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LOOKING AHEAD AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS

This week has been all about preparing for the year ahead. The children have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classrooms. For our current Year 1 children, this also meant making new friendships as they came together in their new classes.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new environments. Every class has been calm, happy and full of excitement, with the children looking comfortable and confident as they explored their new classrooms and routines.

Next week, it will be our Year 2 children's time to shine as they take to the stage in the dining hall for their end-of-year production. This special performance will be a celebration of their time at the Infant School, showcasing their talents through singing, dancing and acting together as a year group. As their final performance before moving on to junior school, it is sure to be a memorable occasion.

While this marks the end of an important chapter and will no doubt bring mixed emotions, I am certain that the overwhelming feeling for parents, carers and staff will be one of immense pride as they reflect on how much the children have grown and achieved during their time in the infants. We are very much looking forward to sharing this special celebration with our Year 2 parents on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

CLASS WALES TAKES CENTRE STAGE

This week, it was finally Class Wales' turn to share their wonderful class assembly with their parents and carers. Once again, we were incredibly proud of the children as they reflected on their first year at school and demonstrated just how much they have grown in what has felt like such a short space of time. Our Reception children have shown us how ready they are for the next stage of their school journey. Their confidence, enthusiasm and love of learning have shone through, and we know they will make a fantastic start in Year 1. Our Year 1 teaching team are very fortunate to be welcoming such a happy, capable and enthusiastic group of children in September.

OPEN CLASSROOMS – WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Next Wednesday, we will be opening our classrooms and inviting children, parents and carers to come in and have a look around. The event will begin shortly after the end of the school day, once all children have been safely dismissed or taken to their after-school clubs.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to show you around their school and, if they are moving on to Year 3, to explore the Junior School too. You will be able to visit your child's classroom for next year, meet their new teacher and see where they will be learning in September. We will also have this year's learning books available for you to look through with your child, giving you the chance to celebrate the fantastic progress they have made and reflect on all they have achieved throughout the year. We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for what promises to be a lovely joint-school event, and we hope to see many of you there.



GOOD LUCK TO OUR BOROUGH SPORTS TEAM!

Next week, our Year 2 Borough Sports team will proudly represent Chalkwell Hall Infant School at Garons Park. This final sporting event of the school year is always a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and fun.

Our children will compete alongside Year 2 pupils from schools across Southend in a variety of exciting events, including relay races, bouncy hopper races and skipping races. We know they will give every event their very best effort while demonstrating the all of REACH values.

We are hoping for plenty of supporters to cheer on Team Chalkwell, and we wish all of our children the very best of luck. I look forward to sharing their achievements and highlights from the day in next week's newsletter.



**Platinum
Award**
2024 - 2026

This week, we have been showing our support for the England football team! It has been lovely to see so many children embracing the excitement of the tournament and sharing their enthusiasm for the beautiful game.

I have particularly enjoyed chatting with the children at lunchtime about the World Cup, hearing their predictions and finding out who their favourite players are. We will all be keeping our fingers crossed and cheering England on in the hope of more success in the weeks ahead!

WISH LIST

COLOURING PENS
TENNIS BALLS
UNUSED PAPER CHAIN KITS



Stars of the week

NURSERY
Anastasia Nolan



**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

Oskar Luczak

WALES

Alfie Slater

SCOTLAND

Seb Holmwood

SPAIN

Syon Selvarajah

MEXICO

Owen McDermott

SOUTH AFRICA

Ozzy McFarlane

FINLAND

Ralph Green

VIETNAM

Talia Jacobs

BAHAMAS

Lydia Walker

**Right
on time**



Edith Crouch	Henley Holmes	Posey Cutmore
Lucille Livermore	Jack Sidebothan	Blake Meadows
Hannah Briggs	Dhriti Jain	Victoria Handziuk



To dare is to
do!

