

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

### Message from Mrs Wright

Together as a school we commemorated Remembrance Day on Thursday. The children showed so much respect and were able to articulate who and why it is important to remember on this day - we were very proud of them. Well done to our 3 Remembrance Day poetry winners: Mesha (KS1), Harmeet (LKS2) and Phoebe (UKS2) who shared their emotive poems and received a prize and certificate in Thursday's assembly. Also a big well done to our choir who sang a remembrance song in assembly today, it was lovely and they showed real courage.

The calendar is already starting to get busy - on Monday we are inviting children to come into school wearing a pair of odd socks to promote anti-bullying week and on Friday we will be fundraising for Children in Need by asking children to contribute either 50p or £1.00 to wear their own (preferably spotty at the request of the student senate) clothes.

More details about these and further upcoming events can be found below. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday for week 3!

### Attendance

This Week's Attendance: 93.8%

**Golden Class: Hvita**

Is your child ready for next month's Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Event!? Remember they need to have had no more than 5 absences this academic year.

### A Week at Rivers

In Nursery this week we have been learning about sight. The children have enjoyed working as Opticians in our role-play area. We had fun using torches to explore how shadows are made.



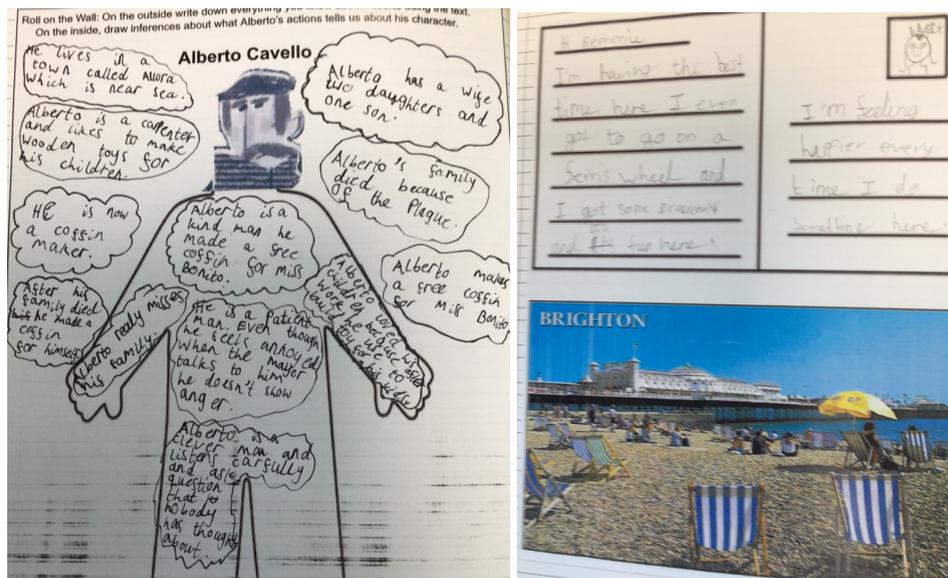
In early years this week we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. Children created diva lamps out of clay learning about and using the skills of moulding and pinching to make the lamp.



There has been some super maths work in Year 1 this week where we all learnt about using a numberline. Children also enjoyed learning about the countries of the UK and going on a woodland walk. This week in year 2, we enjoyed investigating materials in science and how to measure if they are waterproof or not and learning. In our theme work we looked at human and physical features of the local environment.



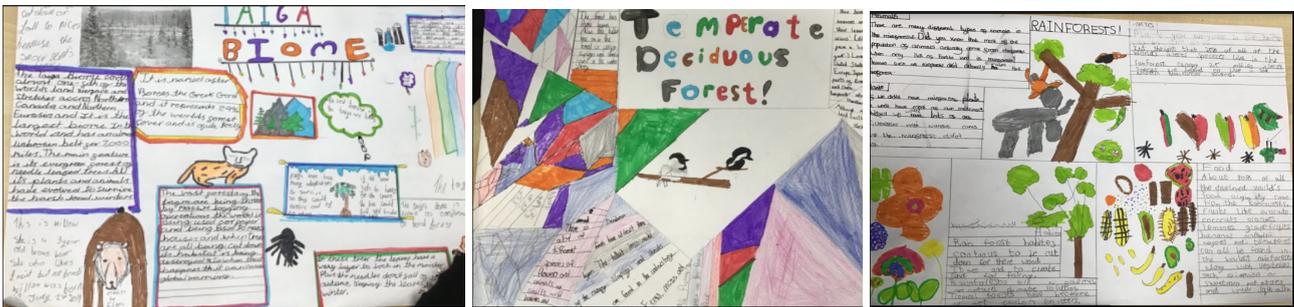
In Year 3, we started reading our new book as part of whole class reading called The Nothing to See Here Hotel. We wrote a postcard about our time at the beach and all the fun ways you can explore the beach. In Year 4, we've also began to read our amazing books called The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin-Maker. We used Roll on the Wall to explore our favourite character Alberto and thought about his tragic life.



