



RLI News

21st October 2022

Wow—What a half term this has been! As this is the last newsletter of the half term, it'll be a bumper edition.

On behalf of Mrs Duncan and Mrs Langtree can we extend our deepest thanks to our children and families for your support in this half term. Our amazing staff have worked hard to help our children settle in to their new classes and routines and to thrive in their learning. We have also been thrilled this term to be able to welcome parents back in to school for our open evenings and our Learning Reviews. The children across the school have worked hard in their learning and are showing some great progress already this year. Reception have loved their **All About Me** and **Superhero** learning. Year 1 have dived right in with their learning about **Under the Sea**. Their writing and Science work is showing great promise. Year 2 continued the children's **Pirate** learning from the Summer Term of Year 1 and have moved on to discovering the different **explorers** in our world.

We have no doubt that our children will continue to enjoy their new learning after a well deserved half term break. Children in Reception will be meeting a special character when they return who will lead them into their **Fairytales** learning. Year 1 will be exploring **Toys** from the present, past and future. Our Year 2 learners will become our Nature Ambassadors and begin their **Wild Britain** Learning. This will include developing our school grounds to support British Wildlife, they will also be working on our Green Shoots project.

More curriculum information will follow after half term. All of our curriculum information can be found on our school website. www.raceleysinfant.com

This week we have said the fondest farewell to Mrs Lamley. She has worked with Race Leys for 18 years. She has been the face and voice at the front of our school and there is nothing this lady doesn't know about our school. She will be enjoying the extra time she has to spend time with her family and lovely Granddaughter.

Dates for your diary

24th—28th Half Term Break

31st October—Children back to school

10th and 11th November—HSBC Money Sessions in school

11th November—Armistice Day Parade

18th November—Children in Need

2nd December—Health Visitor in Reception

13th December—Christmas Nativity—EYFS

14th December—KS1 Christmas Service at the church

15th December—KS1 Christmas Service

More Christmas information will follow after half term.

PE Days after Half Term

Children' PE days will be staying the same.

Reception—Tuesday

Year 1—Wednesday and Friday

Year 2—Monday and Thursday

Children must wear PE Kit to school on these days. Our PE Kit is a plain white T-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms/ leggings. As it's getting colder children will need a red school jumper / cardigan with their PE Kit. Jewellery must be removed where Possible. If earrings can't be removed please provide tape and we will help the children put this on.

Attendance

Attendance has been wonderful this week in school and we are all getting used to the earlier starting time of the school day.

SAM (School Attendance Matters)

is going to the winning class... Moorhen Class

OTIS (On Time in School) is spending the week with the winning class Cygnet Class.

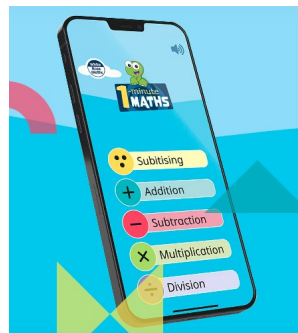
Music of the Week



This week the children have been listening to Sergei Prokofiev Montagues and Capulets from Romeo and Juliet.

Children will continue to listen to a different piece of music each week and will be discussing this in assembly.





Maths Skills

We have begun using a new app in school with the children to help improve their fluency skills in Maths. The app is **free** to download and mirrors what we do with the children in school.

The App is called One Minute Maths by White Rose

Year of Reading

This year in school, we would like to celebrate our love of reading with our children and families. As you will have noticed each week we introduce a recommended book as part of our newsletter. We have also now completed our school Library renovations and are thrilled that the children are enjoying learning in this space.

In school we aim to read with our children as often as possible. Every day our children are taught phonics to give them the sounds and skills they need to be strong and confident readers. We are hoping in our next half term to invite families in to our school to see how children learn and explore phonics in school. More information will follow on this. Children are encouraged to bring their books into school each day and can change their books as often as needed.

Governors

We would like to pass on our huge thanks to Dawn Jukes, our previous Chair of Governors. Dawn has supported us for several years and we are grateful for all of her support, guidance and wisdom in this time.

