



Rokeby Park Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term

Attendance from 09/09/20—28/05/21

Reception— 89.8%

Year 1—92.5%

Year 2—95.6%

Year 3— 93.1%

Year 4— 92.8%

Year 5— 92.7%

Year 6— 92.8%

The national attendance target is 96.1%.

It's very important to your child's education that they're in school, on time every day.

YEAR 1—our theme has been the seaside. We have focused on the Bridlington coast and have identified physical and human features there. We also compared Bridlington to where we live and thought about similarities and differences between the two areas. We also explored how holidays to the seaside have changed over the years. On Wednesday we had an afternoon at the beach to end our seaside topic. We had a fun filled afternoon building sandcastles, playing in the water, creating our own Punch and Judy puppet shows and eating delicious food. Throughout this half term we have worked really hard to produce some wonderful writing based on stories involving the seaside and creatures that you might find there. We have really developed our story writing skills and widened our vocabulary. It has been a wonderful half term and we look forward to all the new things that we will learn next half term.

YEAR 2—This half term we have really enjoyed learning about woodland habitats in science and our local area in geography. We have completed some fabulous cross curricular writing and story writing, as well as producing brilliant tour guides that represent our city. We found it really fun to observe our school within a local aerial map and created our own maps to show what facilities are available in our local area. Next half term we will be focusing on plants, and how they grow. We are looking forward to carrying out lots of scientific enquiries to discover what plants need to survive.

YEAR 3 — We have been learning about the human body and our skeletons. We carried out an investigation to find out if girls have a bigger skull than boys. We really enjoyed measuring our heads, recording our results and talking about what we found out. We also had a workshop online about how to keep our teeth healthy and clean. We learnt the importance of tooth brushing and how to brush our teeth properly.

EYFS — This half term we have been very busy learning all about life cycles. We have watched our caterpillars grow and grow until eventually we had 5 Chrysalides. We watched and waited until the butterflies emerged ready to fly away to their new home.

YEAR 4 —Year 4 have been studying Ancient Egypt and the ancient Egyptians. We have learnt about life in ancient times and have investigated how the pyramids were created. Year 4 have enjoyed their music lessons with Mr King, learning to play new songs on the glockenspiels. They have also enjoyed their cricket PE lessons learning the bowling, fielding and batting skills needed for a game of cricket.

YEAR 5 —Year 5 have settled back into school really well this half term. The children have enjoyed taking part in enquiry-led lessons as part of our Victorians topic. We have also been busy writing character descriptions in English and mastering our knowledge of fractions in maths. Year 5 have enjoyed lots of extra-curricular activities including virtual author visits; a bikeathon with Tour de Sirius; and making well-being cards for vulnerable customers in our local supermarket. Enjoy half term!

YEAR 6—We have been learning about the Tudor period, the monarchs that ruled and the crime and punishment as part of our 'Villains and Vengeance' topic. We have immersed ourselves in the narrative poem 'the Highwayman' and created our own four-perspective inner monologue narratives and playscripts. In maths, we have covered algebra, measurement and percentages. In reading, we have enjoyed reading 'Black Powder' and how it links to the gunpowder plot scandal in the 1600s. We have also begun our sewing unit as part of our D&T topic and have perfected our stitching techniques.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs Mills will be leaving the school at half term to start a new job. We would all like to wish her good luck in her new role. Miss Basstaple is new to Rokeby Park and will be working in Year 1 after the half term holiday.





IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The school will close on **28th May** for half term and reopen on **7th June**.

The school will close for summer holidays on **Friday 23rd July 2021**.

School reopens for the autumn term on **Wednesday 8th September 2021**

The school will close for Autumn half term **w/c 25th October**

Term dates for 2021/2022 will be put on the website by the end of the week.

Whats Happening Next Term?

WHOLE SCHOOL

After half term, we will be holding a weekly book swap every Wednesday before and after school. All children and their families will have the opportunity to borrow a book to read at home over a week, and then swap it for a new one the following Wednesday. Our Rokeby book swap will be run by our school councillors who will be on hand to support your choices and provide recommendations if you need them. If you have any books that you would like to donate towards the book swap, please send them in with your child when we return. We look forward to seeing you there!



ROKEBY ECO PANTRY

As most of you are already aware, we now have an Eco Shop at Rokeby which opens on a Wednesday at 2:30pm. Our Eco Pantry is supported by FareShare Hull and we are hoping to reduce the amount of food that is wasted every year. It costs just £2 for any 5 items including fresh, frozen and store cupboard staples.



YEAR 3

Next half term we are looking forward to learning more about the rainforest and chocolate! In science we are looking forward to being green fingered gardeners, as will be growing our own plants from seeds and carrying out experiments to find out what plants need to grow well. We will learn about the parts of plants and how new plants



YEAR 5

Next half term, our focus will be on growing-up and relationships. We have lots of exciting investigations planned in science (including cloning vegetables!) and the children will have the opportunity to achieve their water safety certificates during swimming lessons. Miss Ireland and Mrs Duffield want to remind everyone how important reading is - keep reading at home regularly year 5!!

EYFS

Next half term we are learning about journeys and destinations. We will be reading 'The Train Ride' and thinking about where we would like to go on our own train journey.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure your children arrive at school on time each day and are collected at the correct time at the end of the day. We have recently had increasing numbers of pupils arriving late and being collected late. Any pupil who is not collected on time will be placed in the after school club and parents will be charged.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember that our attendance target is 96.1%. We are working really hard in school to encourage all pupils to attend school as much as possible. Each class are working towards the attendance target and receive a reward if they win. Please support us to support the children to be in school as much as possible. Our attendance procedures will be followed if pupils are absent.

Safeguarding If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact Mrs Chaytor or Mrs Smith Alternatively, you can make a referral yourself by following the procedure on the Hull Safeguarding Children Board <http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/portal/>