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you can be'

Summer 1 Newsletter

Attendance

7th September 2022 — 26th May 2023

Reception – 94.58%

Year 1 – 92.99%

Year 2 – 93.94%

Year 3 – 93.51%

Year 4 – 93.97%

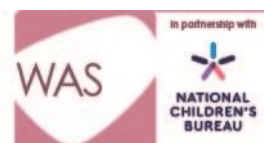
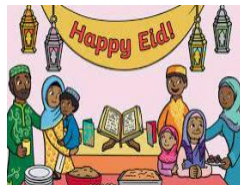
Year 5 – 93.16%

Year 6 – 93.15%

The national attendance target is 96.1%. It is very important to your child's education and wellbeing that they are in school, on time every day.

EYFS

The children in EYFS have had a very busy half term. We have been learning all about bears. We found out where bears live and that there are different types of bears. The favourite bear in our class is a Polar Bear. This term our texts in Talk for Writing have been 'Beware of the Bears' and 'Bears don't eat egg sandwiches'. The children have enjoyed retelling and acting out the stories using signifiers and actions. The children have also learned about features of the forest and what makes a forest area different to other natural areas such as a field. The children enjoyed learning about the changes in homes through time, making comparisons and identifying differences and we used pictures to compare houses from the past and modern houses. As part of our RE curriculum we learned more about the Muslim festival of Eid, what it means and the different ways it is celebrated in our school, community and in countries across the world. Of uppermost interest was the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. All children were invited to the exciting King Charles III Coronation Party Lunch and they thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic experience.



2022-2025

YEAR 1

This half term, Year 1 have written some super instructions on 'How to catch pesky seagulls' based on our class novel 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in our writing lessons. The children have learned about using time conjunctions, adjectives and verbs. In maths, we have covered lots of units including multiplication and division, working hard counting in our 2's, 5's and 10's as well as taking a look at fractions for the first time. In geography our focus has been farms, looking at the different types, as well as what happens in each season, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. It has been interesting learning the types of animals that live on each farm and why. We have also enjoyed looking at 'Our Wonderful World' in RE and the idea of creation. In PE the children have learned about attacking and defending, and different ball skills, including dribbling, kicking and bouncing. The KS1 Phonics Screening check is coming up next half term and all of the children have been working extremely hard in their Phonics lessons, keep it up Year 1! Keep on reading and practising at home too 😊

YEAR 4

So far this term, Year 4 have been fully engrossed in exploring the life of Ancient Egyptians. We have travelled back in time to the BC 1300s to discover how they lived and the power struggle the famous pharaoh Tutankhamun faced as a nine year old boy. We have loved becoming historians by looking at artefacts, researching and role playing. Our anchor novel: A Jewel in the Sands of Time, has allowed us to follow Freddie and his friends as they travel back to Ancient Egypt to try and save Tutankhamun from his evil vizier and all of his treacherous plots to take the throne for himself. This has led us into some brilliant cross-curricular writing including a narrative and an explanation text. In art, we have also used our learning about the Ancient Egyptian beliefs to design, make and evaluate our very own death masks. We look forward to finishing our anchor novel and continuing our learning about Ancient Egypt next half term. Alongside this, we have also been exploring habitats, food chains and how different animals survive under different conditions. This has given us plenty of opportunities to get out of the classroom and do some outdoor learning. In PE, we have been working with Hull FC to learn the skills of tag rugby. The children have really got stuck in with this and been really successful.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been wrapped up in the world of Hogwarts this half term, with our class text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. We have used it to work on our vocabulary, inference and summarising skills, as well as inspiration to write a set of instructions to make a potion and a persuasive letter to Professor Dumbledore to change a rule of Hogwarts. We have all enjoyed this thoroughly and have gained some new Harry Potter fans along the way! In maths, we have been mastering measuring, drawing and calculating angles, as well as continuing to master our arithmetic skills. In history, we have been learning about the invasion and settlements of the Danish and German tribes that made up the Anglo Saxons. Next half term, we shall be exploring what happened when the Vikings then sailed across to Britain and how that impacted on the Anglo Saxon rule. In RE, we have found out about different pilgrimages of different faiths and non-religious people and have compared them to each other. In PE, we have improved our football skills in ball control, shooting and tackling and defending. We have also been swimming during the last 2 weeks of the half term and will be continuing next half term to complete our catch-up lessons. We have all tried incredibly hard with this so far! In science, we have been exploring the life cycles of different plants and animals and comparing how they reproduce. In computing, we have been learning about how databases work in organising and sorting information.

YEAR 6

Year 6 started the half term focusing on revision before completing their SATs tests. They completed their tests with confidence, resilience and positive attitudes that blew the staff away. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the amount of PE and 'down time' they had! Transition meetings have now begun for the children and the children allocated Sirius Academy West, Sirius Academy North or The Boulevard Academy have met with the transition teams, asked any questions and have started to get to know the secondary schools a little better. In science, we have started learning about the circulatory system and the children thoroughly enjoyed (some more than others!) dissecting hearts with Mr Byrne from Sirius Academy West! The children have also enjoyed their pop art unit based upon the work of Roy Lichtenstein. I cannot believe the children only have one half term left at Rokeby before the move up to secondary school. The progress they have made is amazing!

SEND

The next SEND parent and craft meeting will be on Tuesday 13th June 2pm-3pm. This will include the making of sweet treats and will be our very own **Rokeby Ready, Steady, Bake!**

The next parent coffee meeting will be held on Monday 3rd July 2pm-3pm. This will be open to all parents, and they will have the opportunity of meeting with available external agencies in attendance.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ***PING***

Please remember to check your PING regularly for any notifications. All our correspondence is sent out via PING. If you cannot access the PING app then contact the school office and Mrs Brear will sort you out with a password.

- ***Football teams***

The Year 4 boys went to their first 5 a side football tournament and did really well!

Year 5 came 3rd in their football tournament and played amazingly!

Year 6 boys and girls football team have some upcoming tournaments, details will follow.

- ***Coffee Mornings***

Thank you to everyone who is attending our Thursday Morning Eco-Pantry and coffee mornings. They will continue after the half term, every Thursday from 9am.

- ***Parent Partnership Award***

We have been in the process of applying for the Parent Partnership Award. We had verification on Thursday 25th May and we are really pleased to announce that it's been a resounding pass! Thank you to parents who have been involved.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school will close for half term on **Friday 26th May** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 5th June**.

The school will close on **Friday 21st July** for Summer Holidays and re-open to pupils on **Wednesday 6th September**



ANNOUNCEMENTS!



We are sad to announce that Mrs Jess Clark is leaving the school this week to take on a role in another primary school. We'd all like to wish Mrs Clark every happiness for the future and good luck in her new role. We're sure you will want to wish her good luck too. Mrs Clark will be missed but she's promised to keep in touch with us all at Rokeby Park Primary.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the trust have appointed a new member of staff, Miss Louise Southern, to the role of Kitchen Assistant. We are sure that you will all welcome Miss Southern to the school.