

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2020

### Welcome

A big thanks to everyone who donated last week, we raised a total of £239 for children in need. 

How great do the children look in their odd socks today - many of the staff also had odd socks on too! Another busy week of learning here at Rivers, read on to find out more. Can I please remind you to help us limit the number of adults on site, please limit it to one member per household when collecting and dropping off. Also, just a reminder that there is the drop off window of 08:30-09:00 in the morning and collection 15:10 -15:30. This should help to stagger the number of people on site. Please remember that we strongly advise wearing a face mask also. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

### Attendance

This week's attendance: 91.5%

Thank you to all you parents who battled through Thursday's downpour to get your children into school. The classroom radiators were piled high with wet items and the children all loved being able to sit at their desks with their soggy shoes off whilst waiting for them to dry.

### Curriculum

Another lovely week of learning at Rivers Primary Academy! The children have now come to the end of their history theme and are really looking forward to the launch of our new theme next week *Diversity in the Arts*. Children will be studying art and music from across the globe and will even take part in some dancing from other cultures. In Votes for Schools this week, children have been discussing whether it is important to 'fit in' in school as part of anti-bullying week. Year 3 have felt so passionate about this that they want to send their comments into the Votes for Schools team! Next week, children will be discussing, 'Are we too influenced by the US?' with a focus on the election, Thanksgiving and Black Friday.

### Year Group Focus: Reception

Reception has been learning about different celebrations and festivals. Last week, they talked about birthdays as it was Fred the frog's birthday. The children prepared a party for his birthday by writing invitations, making their own party banners using phonics to write. They made paper chains and compared them by length in maths and made jelly and cakes. After all of their hard work, they finally had a party for Fred.

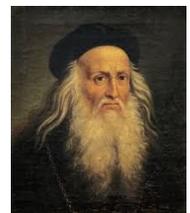


This week they have been learning about Diwali. The children have looked at patterns in maths, learnt how to write a card, sampled Indian food and made diva lamps using model magic clay.

### Artist of the Half Term: Leonardo da Vinci

#### 5 interesting facts about Leonardo da Vinci

- 1) Leonardo da Vinci was born on April 15, 1452.
- 2) He never married or had any children.
- 3) He lived during the Renaissance era which was a period of time where a lot of discoveries happened in Art and Science.
- 4) The name Leonardo da Vinci translates to 'Leonard from the town of Vinci'.
- 5) By the age of 20, he was a master artist!



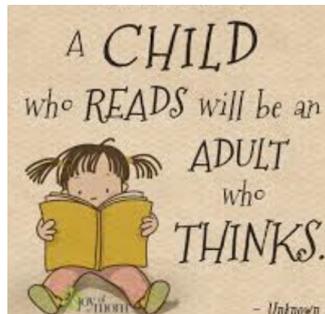
### Rivers Love to Read

This week's star readers:

| Name         | Words Read This Week |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Demi-Leigh T | 204,957              |
| Aqram LB     | 145,768              |
| Tiguidanke S | 88,883               |
| Zianna S     | 87,599               |
| Liarni J     | 75,948               |

## Class Leaderboard

| Class  | Words Read This Year |
|--------|----------------------|
| Fuji   | 4,217,768            |
| Amazon | 2,163,623            |
| Tiber  | 392,371              |
| Kuma   | 193,544              |
| Clyde  | 190,022              |
| Hvita  | 176,690              |
| Foyle  | 132,361              |



## Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for improving their rockstar status. They will receive a certificate next week. Please make sure that your child is logging onto Time Table Rock Stars.



Well done to Clyde class who had 93% engagement on TTRS last week!

| Headliner Act<br>( <b>&lt; 4 secs</b> )                     | Support Act<br>( <b>&lt; 5 secs</b> ) | Breakthrough Artist<br>( <b>&lt; 6 secs</b> ) |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Xavier (Kuma)<br>Jayda (Kuma)                               | Mia (Foyle)<br>Zianna (Amazon)        | Charlie (Fuji)<br>Sophie (Fuji)               |
| Unsigned Act<br>( <b>&lt; 7 secs</b> )                      | Busker<br>( <b>&lt; 9 secs</b> )      | Breakthrough Artist<br>( <b>10 logins</b> )   |
| Ashadieehyah (Severn)<br>Martyna (Foyle)<br>Teagan (Amazon) | Mika (Kuma)                           | Ellie-Mai (Kuma)                              |

**TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!**

If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

**$3 \times 6 = 18$**

|    |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

**$18 \div 3 = ?$**

How many ways can you represent each fact?

**$6 \times 3 = 18$**

|    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 18 |   |   |
| 6  | 6 | 6 |

**$18 \div 6 = ?$**

## Safeguarding

During November, WhatsApp will be rolling out 'disappearing messages' functionality. The feature will allow WhatsApp users to enable disappearing messages on chat conversations between friends, to automatically delete messages after seven days. Wiping will also apply to videos and photos.

Whilst WhatsApp's minimum user age is 16, many children and young people have accounts. Auto-deleting entries could increase the risk to younger users as evidence of any issues may not be available.

Please encourage your children to share with you any worrying or inappropriate messages they receive and screen shot anything that upsets them.

## Celebrations

This week, some more of our amazing children have earned their bronze behaviour badges! You will all receive your badge next week. Who will be our first class with a full house?

**Avon:** Navjat, Elysia, Kealon

**Trent:** Sapphire, Shayne, Dollie-Mai, Lola, Freddie

**Thames:** Lauren, Sarae

**Tiber:** Taio, Mariah

**Kuma:** Bobby, Xavier

**ASPIRE ambassadors for this week:** Positive in our attitude

**Avon:** Logan

**Trent:** Harley-Jae

**Thames:** Freddie C

**Severn:** Filip B

**Foyle:** Lewis J

**Clyde:** Tommy S

**Hvita:** Alyssia J

**Tiber:** Millie- Mae M

**Fuji:** Jasmine F

**Kuma:** Fatoumata D

**Amazon:** Jack T

**Hot chocolate winners for this week:**

**Foyle:** Cristina A

**Clyde:** Layan A

**Hvita:** Maciej R

**Tiber:** Taio J

### Diary dates

**Thursday 26th November** Themed school lunch (Italian)

**Thursday 3rd December** School Photos (provisional date)

**Friday 4th December** WAT Inset Day - school closed

**Friday 11th December** school is closed for inset day

**Wednesday 16th December** Christmas jumper day

**Wednesday 16th December** Christmas lunch

**Thursday 17th December** Christmas class parties

**Friday 18th December** 1.15pm End of term

**Monday 4th January** School reopens