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BOOK, BOOKS, BOOKS!

What a wonderful week we have had celebrating books!

Books are a fundamental part of our learning and enjoyment throughout the year, but this week has given us the perfect opportunity to truly appreciate their value and beauty. The children from Nursery to Year 2 have fully embraced every moment, sharing their favourite stories with children and teachers from different year groups and enjoying a wide range of much-loved books together.

Our Reception children visited our local library, where they explored the children's section and enjoyed sharing stories in such an inspiring setting. Key Stage 1 were excited to welcome a real children's author, who not only read her book to us but also talked about what it means to be an author, inspiring many young minds in the process.

On Thursday, World Book Day, I was truly amazed by your efforts and by the children's (and staff's!) enthusiasm, the costumes were absolutely wonderful. As always, our competitions were a huge success, with lots of fantastic entries. Winners are announced below. Thank you for embracing books with us this week and for supporting our book fair. If you haven't yet had the chance to visit, don't worry, it will remain in school until next Tuesday evening.



TAG RUGBY TRIUMPH

Our Tag Rugby team did both themselves and our school proud today by coming third in the Southend KS1 Tag Rugby Tournament on Wednesday. They displayed all of our REACH values in style and their weeks of hard work in training paid off as we made our way through to the semi finals. We lost out in a very close and tightly fought game before triumphing in the third place play off. A big thank you must go to our Sports Coach, James, who trained the team up so well and a massive well done goes to the players themselves for putting their training into practice. Thank you also to everyone who came to support the team. Well done Team Chalkwell!



Extreme READ

RECEPTION: JUDE (WALES)
YEAR 1: DAVID (MEXICO)
YEAR 2: EVELYN (BAHAMAS)



Reading with a PET

RECEPTION: BELLA W (NI)
YEAR 1: MARGOT S (SPAIN)
YEAR 2: OTTILIE (FINLAND)



Most enthusiastic BOOK DAY PUPIL

WALES: TILLY M
SCOTLAND: BRODY
NI: FLOURISH
SOUTH AFRICA: ALBERT V

MEXICO: NOUR
SPAIN: HARRY A
BAHAMAS: HUXLEY
VIETNAM: JAMES B
FINLAND: DAISY M



Costume WINNERS



**NURSERY
LOCKSLEY**

**RECEPTION
LANDON (WALES)**

**YEAR 1
BEA (SPAIN)**

**YEAR 2
KYLAH (VIETNAM)**



COMIC RELIEF / RED NOSE DAY



We're excited to let our infant families know that our wonderful REACH Council will be selling red noses in class for 2 weeks starting on Monday 9th March for £2 each in support of Comic Relief. The noses this year are a blank canvas and the theme is design-ye-rose. This fun event is part of the nationwide Red Nose Day campaign, which raises money to help people facing poverty and hardship both here in the UK and around the world. The funds raised go towards vital projects that support children and families, provide food and shelter, improve mental health services, and help keep vulnerable people safe. If your child would like to take part, please send them in with £2 any day, we can't wait to see lots of smiling red noses around school while raising money for such an important cause!

Miss de Garston-Webb, Charity Lead

WINNER

**OUR REACH COUNCIL VOTED
YEAR 2
AS THE WINNING STAFF TEAM:
WELL DONE TO THEM!**





FINDING OUR BALANCE AT LUNCHTIME

This week, Mrs Booker has been sharing her passion and expertise with the children by leading a series of mini yoga sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to stretch, relax and try something new.

Our Play Team continually work hard to keep our lunchtime provision fresh, engaging and varied, ensuring that every child experiences a happy, active and safe lunchtime each day.



WISH LIST

- CHALK
- TENNIS BALLS
- AIRFLOW BALLS
- BEACH BALLS
- POP UP TENTS
- PICNIC BLANKETS



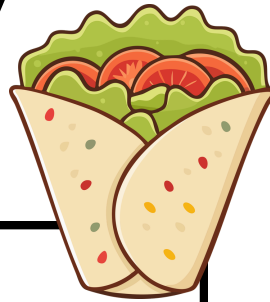
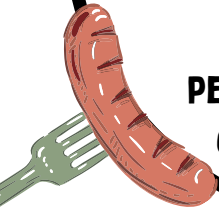
NEW MENU - WEEK 1