ATTENDANCE

This week - 94.96%

EYFS - 96.11%

Year 1 - 94.16%

Year 2 - 95.11%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.23%



REACH Award

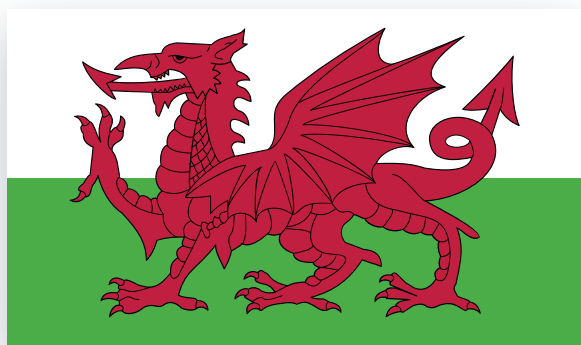
Enjoy

Isaac Kotze



Attendance Matters

Attendance class of The
Month for June.....



CLASS WALES WITH AN IMPRESSIVE 97.80% - WELL DONE!!

WOW - WALES - AMAZING JOB!

**YOU WIN A STICKER EACH,
AN EXTRA PLAY ON THE PIRATE SHIP AND
CHALKY, OUR ATTENDANCE BEAR,
WILL LIVE WITH YOUR CLASS
DURING JULY**



well
done



NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

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Nursery

Stories: Stickman

Number songs/Stories: 1, 2, Buckle my shoe, 1 little stick

Other Areas: Next week, our theme is "Stickman". We will share the stickman story and will use the story as a stimulus for lots of fun creative activities. We will also listen to the Stickman song together.

★ Shooting Stars Class

In shooting stars next week, we will use instruments to sing the tapsticks song. We will practise singing along and tapping our sticks to the beat of the music. We will also share some other 'nature' stories such as 'The Tree' and 'Leaf Man'.

🚀 Rockets Class

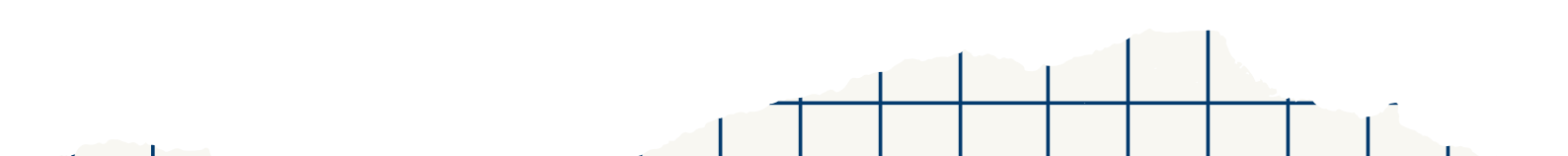
Next week in Rockets, we will listen carefully to the beginning sounds in words to see whether we can match words that begin with the same sound. We will continue to practise recognising number to 5 and beyond during our maths activity. In Rockets, we are beginning to think about our next steps as we prepare to start school in September! We will share stories to help us explore our emotions. For the children attending Chalkwell, we will also have another opportunity to visit our new classrooms!

Reception

Phonics: Children will use their phonic knowledge to read the purple books 'What is it?' and 'Flip Flop Frog and the Bug'

Maths: In maths next week, we will be looking at numbers to 20 and beyond!

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will focus on the traditional tale of Little Red Riding hood. We will share the story and use it as a stimulus for lots of fantastic creative activities. We will also take the time to talk about transition to Year 1 and how we are feeling about this. We will talk about our visit to the Year 1 classroom and talk about similarities and differences between the classrooms. We will use stories to explore memories and will share our favourite memories of our time in Reception. We also have our final 'Magic of the Seasons' walk and will explore what the park in Summer. We are looking forward to another fun week, reflecting on our time in Reception!





