



# Rokeby Park Primary School Newsletter



## Summer Term

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

I cannot believe we are at the end of another school year. I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support throughout what has been an extremely challenging time for everyone. In school we are all looking forward to the new academic year with optimism. Normally, our end of year newsletter and message is filled with news about all the fantastic school activities, trips, visits and events that have taken place throughout the school year. Due to Covid-19 things have been different again this year and this has meant that we have had limited visits and visitors into school. However, all the staff have worked hard to ensure all our pupils have had some great experiences during their time in school. Next year we will hopefully be able to plan more exciting experiences for everyone to enjoy. This week we have said a fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 class and I would like to thank their families for their support throughout the time the pupils have been at the school. Year 6 are an amazing set of individuals and I would like to wish them all the very best for secondary school.

I hope you all have a great summer holiday. Take care and stay safe. *Claire Smith*

**Year 1** It's been a busy half term in Year 1 where we have focused on our theme of the Great Outdoors. We received a special delivery from Gerald the giant and he told us the story of Jack and the Beanstalk from his perspective. We have also done lots of work in science about plants. We conducted our own experiment to determine whether plants need light to grow and we discovered some interesting results. Following on from this we planted our own sunflowers and have observed them over the last couple of weeks to watch how they grow at different rates. We also carried out a delicious unit of D&T, where we designed and prepared our own sandwiches for a picnic. We loved developing our spreading and cutting skills. We also learned about different Christian ceremonies in RE and hosted our very own Year 1 wedding which was a wonderful occasion. We also had our sports day which was a day filled with excitement and competition. We loved competing against our class and engaging in team building games.



**Year 2** This half term in year 2 we have really enjoyed our guided reading lessons reading the chapter book Charlotte's Web. We fell in love with the main characters and had fun getting to know them all. We have also really enjoyed completing our writing text of James and the Giant Peach. Year 2 have worked really hard this term completing their 'Ready, Steady, Grow' theme. We carried out science experiments and answered scientific enquiry questions related to a plants science topic. We thoroughly enjoyed our D&T unit based on food technology, where we tasted and made summer snacks with lots of healthy fruit and vegetables. We hope to enjoy lots of sunshine over the holidays and are excited to start a new school year.



### Year 3

We have been busy writing shape poems linked to our topic The Rainforest. We have created shape poems of sloths, tigers and other animals. They are fantastic! Also linked to our topic, we created fabulous art work based on Henri Rousseau's 'Tiger in a tropical storm' painting. We used our sketching and collage skills and produced fantastic final pieces of work to be very proud of. In music we have been enjoying listening to different composers and drawing how it makes us feel. We enjoyed our sports day, showing great team work and enjoying the competition. We all enjoyed the egg and spoon and obstacle races!

We learnt about the importance of keeping safe in water over the Summer with a virtual water safety chat from the RNLI. We were all very excited to meet our new teacher and have been asking lots of questions about Year 4.



Year 5 This half term, we have been very busy deepening our knowledge of the Victorian Era - we loved our class read Wild Boy! We have also particularly enjoyed our D&T project designing and building a moving fair ground ride. Our sports day was a success; we took part in many competitive games and worked well together in teams. As the summer holidays approach, we have had the opportunity for water safety sessions at our local swimming baths and were reminded by the RNLI how to keep safe in the water when at the beach. Year 5 have continued to strive through this final half term: Miss Ireland and Mrs Duffield are extremely proud of you all - have a lovely summer and keep safe!



Year 4 Year 4 have been continuing with their Egyptian topic. They have designed and created their own Egyptian death masks. We took part in a virtual music concert with Hull Music Service which all the children loved. We have finished reading our class text 'Beetle Boy' which the children also really enjoyed - they can keep an eye out for the book sequel too!



EYFS This term we have been learning about the seaside, holidays and transport. We have 'been to' treasure islands to visit pirates, on a magical train ride and off into the blue sky in a hot air balloon. We harvested the potatoes that we planted in spring and turned them into some lovely seaside chips. We have enjoyed ice creams in the sunshine and thought about where we would like to visit on an aeroplane. It has been a very busy half term in EYFS and we have spent lots of time outside enjoying the sunshine and dipping our toes in the 'sea'. We have enjoyed some time with our new teacher and we are really looking forward to coming back in September and jumping straight into lots more exciting hard work.



**Year 6** We have enjoyed learning about Macbeth in English writing our own arguments on who is to blame for King Duncan's murder and a poem based on 'Song of the Witches'. We have also enjoyed finishing our crime and punishment unit of history. Year 6 have demonstrated their competitive sides during our Sports Day, the Hull Active Schools' Cricket Tournament and during a Sirius Academy rugby session.

The vast majority of pupils have engaged in transition activities from their new secondary schools and we ended the year with a fun evening at 'Let Loose'.

Enjoy the summer -you deserve it!



### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



The school will close on **Friday 23rd July** and reopen on **Wednesday 8th September**.



The school will close for half term on **Friday 22nd October** and reopen **Monday 1st November**

The school will close for the Christmas Break on **Friday 17th December 2021**.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform for school. More information on uniform choices can be found in the parent's section of the school website. **Tracksuit bottoms are not school uniform and must not be worn at school.**

Sandshoes are also part of our school uniform and must be worn inside. This is to help keep the school floors clean and dry.

All children must also have a school PE kit (white t-shirt and black shorts) in school on their PE days and an outdoor PE kit (black jogging bottoms and black sweatshirt) when the weather is cold.

Jewellery must not be worn at school. If ears have recently been pierced and earrings cannot be removed, plain studs must be worn and covered during PE lessons.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any loss.

### **September**

**The entrances for each class are as follows:**

EYFS: Gate next to the main school door.

Year 1: Mobile at the front of the school.

Year 2: Pupils will enter the school through the door near the staff carpark.

Year 3: Pupils will enter the school through the door at the back of the school next to the playground

Year 4: Pupils will enter the school through the door at the back of the school next to the playground

Year 5: Pupils will enter the school through the door near the staff carpark.

Year 6: Pupils will enter the school through the door near the staff carpark.

Pupils will no longer line up on the playground before entering school each morning and will go in as soon as they arrive.

### **Attendance**

**Reception — 91.9%**

**Year1 — 95%**

**Year2 — 94.9%**

**Year 3 — 93.6%**

**Year 4 — 94.1%**

**Year 5 — 93.5%**

**Year 6 — 91%**

**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.

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