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

OVEN BAKED PORK SAUSAGE
(S)
OR OVEN BAKED MEAT FREE
SAUSAGE (G) (VG)
WITH
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),
AND A CHOICE OF
PEAS (VG), BROCCOLI (VG)
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)



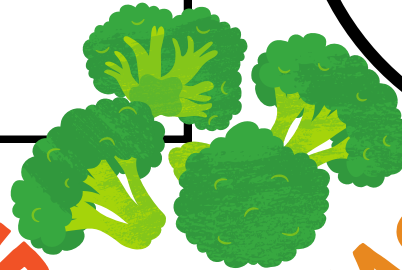
TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

HOMEMADE
MACARONI CHEESE
(WITH HIDDEN VEG) (G) (MK)
WITH
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)
AND PEAS & CARROTS (VG)



WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)
OR VEGE SWEET AND SOUR
WITH
STEAMED RICE AND
GREEN BEANS
(VG)

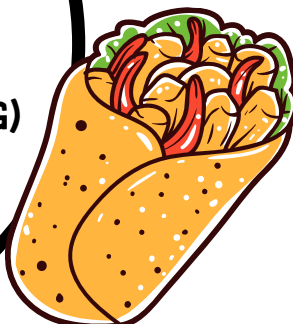


AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:
TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS INCLUDING:
HAM, TUNA (F), HOUMOUS (SS), CHEESE (MK),
VEGAN CHEESE (VG), EGG (E), MAYO (E) (MU)

A COLD SALAD BAR
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT, LETTUCE
WATER AND MILK / A SELECTION OF DESSERTS / A FRUIT BOWL
(ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)

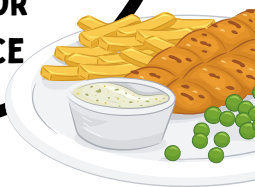
FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

CHICKEN OR
QUORN (VG) (G)
FAJITAS
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)
SERVED WITH TORTILLA WRAP (G)
AND MIXED PEPPERS (VG)



FINTASTIC THURSDAY

OVEN BAKED
FISH FINGERS (G) (F)
OR
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)
WITH CHIPS (VG),
AND SWEETCORN (VG)
AND
KETCHUP (VG) OR
TARTARE SAUCE
(V) (E) (MU)



Stars of the week

NURSERY

Niharikah Nisanthan

NORTHERN IRELAND

Edith Crouch

WALES

Freya Hatton

SCOTLAND

Brody Rawlings

SPAIN

Yaash

Dewendra Wijendra

MEXICO

Orly Sherer Wan

SOUTH AFRICA

Matilda Miller Villar

FINLAND

Luke Dawson

VIETNAM

Olive Crouch

BAHAMAS

Blake Dexter

Right on time

punctual



Orla Willmott	Olivia McFadden	Ivy Bambridge
Sebastian Holmwood	Ryan	Parker Pilgrim
Rupert O'Donnell	Iris Buikhuizen	Aoife Carroll-Pizzulo



To dare is to do!

ATTENDANCE

This week - 97.54%

EYFS - 96.94%

Year 1 - 98.61%

Year 2 - 97.08%

Whole School Year To Date - 95.40%



REACH Award

Care

Patrik Varga



NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

This page of our Newsletter summarises some the learning your child will access next week. For more detailed information on our curriculum please visit our [website](#).

Nursery

Stories: A busy day for birds

Number songs/Stories: 1 little finger, 2 little dicky birds

Other Areas: Next week is all about the wonderful world of birds! We are kicking things off by reading A Busy Day for Birds to spark our imaginations. To bring the story to life, the children will get crafty by creating their very own sets of binoculars, which they will then use to carefully observe the sky and our nursery garden to see what feathered friends we can spot in the wild.

We are also getting creative with our hands. During our story dough sessions, the children will sculpt their own birds and practice drawing zig-zag patterns, which we will playfully call our "magic buttons."

Beyond our creative play, we are dedicating time to building strong foundational skills. In our maths groups, we will focus on counting and matching objects, while our pre-phonics groups will begin exploring the sounds and patterns of rhyming words. It is shaping up to be a busy, flight-filled week of learning and discovery!

Reception

Phonics: ow (snow), oo (book), oo (zoo)

Maths: Next week is all about comparison. We will decide whether there are more or fewer objects in a group. We will also begin to work out how many more there are and the meaning of the word equal.

