



Newsletter

‘Doing all the good we can’

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Spring Term 2020 – Issue 2

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet our wonderful children going ‘Over and Above’ – celebrating ‘Hot Chocolate with the Head’. Making sure we are Ready, Mutually Respectful and Safe and proud to be RMS – ‘Doing all the good we can’. I learnt a new joke from this lovely lot this week- “What tile doesn’t go on the wall?” ... “A REPTILE!”.



We had a lovely end to the week, last week at our ‘Reading Café’. Thank you to all our children and parents who supported this event, to FORMS for cakes and refreshments, to our RMS kitchen for the sweet treats. Thank you to all our amazing staff at RMS for their help and a special thank you to Mrs Auger and Mrs Thompson for organising this lovely event. We are so proud to be RMS ‘Doing all the good we can’. We raised £125 for books in school and picked up a few new books to replenish our classroom shelves as well.



The aim is to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. Trained NSPCC volunteers and staff deliver an assembly with the help of our Speak out Stay safe mascot, Buddy the speech bubble. Pupils are taught in a lively, memorable and child-friendly way. For further information, please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day and PC Collinson will be visiting school to talk to the children about keeping safe on line. If you would like to take part in Safer Internet Day at home, you can visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020> for further information.

I am excited to share the news that in collaboration with North Yorkshire County Catering we are widening our school lunch menu. We will now be offering three choices: our usual hot dinner menu, a hot melt or pasta choice or a sandwich plate – which includes a sandwich or baguette, veg sticks, pizza slice/sausage roll, fruit, homemade cake or biscuit and a drink of juice. There will also be a salad bar and a fruit bar, including more exotic fruits.

Our new menu will start after February half term on Monday 24th February. For children in FS, Year 1 and Year 2 and our pupil premium children, there will still be no charge. The cost will remain the same at £2.00 for our Nursery children and £2.50 for all children in Year 3 – Year 6.

We have a number of theme days coming up too and even if your child normally has a packed lunch they might want to enjoy a school dinner to celebrate:

Valentine's Day with a 'Party on a Plate' which includes a chocolate muffin on Friday 14th February.

Traditional pancakes with a variety of toppings on **Shrove Tuesday** – 25th February.

World Book Day Lunch on Thursday 5th March

Sports Relief Lunch on Friday 13th March

Easter Roast Dinner with Easter nests on Thursday 2nd April.

As always, all our menu choices cater for our children with allergens.

I had the privilege of teaching in Class 10 this week and helping them to compose and perform their own music on the theme of Space. They worked in groups to compose a short piece and they are going to put all the parts

together and record an extended piece of music to share at their assembly.
I can't wait!



Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent KS1 and KS2 Parent Information Evening. Both events were very well attended. Mr Larder and Mrs Welch have sent an email out to parents with the materials that were shared during the presentation.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school over the next couple of weeks and hope you can join us for one of our upcoming events. Please see the diary dates below for our Foundation Stage Stay and Play, Year 1 Phonics Information Evening, Parent Teacher Consultations and Class 5 and Class 10 Assemblies.

And finally... Come along and enjoy a cuppa, toast and a chat at our 'Tea and Toast' drop in every Monday morning at 9am. **All** parents and carers are very welcome to join Rachel Pinkney and myself in the Lily Pad. We would love to see you.

Please remember that we do have an "open door" policy. Your first point of contact is either the office or your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sharon Seaman

Mrs S Stevenson
Headteacher

Message from our Head Girl and Boy

Thank you for all the kind donations for the Storehouse Foodbank. The hamper is full and ready for the first delivery to the Influence Church. Please keep the donations coming in over the next two weeks.



Eva and Raam

Class News

Class 1 and 2

Wow! What a lot of writing we have been doing over the last couple of weeks! It turns out, not only are our children superstar readers but they are also terrific story tellers/writers too! We have continued to read the Traditional Tales but then the children have been very interested in exploring changing the characters and details in the events, to invent their own stories. The adventures of 'Marshmallow Man and Popcorn Man, are difficult to put down! In particular, the children have been discussing and understanding the components of a story such as: characters, settings, problems (i.e. reasons the story starts) and a resolution. They are looking forward to demonstrating these skills on Tuesday during our Stay and Share a Story session (2.30pm).

Any fine motor activities at home in relation to developing pencil grip strength, would really support those children who may need more pencil control. Lego, colouring, playdough and craft activities all support these muscles development but then drawing letters in flour in a tray or a paint brush in a puddle (i.e. informal fun learning!) supports accurate letter formation.

Thank you to all who have fully embraced our '5 a day' reading challenge, little and often is the key for dexterity in phonic decoding but also, as we are exploring in class, discussions around the story would really benefit comprehension and

understanding of books. Please refer to the reading pack in your child's folder. (More copies are available).

Finally, thank you for all the donations for baking – much appreciated! This week, after weighing and sharing it in our tough trays, the children made and enjoyed (we used a new clean bag of porridge!) their porridge, just like the Three Bears.