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Phonics: Revisiting previously taught special friends and sounds

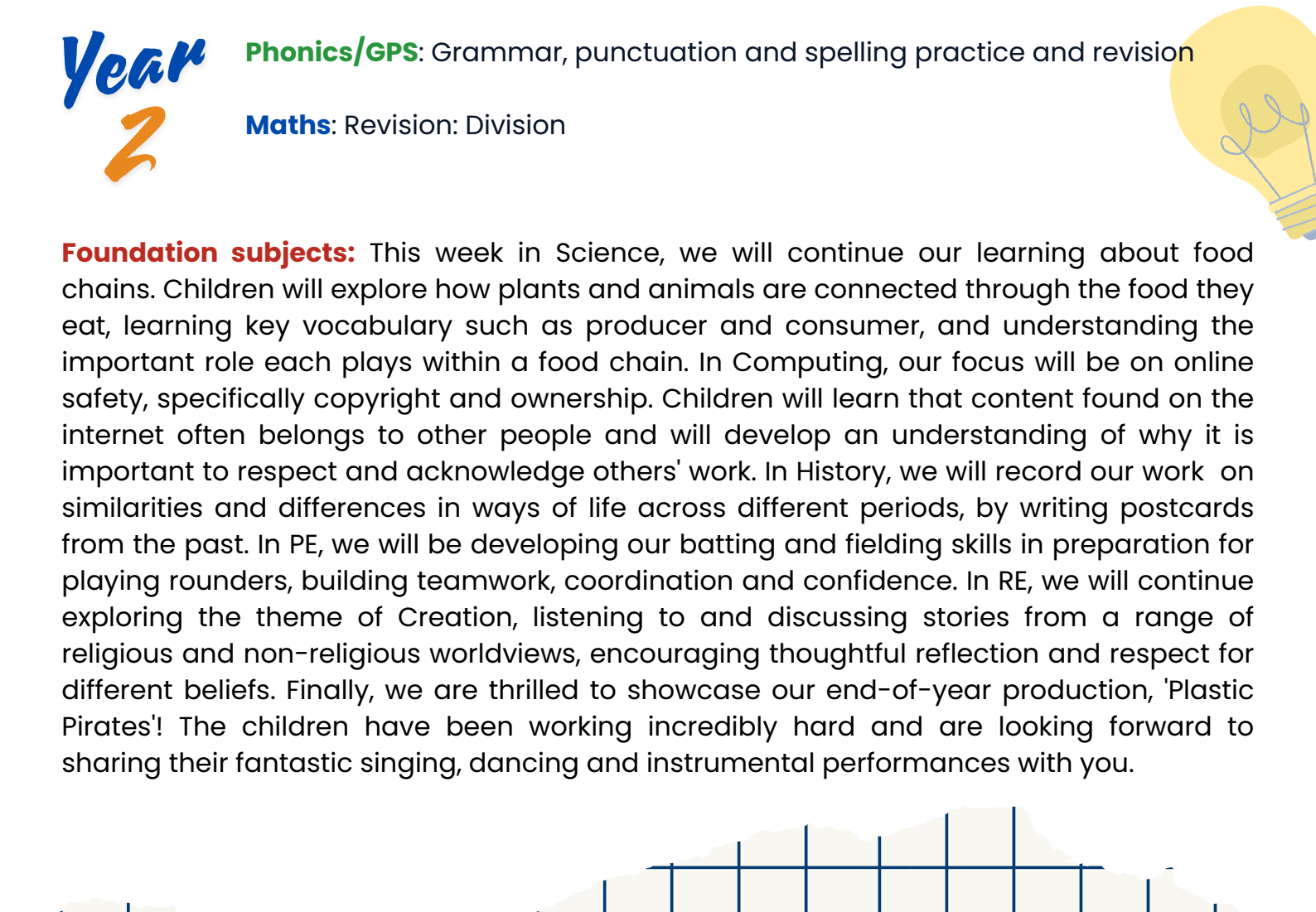
Maths: Maths assessments and practising number fact recall

Foundation subjects: In Science we will be exploring and finding out about how day length changes throughout the year. In our DT lesson we will be evaluating the t-shirts that the children have sewn and in our final Music lesson, children will compose their own music, recording their idea on a notation grid and will play it to their classmates. In PE we will be practising our sprinting technique (now that the weather has cooled down!) and in RE we will be exploring how Muslims have a sense of belonging with their faith. We are also looking forward to watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 2 show and having lots of opportunities to play together before the summer break!

