

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

Welcome

It is always so lovely to receive positive feedback - thank you to the parent in Y5 who took the time to send a message to tell us how happy they are, 'my child is so pleased to be back (I think they were secretly worried that Easter would never end!) learning with their teacher and being able to have some normality outside playing with their friends at lunchtime'. We have also welcomed several new families to Rivers recently - our newest pupil in Y1 told her teacher at the end of the first week 'this is the best school ever!'

It has been a busy week of learning this week: look at what Reception have been learning about caterpillars.

Parental/Visitor behaviour

At Rivers, we pride ourselves on being a welcoming and supportive school. Staff have the right to come to work without fear of abuse or harassment. We will not tolerate behaviour that is threatening, abusive or violent and will take action to protect our staff.

Attendance

This week's attendance: 90.6%

This week's golden class: Severn

Safeguarding

FACE Walsall Parent Carer Forum is a voluntary group of parents and family carers of children & young people aged 0 - 25 years with various disabilities working in partnership with Education, Health and Social care to help shape the future services in Walsall.

To find out more please email: facewalsall@gmail.com or visit their website <https://facewalsall.wordpress.com/>

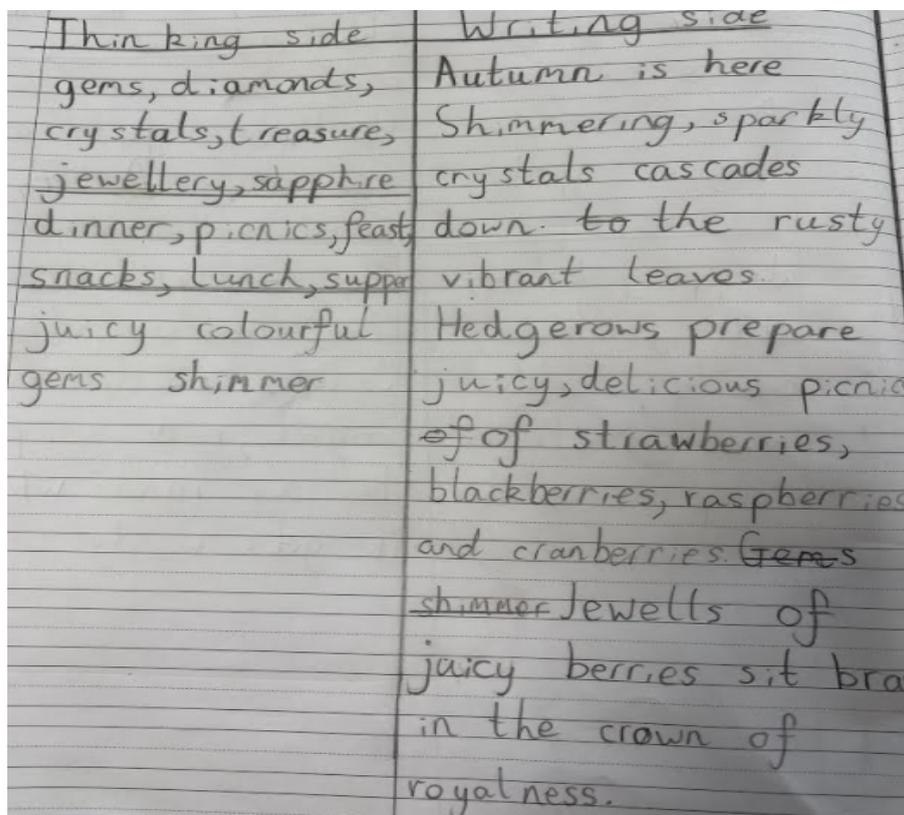
Remember, if you have a safeguarding concern or query, then please contact our safeguarding team:
Miss M Stone (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Miss J Gamwell (Safeguarding Officer)
Mrs K Moorhouse (Pastoral Lead)

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

Curriculum

It has been fantastic to see some amazing writing around school. Children are enjoying writing a range of text types from persuasive letters to non-chronological reports and even poems. Children have been learning about plot points or the shape of a text. Why not ask your child which plot point or shape they learnt about today? Look at this amazing writing from a child in Year 3 Foyle.

KS2- look out for a writing competition heading your way soon!



This week in reception we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Children have enjoyed the story. We tasted some fruit during the week. We have also been very lucky to have live caterpillars in school. Children have been amazed to see how the caterpillars have changed over the week from tiny caterpillars to big caterpillars. They have now formed their cocoons and we are waiting for them to change into butterflies. We have started a caterpillar diary to record the changes.



Competition Time

We are excited to be taking part in the '**Heroes Stamp Design Competition**'. You may have seen an advert on TV or heard about the **Royal Mail stamp competition**. To honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic, Royal Mail have launched a national competition inviting children aged 4-14 to design a stamp celebrating the work of a covid hero for them. Children who wish to enter the competition are invited to draw their design of a covid hero on an entry sheet which will be provided for you. There will be 8 winners across the UK with the winning designs being presented to the Queen before being printed. The 8 winners will receive £1000 in vouchers and £1000 for the school too. There are also runners up voucher prizes too!

If you wish to enter, your child will be given an entry form today, please ensure completed entries are returned to your child's class teacher **by Monday 24th May**. Entries returned after this date will not be included in our school entry.

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please speak to Miss Cotterill.

Rivers Reads

This week's star KS2 readers:

Name	Words Read This Week
Aqram LB	153,348
Liarni J	85,611
Demi-Leigh T	84,748
Millie T	77,325
Lexi M	48,784

Class Leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Fuji	9,599,753
Amazon	2,991,018
Kuma	1,896,756

Tiber	1,781,005
Hvita	606,188
Foyle	570,577
Clyde	415,199

TTRS

Class leaderboard:

Class	Average Speed (Seconds)
Kuma	2.53
Fuji	2.67
Thames	3.24
Severn	3.39
Clyde	3.43
Amazon	3.75
Hvita	4.67
Foyle	5.90
Tiber	5.94

Spelling Shed

Year group leaderboard:

Year Group	Coins
Year 6	21,286,200
Year 5	7,156,326
Year 2	3,580,535
Year 1	3,040,484
Year 3	513,124
Year 4	446,833

Celebrations

Well done to our 'Aspire' winners: I can self-quiz

Avon: Mohammed S

Trent: Jessica K

Severn: Imogen G

Thames: Lacey- Pearl B

Clyde: Emmanuel A

Foyle: Summer I

Hvita: Miley-Mai W

Tiber: Ollie R

Fuji: Alfie A

Kuma: Eloane B

Amazon: Rihanna C

Hot Chocolate Winners

Fuji: Eberechukwu O

Kuma: Xavier H

Amazon: Jack T

Diary dates

Friday 28th May	Break up for half term
Monday 7th June	School re opens
Friday 25th June	School closed (Inset day)
Monday 28th June	School closed (Inset day)
Tuesday 6th July	Y1/Y2 Sports day
Wednesday 7th July	Nursery/Reception Sports day
Tuesday 13th July	Y3/Y4 Sports day
Wednesday 14th July	Y5/Y6 Sports day
Thursday 15th July	Y6 Evening production
Monday 19th July	Y6 Leaving party
Wednesday 21st July	Year 6 final assembly
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for summer holidays
Monday 6th September	Children return to school