



Rokeby Park Primary School Newsletter



Autumn Term 2

Attendance from 8th September—16th December 2021

Reception – 91.41%

Year 1 – 88.64%

Year 2 – 90.69%

Year 3 – 92.67%

Year 4 – 84.66%

Year 5 – 89.68%

Year 6 – 89.57%

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

This term year 1 have focused on the traditional tales of the Gingerbread Man and the Three Little Pigs. We learned different characters perspectives of events which happened within the stories. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Big Bad Wolf so he could inform us of his side of the story. We also had a webinar with the author Nick Sharrat. He gave us a sneak peek at his brilliant new book and also gave us a drawing master class. We have also done lots of hard work in maths and have really focused on the composition of numbers within 10. In our history lessons we have done lots of work on Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot to understand why we celebrate Bonfire Night every year. We considered the events which led to the 5th November and also how the different people involved were feeling at the time. We have also enjoyed taking part in lots of interesting art this term. We have explored primary and secondary colours and a range of abstract artworks. We really enjoyed getting creative and producing some wonderful pieces of art work.

YEAR 2

The children have settled really well into their new class this school year and it has been a pleasure to get to know them all. During this term, we have really enjoyed learning about significant people and events in British history such as Florence Nightingale, Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London. We had a lot of fun in our art lessons as we learned how to draw our own portraits. We experimented with colour as we created our own paintings of the great fire. In science we learned how to carry out a fair test as we investigated a variety of everyday materials. We continue to development our phonics and reading skills both in our phonics lessons and across the wider curriculum. We have written stories, character descriptions and even become reporters writing newspaper articles about the Great Fire of London. In maths, children continue to develop their number skills. They have worked hard to learn and understand concepts of measurement using money and build on their reasoning and problem-solving skills. The children have all worked extremely hard and I am looking forward to seeing them after the Christmas break.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age and have studied Skara Brae. We have read poetry, stories and newspaper articles in writing. In science, we have enjoyed learning about light and shadows in science and have carried out many investigations. In PE, we have had sessions with professional rugby coaches and have joined in with dance, too. We have also enjoyed learning about animals in French and can now speak and write short words and phrases.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued with their learning about the Romans in History. We have learned about Roman society and how the Romans changed Britain today. The children have really enjoyed their Christmas unit with Mr King for Music lessons on a Monday. They have also loved their football PE lessons with Hull FC.

YEAR 5

This half term, Year 5 have been very busy writing their newspaper reports linked to Wild Boy. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading the class novel Wonder. Throughout this term, the children have been learning all about the Victorian era and have created some graffiti art linked to Banksy. Also, the children took part in Bikeability and have learned about the safety elements of bike riding. As part of anti bullying week, they created dramas to discuss different scenarios. All the children designed hands to promote kind hands during white ribbon day. Some of the children were Young Evaluators for the Headstart Mark of Excellence award and they will continue to work in school to promote mental health and wellbeing across the school. Some children had the opportunity to visit Sirius Academy West and took part in an enterprise challenge, we are looking forward to doing lots more with Sirius Academy West next term. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Y5 team.



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/>



EYFS

We have had a busy and wonderful term in EYFS exploring the author Julia Donaldson's famous stories 'Stickman' and 'The Gruffalo' and even making our own delicious Gruffalo crumble. The children had a very magical time decorating the Christmas tree in the hall and enjoyed singing lots of songs this festive season. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked this term especially within phonics, well done everyone!



YEAR 6

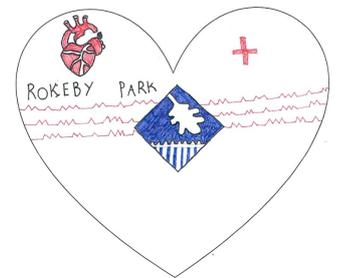
Year 6 have had an incredibly successful autumn term. Since the October half term, we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and the influence their culture has had ever since. We have thoroughly enjoyed finishing reading 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief', 'Skellig' and 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. In art, we have developed our still life drawing skills and getting completely covered in charcoal! In our weekly PSHE lessons, we have celebrated differences and had insightful discussions about equality. The children have continued to impress the staff each day with their hard work and resilience. Keep up the amazing work Y6 and have a lovely Christmas break!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs Gawthorpe has now returned to school from her maternity leave and is teaching in EYFS. Mrs Heaton, from EYFS, has now started her maternity leave.

Miss Bastable, Miss Coates, Miss Ireland and Miss Hewson are all leaving today to pursue new careers and adventures. We wish them all the very best of luck.

The School Council has been involved with lots of fund raising this half term. The Children In Need "Wear Something Spotty" day raised £100 and the Save The Children Christmas Jumper appeal raised £61.60 and congratulations to all of the competition winners. We were excited to launch our appeal to begin fundraising for a defibrillator for the school too. Our design a logo competition, the tombola, bring and buy sale and the bun sale have all taken place this half term and we hope to get close to our target soon. Thank you to everybody who has supported us. The winning logo design is pictured.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The school will close on Thursday 16th December for the Christmas Holidays and reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022



The school will close Thursday 17th February and reopen Monday 28th February 2022

*Wishing all our families a
very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*

See you in January!