We are pleased to announce that our new chair of governors is Claire Davies. We look forward to working with Claire and the rest of the Governors to move the school forwards. More information on who our Governors are can be found on the school website.

There is an exciting opportunities to join our Governing body. We currently have a vacancy on the Governing body for a co-opted governor. If you are interested and are committed to supporting us to make a difference in the children's lives please contact Claire Davies, Chair of Governors: davies.c11@welearn365.com or admin2614@welearn365.com.

Keep up to date

We will be regularly updating our website and Facebook page with things that are happening in school. Please make sure the office have your permission slips back to say whether photos can be shared.

www.raceleysinfant.com

Search on Facebook for Race Leys Infant School, like and follow us.

Keeping Safe in School

This half term all of our children have been learning about how to keep safe in school and the wider world. We have had assemblies, circle times and many class discussions around the many things we can do to keep ourselves safe. Children have explored what safe and unsafe choices are in school and are beginning to understand their responsibilities to keep others safe.

Safeguarding the children and families of Race Leys Infant School is a priority of ours in school. We ensure we take time to listen to the children, support difficulties between friendship groups and help to signpost who the right people are to speak to if we are worried. Next half term children will begin our Protective Behaviours curriculum (more information will follow about this) where they will explore ideas around safe places, how they know they feel unsafe and who to speak to if they are unsure.

In school we have a team of professionals called DSLs who are specifically trained to support the safeguarding needs of our children. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of our children or families please do contact us.



Mrs Langtree



Mrs Duncan



Mrs Johnson



Mrs Gurr



Mrs Sewell

Celebrating Our Learning

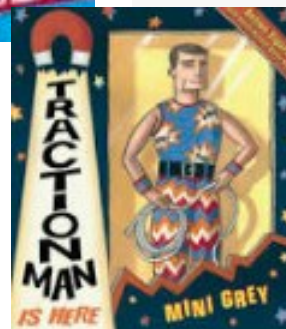
Reception Learning in Autumn 1

The children have settled beautifully into school life at Race Leys Infant School. They have enjoyed our topic **All About Me** and **Superheroes** in our world.

They have been working hard to learn new sounds in our Read, Write Inc Phonics. In our Number work children have been exploring counting,

comparing, matching, sorting and creating patterns.

We have also begun our Write Stuff writing learning. This half term the children have been gathering vocabulary and building sentences using their own ideas. Children have been getting to know each other and the various routines at school. We will continue to support children in managing their feelings and friendships next half term.

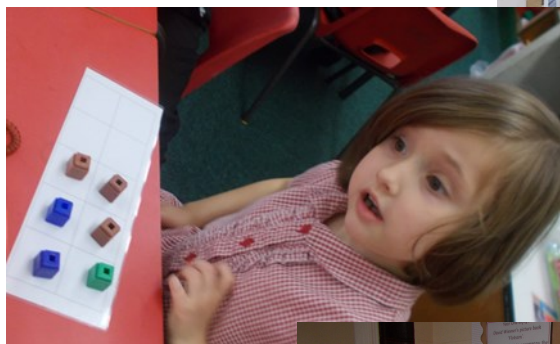


Celebrating Our Learning

Year 1 Learning in Autumn 1

Moorhen learnt about the story of Flotsam. As part of it they looked at an old camera and used their imagination to think of photographs that could be on the camera. They wrote adjectives to describe what they imagined. We have been learning how to represent numbers by using counters and cubes on tens frames. We practiced making different patterns with the same number.

Heron class have enjoyed the picture books by David Wiesner. We have written words to accompany the pictures. We enjoyed the book Tuesday where the frogs fly on lily pads and do naughty things. We wrote our ideas for a new book about when the pigs went on a flying adventure.



Celebrating Our Learning

Year 2 Learning in Autumn 1

The children have learnt about Pirates and Explorers this half term.

Children in Swan class have LOVED writing so far. They have worked hard in their learning to use the new skills in their independent writing. The children have written their own adventure stories about an unfortunate adventurer who has many problems to solve. Children in Goose class have been wonderful problem solvers in their maths learning. They have been working hard to understand the larger numbers and are beginning to problem solve well.