Other Areas: Next week our learning is linked to British Science Week. The children will take part in a small class experiment each day, working on their observation and prediction skills. They will also learn a bit more about some famous scientists! The story "My mummy is a scientist" will be used to explore our big question and children will also talk about their own parents and carers, making them a special card in the lead up to mother's day. Our drawing club book will be the traditional tale "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". As well as enjoying the story and producing some of their own creative pictures and writing, children will have the chance to explore lots of fine motor activities linked to the book during funky fingers. They will even try to make their own sturdy bridge for the goats to cross!



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Year 1

Phonics: ve (live), oe (toe), ou (boulder) o (cold)

Maths: Continuing to explore and compare numbers to 40, recognising patterns and revisiting addition and subtraction strategies

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will begin learning about animal diets and explore what is meant by carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In Computing, we will be designing our own scenes and backgrounds to use when we create simple programs in our next session. In History, we will be making comparisons between schools in Victorian times and schools today. In Design and Technology, we are excited to make our own smoothies, where we will prepare the fruit ourselves and taste them if we wish.

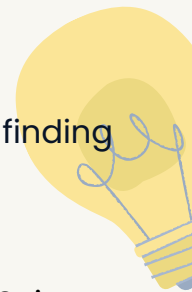
In RE, we will be deepening our learning about the Five Pillars of Islam, and in Art, we will be using plasticine to create our own 'Morph' characters. What a busy and fun week we have ahead!

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Command sentences

Maths: Money; adding amounts together, showing equal amounts, finding change

Foundation subjects: This week, we are celebrating all things scientific with Science Week! We will begin an exciting experiment to test the conditions needed for our bean plants to grow. Throughout the week, we will also celebrate different scientists from around the world and explore their important discoveries, as well as learn about fascinating aspects of science to amaze and inspire us. In Art, we are using line and shape to create a montage of London buildings. In our Online Safety lesson, we will focus on how passwords can be used to protect information, accounts, and devices. In History, we are exploring and comparing similarities and differences between life today and life in the 17th Century. We will look at clothing, transport, buildings, and what life was like for children during that time. In Music, we will continue practising the glockenspiel, introducing the notes B and A and adding G and E. We are also rehearsing our fire dance, using counts of eight to help us stay in time with the music. Finally, in PSHE, we will learn strategies to help us identify real and fake news stories so that we can make better, more informed choices.



WHAT'S GOING ON? *New additions will be in red*

w/b 9 Mar	Comic Relief Red Noses on Sale
Thu 12 Mar	Music Festival (invited children only)
Fri 13 Mar	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Northern Ireland
Fri 13 Mar	Girls Football Tournament (invited children only)
Mon 16 Mar	EYFS National Measurement Programme
Mon 16 Mar	2.15pm Year 1 assembly (parents need only attend one performance)
Tues 17 Mar	9.15am Year 1 assembly (parents need only attend one performance)
Tue 17 Mar	Fire Engine visiting Year 2
Tues 17 Mar	EYFS National Measurement Programme
Wed 18 Mar	Reception Spring walk
Thu 19 Mar	Tennis Taster Day for Year 1 and Year 2
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief Charity Day - more info to follow
Mon 23 Mar	Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
Tues 24 Mar	Year 1 Beach Trip
Wed 25 Mar	Tower of London Trip - class Finland and Vietnam
Thu 26 Mar	Tower of London Trip - class Bahamas
Fri 27 Mar	Last day at school - Easter holidays
Mon 13 Apr	Back to school
Fri 24 Apr	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Scotland
Fri 1 May	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Spain
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Mon 11 May	Class photos
Wed 20 May	No Pens Afternoon for Speech and Language UK
Thu 21 May	Last day at school - May half term
Fri 22 May	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Mon 1 Jun	Back to school
Fri 12 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class South Africa
Fri 19 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Mexico
Fri 17 Jul	Last day at school - Summer holidays
Mon 20 Jul	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)

What's new?

*For Celebration assembly, you should arrive at
9am via Rockleigh gate.*





CONTACT US

If you have a question, query or concern, please get in touch with someone from the list below. Please do not email class teachers directly, they should be contacted via the communication book or by calling the school office. Teachers may be available to chat to at the end of the school day.



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