In upper key stage 2, we are really enjoying our geography theme work. In year 5, children explored lines of longitude and latitude on our globe. They drew on balls to label the equator, the northern and southern hemispheres and the tropics of cancer and capricorn.



Meanwhile in year 6 we created posters from our research on different biomes around the world.



## Anti-Bullying Week

At Rivers bullying is not tolerated. To promote and celebrate anti-bullying week we are asking all children to come to school in a pair of odd socks on Monday 15 November.



## Children in Need

Friday 19th November is Children in Need day. The theme this year is **'together we can change young lives'**. To celebrate and raise money for the charity, children are invited to wear non uniform - spotty clothes or a spotty accessory with a donation of 50p or £1 whatever you would like to donate.



## Christmas Competition

We're delighted to announce that Eddie Hughes, our local MP, has launched his Christmas competition! This year, Mr Hughes would like children to design their own Christmas cards. The winning card will be sent to hundreds of local organisations and people - even the Prime Minister himself! Every entry will receive a certificate and Mr Hughes will pick a winner and runners-up to receive prizes.

Your child's entry must be completed on the template provided and state the following details: **Full name, age and address**. The deadline to hand in entries to your class teacher is **Friday 19th November 2021**.



## Safeguarding

Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit and abuse them.

Children who are groomed can be sexually abused, exploited or trafficked.

Anybody can be a groomer, no matter their age, gender or race. Grooming can take place over a short or long period of time – from weeks to years. Groomers may also build a relationship with the young person's family or friends to make them seem trustworthy or authoritative.

Any concerns of grooming can be reported to the police or NSPCC.

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
Eshal D	115,740
Elena T	84,799
Daniel IE	83,439
Leylan J	77,556
Prabhnoor D	62,231

### Class Leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Amazon	3,829,428
Fuji	3,100,940
Tocantins	1,663,957
Kuma	824,933
Foyle	705,939
Clyde	261,703
Tiber	154,162
Hvita	129,240

### Celebrations

#### Well done to our 'Aspire' Ambassadors' I am Responsible

**Avon:** Logan B **Trent:** Uzair M **Severn:** Jayden-Lee P **Thames:** Eddie C **Clyde:** Zackariya U **Foyle:** Preston RW **Hvita:** Tyler-Jay I **Tiber:** Olivia T **Fuji:** Joshua B **Kuma:** Vlad L **Amazon:** Megan A **Tocantins:** Isaac DR

#### Hot Chocolate Winners

**Avon:** Kamilla **Trent:** Lucy T **Severn:** Kian H **Thames:** Eddie C **Clyde:** Lacey B **Foyle:** Harmmeet B **Tiber:** Eshal N **Hvita:** Riley A **Fuji:** Megane A **Kuma:** Lacey A **Amazon:** Declan B **Tocantins:** Shyar P

#### Behaviour Badges awarded this week::

##### Bronze

**Severn:** Alex, Chanai **Hvita:** Joyce, Tyler-Jay, Lewis, Demi, Reggie **Tiber:** Mickaeel, Jayden, Elias, Owen, Teagwen **Fuji:** Julian, Harvey and Morgan **Amazon:** Marshane **Tocantins:** Jenson and Leon

##### Silver

**Our first Silver winners - Hvita:** Ayvah **Fuji:** Mitchell

### Diary dates

Wednesday 17th November	Y1 trip to Cannock Museum
Friday 26th November	School closed to children (Inset day)
Wednesday 8th December	EYFS Nativity
Thursday 9th December	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 9th December	Nursery Christmas performance
Monday 13th December	Reception & KS1 Pantomime trip
Friday 10th December	School closed to children (Inset day)
Week Commencing 13th December	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Attendance Event
Tuesday 14th December	LKS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 16th December	UKS2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 16th December	Christmas parties & Father Christmas visit
Friday 17th December	1:15pm Last day of term
Tuesday 4th January	School reopens