



# Rokeby Park Primary School Newsletter

## Spring Term 1



### Attendance from 8th September—17th February 2022

Reception – 90.56%

Year 1 – 88.20%

Year 2 – 90.91%

Year 3 – 92.13%

Year 4 – 85.02%

Year 5 – 90.86%

Year 6 – 91.31%

**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



**Rokeby Park Primary School has achieved the Headstart mark of excellence!**

#### Year 1

This half term Year 1 have worked very hard. In maths we have been focusing on place value and addition and subtraction within 20. Next half term we will be focusing on numbers to 50. We have produced some wonderful pieces of writing based on our class texts, including instructions, our innovated story of Sunny goes to the beach and a report on Meerkats. We have also started our geography journey. We have learned about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and have learned about the difference between a city, town and village. We then went on to learn about our local area and the human and physical features we can find here. Next half term we are hoping to organise a trip to Bridlington to learn about the human and physical features of a seaside town. In DT we have also created our own windmill structures. We loved making the different parts of the windmill and then testing them to see if they work. Some of the finished products can be seen on Twitter. We are really looking forward to seeing all the progress that the children will make next half term.

#### Swimming Lessons

Year 4 and 5 have enjoyed their swimming lessons this half term and some of our Year 6 pupils have completed a swimming booster programme.



#### Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed geography this half term has we learn about the oceans and continents of the world. We have looked closely at habitats in science and investigated different micro habitats around the school grounds. We are improving our reading comprehension skills as we enjoy reading non-fiction books about recycling, pollution and saving the environment in guided reading lessons. We have also written some fabulous reports about sea creatures and why recycling is so important.

#### Year 3

We have been investigating pneumatic systems in DT and designing our own toys which use this system. We have some fantastic designs and are looking forward to bringing these designs to life! In geography we have been learning about our city. Our maps skills have progressed and we can use the 8-point compass to give directions accurately. We enjoyed designing our own towns and thinking about the best location for the different types of services. In our writing lessons we have created some fantastic poems based on The Magic Box by Kit Wright. We included amazing adjectives and alliteration in our writing. It was fantastic to read about all of the real and imaginary objects the children put in their magic boxes. In French, we have been learning about musical instruments and know the names of some. We can also say whether we like or dislike an instrument. Finally, we have taken Pedestrian Skills lessons and learnt about road safety.

### Announcements

This half term we have welcomed Miss Renwick to Year 4 as the new class teacher. We have also welcomed Leanne Black as our new lunch time assistant.

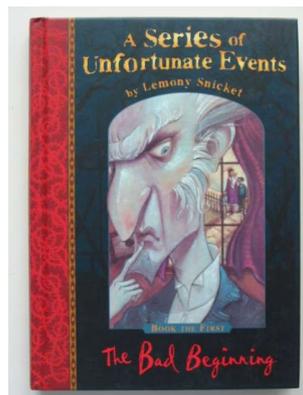


#### Year 4

In Year 4 we have really enjoyed our anchor novel: The Outlaw Varjak Paw. We have loved reading it together and have been on the edge of our seats when reading about each battle. We are excited to finish it this week. Earlier on in the half term, we went swimming for two weeks and the children worked really hard, lots of them moved up groups. In science we have designed and completed some experiments about the three states of matter and how they are all connected. Last week we carried out four experiments using water, lemonade, raisins and balloons and had to work in groups to work out how the solids, liquids and gasses reacted to each other to cause the outcome. This was lots of fun and gave us a better understanding of the properties of gas. In the afternoons we have also been learning about rivers and coasts and how erosion changes the country, in particular our local coast: the Holderness Coastline. Next half term we are going to continue looking at the physical features of our country.

#### Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the Grand Canyon this half-term, how it formed and how it continues to change through erosion. We have also explored the positive and negative impacts of tourism on the environment. We have also looked at Tex-Mex cuisine in our DT unit. In science, we have learnt about light and how we can see things. We have investigated refraction and dispersion of colour. In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Explorer' and basing our writing on Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events'. It certainly helped that we could watch it on Netflix as well. We have developed our fitness and agility in tag rugby and gymnastics this term. I didn't realise I was teaching a class of elastic bands - their flexibility has astounded me! Booster sessions started this half-term in preparation for SATS. I am incredibly proud of the children who attended twice weekly - keep up the amazing effort! These are some of the books we have recently covered.



#### Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have been very busy writing their narratives based on the John Lewis advert 'The Man on the Moon.' They have thoroughly enjoyed reading the class novel George's Secret Key to the Universe where they have picked up some interesting facts about the Solar System. Throughout this term, the children have been learning all about space and are in the process of creating their own moon buggy designed to carry three moon rocks. Also, as part of a National Project linked with the poetry society, children took part in a poetry workshop where they created a fantastic class poem based on space and technology, universe and the Big Bang. Some of the children were Young Evaluators for the Headstart Mark of Excellence award and they have continued to work in school to promote mental health and wellbeing across the school. Children have had a brilliant time swimming at Haltemprice Leisure Centre and have made lots of progress!

#### EYFS

In EYFS, our Talk for Writing texts this half term have been The Tiger Who Came for Tea and Dear Zoo. The children have loved learning these texts and have used signifiers to help them retell the stories. The children wrote invitations to the tiger and were extremely excited when a tiger from the story visited us at school for a tea party. Luckily, the tiger was very friendly and brought some biscuits to school for us all to enjoy. The children also had some news about some animals escaping from the zoo. The children were very kind and thoughtful and decided to create some wanted posters to help the zookeeper find the missing animals. Next half term we will be learning about growing, healthy eating and the changes in spring. Our Talk for Writing next half term will be Jasper's Beanstalk.

Here is a year 3 pupil with an example of one of the pneumatic system toys that we designed:





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school will close for half term on **Thursday 17th February** and reopen on **Monday 28th February**.

The school will close on **Friday 8th April** and reopen **Tuesday 26th April**

The school is closed for **May Day** on **2nd May**



### 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.**

Uniform is now to be purchased direct from our supplied X3 Ltd, although sandshoes can still be purchased from the school office.

At the Wednesday Eco Shop we are also now doing a uniform exchange. If you have any unwanted uniform this can be donated and you may be able to find something you need. All items are free of charge.

### Attendance

Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of their education and will improve their choices in adult life. As a parent/carer it is your responsibility to ensure that a child of compulsory school age attends school both regularly and punctually. The local authority has a duty to ensure that all parents/carers fulfil this responsibility.

### Comic Relief

This will take place on Friday 18th March... more details to follow—From The School Council



Some of the girls have enjoyed taking part in the Little Mermaids Running Club with Mrs Biggs. It is a programme for girls, which combines physical activity and mindfulness to strengthen girls' self-confidence, self-esteem and self-compassion. We meet twice a week and the programme involves journaling, coming together in shared experiences and building up our physical activity until the last week when we complete a 5K run. The physical activity is in amongst other activities and will be slow building and achievable for every girl to access. Most importantly it is fun! The main aim is to help boost girls' self-esteem and confidence.



### Pupil Absence

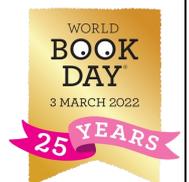
Please remember if your child is absent from school, please call the office and leave a message by 9:30am. Please do not pass messages to the teachers or send a Dojo in this instance.

### PING

Please remember to check your Ping messages regularly. All information is sent out via Ping. Not everyone seems to receive a notification so please check daily for any new messages.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. You will be able to dress as a monster or as a teacher - more info to follow!



**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/>