Thank you for your continuing support,
The EYFS Team

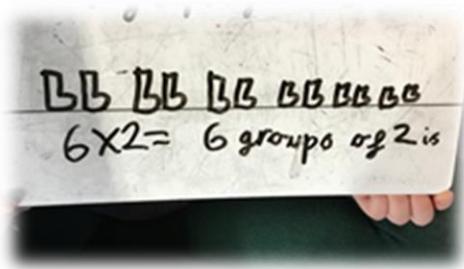
Class 3, 4 and 5

Over the last two weeks, we have been reading the story 'Traction Man'. We have practised retelling the story as well as sequencing events using images. Furthermore, we have learned about and discussed the range of powerful adjectives that are used to describe the characters in the story. We have now started to plan and write our own sequel to Traction Man, following in the same style as the original story.

As part of our topic, we have been identifying and classifying objects in and around the school based on the materials they are made from; we have discussed the use and purpose of the material within each object.



In maths, we have started our next topic 'Multiplication and division'; our year 1 children have been counting in steps of 2 and 5. Our year 2 children have been counting equal groups and exploring the concept behind multiplication.



In history, we have been looking at different toys throughout time and discussing their similarities and differences.



PE

In outdoor PE this term the children will be learning a variety of skills that they will be able to apply to small invasion games later in the term. This includes, bouncing, rolling, throwing, kicking and catching different equipment. In indoor PE, the children are creating superhero-themed dance routines with Mrs Sellers.

Monday- Class 3 & 4 Outdoor PE

Wednesday- Class 5 Outdoor PE

Thursday Class 3, 4 & 5 Indoor PE

KS1 Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th February- 5:30-6pm: Phonics Screening Check Information Evening

Class 6, 7 and 8

This week we have been learning about how to write instructions. The children have written a set of instructions on 'How to pack for an adventure'. It was really interesting discussing what the children would take in their backpack, some needed a bit of persuading to leave their TV behind. We are working hard in maths on fractions. This week we have been finding fractions of shapes and numbers. The children had great fun investigating sound in science.



The children have made their own globes and learnt about features of the globe such as, where the Equator and Northern and Southern Hemispheres are.

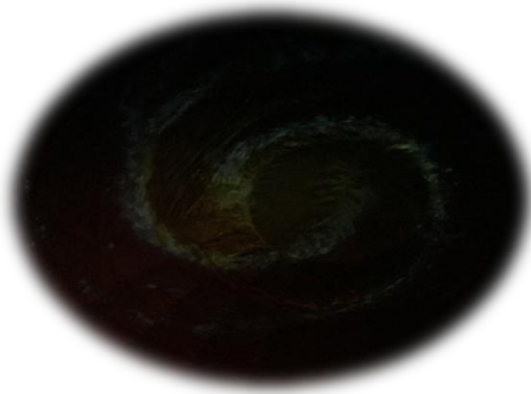


After half term, swimming on Wednesdays will begin, starting with Class 6. Mrs Emmerson has sent out a letter: please make sure you let us know what swimming level your child is currently at.

A date for the Marrick talk (year 4 residential) has been set. This will be held in the hall on Thursday 19th March at 3:45 to 4:15. Year 4 children and parents are all welcome to attend this informative meeting.

Class 9, 10 and 11

This week we have been really excited by the visit of the planetarium from Durham University. We learnt about some of the constellations in the night sky, including the Orion nebula where stars are being born. We also learnt that for stars, red is cold and blue is hot! Closer to home, we are learning about day and night and how the movement of the earth causes the seasons.



Having become experts on washing our hair in space, we have been busy this week writing stories based on 'The Jamie Drake Equation', which we are reading in class.

Thank you to all of you who are reading with your children at home. In year 5 and year 6 we continue to build the children's fluency with more challenging texts and we love to see the wide range of reading materials that the children choose. Through our whole class guided reading, we are developing the children's inference and awareness of the author's language choices and we appreciate your help in widening the children's vocabulary.

News from the office

Please remember to update us with any changes to personal information, for example address, phone, email, medical, dietary etc.

Some parents have reported issues with receiving communications via email. If you think you may not be receiving our messages please get in touch.

We have issued our letter about the forthcoming round of Parent Teacher consultations and details of how to make appointments. The booking window opens at 6pm on Friday 31st January and closes at 10pm on Sunday 9th February.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Involved
Tues 4 th February	Key Steps Gym Comp	Gym teams
Tues 4 th February	Foundation Stage Stay and Share Stories @2.30pm-3.25pm	Parents / Carers class 1,2
Tues 4 th February 5.30 - 6.00	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parents Information Evening	Parents /Carers of children in Year 1
Thur 6 th February	NSPCC Speak out, Stay safe assembly	All children
Tues 11 th February	Safer Internet Day with PC Andy Collinson	All children
Mon 10 th & Wed 12 th February	Parent Teacher Consultations- all classes except 1 and 2.	Parents / carers (except class 1 / 2)
Thursday 13 th February	Sharing assemblies Class 5 @10.30am and Class 10 @ 11.15am	Parents / Carers Class 5 and Class 10
Friday 14 th February	Valentine's Day special lunch	
Tuesday 25 th February	Shrove Tuesday –special Pancake lunch	
Mon 9 th , Tues 10 th March	Parent Teacher Consultations – Classes 1 and 2 only	Parents / Carers class 1/ 2 only
Thursday 19 th March	Yr 4 Marrick talk in the hall at 3.45-4.15pm	Parents and Children in Year 4

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