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Grammar, punctuation and spelling practice and revision

Maths: Revision: Division



Foundation subjects: This week in Science, we will continue our learning about food chains. Children will explore how plants and animals are connected through the food they eat, learning key vocabulary such as producer and consumer, and understanding the important role each plays within a food chain. In Computing, our focus will be on online safety, specifically copyright and ownership. Children will learn that content found on the internet often belongs to other people and will develop an understanding of why it is important to respect and acknowledge others' work. In History, we will record our work on similarities and differences in ways of life across different periods, by writing postcards from the past. In PE, we will be developing our batting and fielding skills in preparation for playing rounders, building teamwork, coordination and confidence. In RE, we will continue exploring the theme of Creation, listening to and discussing stories from a range of religious and non-religious worldviews, encouraging thoughtful reflection and respect for different beliefs. Finally, we are thrilled to showcase our end-of-year production, 'Plastic Pirates'! The children have been working incredibly hard and are looking forward to sharing their fantastic singing, dancing and instrumental performances with you.

NEW MENU - WEEK 1

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

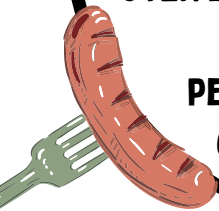
WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

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

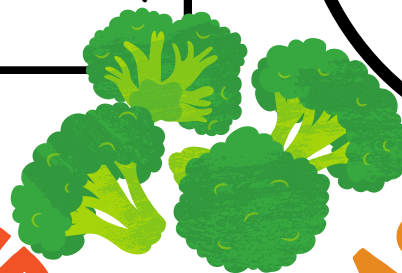
STEAMED RICE AND
GREEN BEANS
(VG)

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

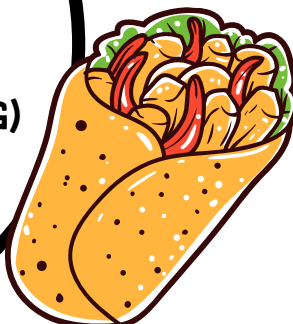
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT, LETTUCE
WATER AND MILK / A SELECTION OF DESSERTS / A FRUIT BOWL
(ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)



FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

CHICKEN OR
QUORN (VG) (G)
FAJITAS
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)

SERVED WITH TORTILLA WRAP (G)
AND MIXED PEPPERS (VG)



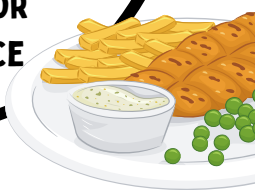
FINTASTIC THURSDAY

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)



WHAT'S GOING ON?

New additions will be in red

Tue 7 Jul	KSI Borough Sports at Garons Park (invited children only)
Wed 8 Jul	9.30 Year 2 End of Year show
Wed 8 Jul	Reception Summer Walk - Chalkwell Park
Wed 8 Jul	3pm - 4pm Open classroom
Thu 9 Jul	9.30 Year 2 End of Year show
Wed 15 Jul	1.15 Year 2 Rounders tournament (in school)
Thu 16 Jul	Year 2 Leavers party afternoon
Fri 17 Jul	Last day at school - Summer holidays
Mon 20 Jul	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Tue 1 Sep	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Wed 2 Sep	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Thu 3 Sep	First day for Year 1 and Year 2
Tue 15 Sep	Reception children start full time
Thu 22 Oct	Break up for half term
Fri 23 Oct	Non-pupil day (closed to all pupils)
Mon 2 Nov	Back to school for all pupils
Fri 18 Dec	Break up for Christmas holiday
Mon 4 Jan	Back to school for all pupils
Thu 11 Feb	Break up for half term
Fri 12 Feb	Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)
Thu 25 Mar	Break up for Easter holidays
Mon 12 Apr	Back to school for all pupils
Thu 27 Mar	Break up for half term
Fri 28 May	Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)
Mon 7 Jun	Back to school for all pupils
Wed 21 Jul	Break up for Summer holidays

What's new?



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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