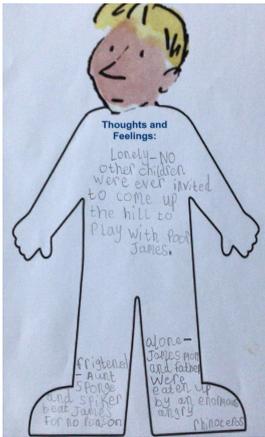
KS1

Another end to a brilliant week in KS1. The children have really shown their maturity and resilience settling into their new phonics groups.

Year 1 have had an enjoyable week looking at toys within their theme lessons. Children loved bringing and sharing their own toys and experiences. Year 2 have also enjoyed their theme lesson this week investigating and comparing Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. Finally, look at the amazing writing from Mesha in year 2!



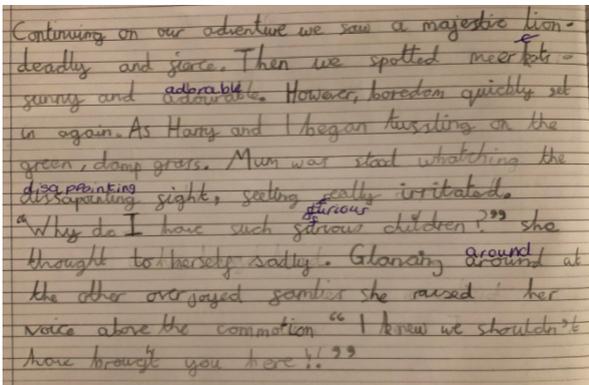
LKS2



It's certainly been a memorable week across LKS2. Our Year 3 pupils visited our wonderful library for the first time and loved choosing their own Reading book. We've also explored the life of the ultimate Victorian, Queen Victoria! We learnt about her personal history and family life using primary sources.

What a day to remember for our Year 4 pupils. Today our very excited pupils received their brand new iPads! With incredible learning opportunities ahead, we can't wait to inspire by powering up our curriculum and maximising progress! We're also really enjoying reading James and the Giant Peach - we explored the main character role on the wall to explore the main character, James' personality and his thoughts/feelings. We really hope his luck changes soon!

UKS2

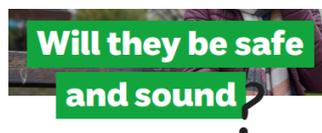


This week the children have been superstar authors. Year 5 have been writing their own version of the story Zoo by Anthony Browne, here is a super example by Elizabeth N. The children have had great success manipulating literary techniques and considering how the characters would be feeling and reacting. In Year 6, children have been writing performance poetry based on *My Puppy Poet and Me* by Eloise Greenfield. Children have had a wonderful time constructing their poems and then performing them for one another.

You may also have seen on our Twitter page that our Year 6 children (Year 5 at the time) wrote an open letter to the England team thanking them for inspiring them to aspire and condemning the racist remarks that shocked and saddened us all. Well, Year 6 were surprised to receive a reply from the House of Commons this week.

Safeguarding

Is your child safe to be out alone?



The helpful NSPCC guide provides practical tips and advice to help parents and carers decide what is best for their child when it comes to staying home alone or going out alone.

It covers some of the risks parents should consider before making a decision, such as how their child feels about the idea and who they should contact in an emergency.

There is also a checklist for parents and children to work through together to help them prepare for different types of scenarios. This includes questions about what to do if there is an accident at home or they are approached by a stranger outside.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/2614/home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf>

Outside rules

Ask yourself questions like:

- How far from home can they go?
- How long can they stay out?
- Who can they go out with or meet?
- When is their agreed home time?
- What activities are ok for them to do?

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

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0800 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
Kai MB	179,373
Ava Rose C	142,074
Millie T	91,732
Aqram LB	70,257
Demi-Leigh T	29,370

Class Leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Amazon	758,315
Fuji	339,603
Kuma	55,349
Tocantins	47,663
Hvita	40,575
Foyle	16,134

Tiber	10,309
Clyde	2,486

Celebrations

Well done to our 'Aspire' Ambassadors I am responsible

Avon: Jaan E, **Trent:** Sarghun K, **Severn:** Kai A, **Thames:** Mohammed S, **Clyde:** Bashir U, **Foyle:** Harmeet B, **Hvita:** Shardanae P, **Tiber:** Dolcie L **Fuji:** Hanif LB, **Kuma:** Maciej R, **Amazon:** Aqram LB, **Tocantin:** Elena T

Hot Chocolate Winners

Avon: Aiden R, **Trent:** Emilia C, **Severn:** Chloe P, **Thames:** Dollie-Mai M, **Clyde:** Alyssa H, **Foyle:** Leylan J, **Tiber:** James D, **Hvita:** Rhiley H, **Fuji:** Mitchell D, **Kuma:** Tyler W, **Amazon:** Anayah A, **Tocantin:** Eloane B

Diary dates

Monday 20th September	Reception Parent Meeting - 2.40pm Nile
Tuesday 21st September	Reception Parent Meeting - 2.40pm Ganges
Wednesday 20th October	Parent's Evening
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