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Summer 2 Newsletter

Attendance

7th September 2022 — 20th July 2023

Reception – 93.65%

Year 1 – 93.37%

Year 2 – 93.72%

Year 3 – 92.98%

Year 4 – 92.94%

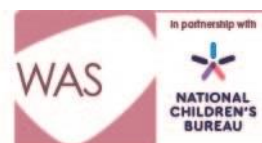
Year 5 – 92.72%

Year 6 – 92.81%

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

This half term the children in EYFS have been learning all about minibeasts. In Early Years, we value all aspects of the creative arts and one particular aspect that we have chosen to visit with children was that of observational drawing and painting. The children did some amazing work on butterflies. They have looked carefully at the butterflies and they used photographs for their observational drawing and painting. The children have also explored symmetry through butterflies where they have used the butterfly outline to create their own symmetrical butterfly using paint. They loved to paint a pattern on one side of the butterfly, then fold, press and open it to reveal a beautiful symmetrical butterfly. The children have also enjoyed looking after the caterpillars until they changed into butterflies. Recently the children enjoyed creating their own bug hotel using different natural and recycled materials. In our Talk for Writing sessions the children have actively participated in retelling and acting out the 'A Good Place' and 'Slug Needs a Hug' stories.



2022-2025

YEAR 1

Year 1 have worked extremely hard during their last half term. Our class text 'Billy's Bucket' has provided us with lots of opportunities for some fantastic writing including writing our own version of the story and writing a postcard all the way from the beach. We have looked at using adjectives more consistently and introduced nouns ready for some hard work in Year 2. In Maths, we have looked at length and height and have had fun measuring objects and ourselves! DT has been our favourite where we have created fruit salads. We had to design our fruit salads thinking carefully about what fruits we want to use through doing some taste testing and then making them. Using fruit also linked to our Archimboldo unit in Art and creating sculptures of our faces out of fruit. We have had lots to celebrate this half term including our class assembly, sharing our year with parents and amazing Phonics Screening Check scores. Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this year with their Phonics which goes to show with such amazing results. We are very proud as a school of this achievement as well as all of their achievements and progress during the early stages of KS1. They are most definitely ready for the challenges in Year 2! I am really excited to be teaching them again and I am sure we will work just as hard next year. Happy summer holidays 😊

YEAR 2

Over the last term Year 2 have been working hard to become Times Tables Rock Stars! So many of us now know our 2, 5, and 10 times tables. We have also learnt about direction and position in maths, we can get from one end of our classroom to the other blindfolded. In writing we wrote our own journey stories based on James and the Giant Peach. We also wrote a poem about ourselves to share with our new teacher. In DT we have researched sandwiches from around the world. We then designed and made our own sandwiches and shared them at an end of term picnic on the field. We have been learning how to play tennis, just in time for Wimbledon! In science we have looked at animals and their offspring, and how different animals adapt to their surroundings in order to raise their young.

YEAR 3

This half term Year 3 have worked very hard in all subjects. In writing we have written an adventure story and have also been working on a balanced argument about deforestation and whether it should be banned. In geography we have also learned about chocolate and how it is made from cocoa beans from around the world. We learned how the cocoa bean is harvested, fermented, roasted and then transported to different countries to be added to other ingredients to produce delicious chocolate. As a final conclusion to our topic on chocolate, we went on an amazing trip to York Chocolate Story. We took part in lots of activities related to chocolate, its history and how it is made. During this half term we also had our annual sports day. Year 3 loved taking part in the different races and showing off their sporting talents.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have finished the year exploring the Ancient Egyptians, learning about their way of life and how it is so wildly different to our own. Our favourite part of the summer term has been experimenting with electrical circuits including how to create, add components and fix them. We also looked at insulators and conductors and used this learning in our DT lessons to safely design, create and evaluate our own working torch. Our designs were not only fit for purpose but also very creative. In writing, we have once again put on our reporters hats and worked in groups to write and record a new TV programme with an introduction, eye-witnesses and victims. The children worked completely independently on this and had lots of fun recording it in different places around school. Learning how to play cricket, including lots of gruelling lessons on throwing and catching has also been lovely in the sun this half term and became very competitive by the end. It has been a pleasure working with year 4 this year and we have had lots of fun.

YEAR 5

In Year 5, we have been learning about the Viking invasions in history and why they came to Britain. We also enriched this learning with our anchor novel - Viking Boy - and discovered what a brutal and merciless bunch of fighters they really were! In art, we became sculptors and researched different Viking style jewellery and crests before practising different carving skills and designing our own clay sculpture inspired by this time period to represent ourselves. In geography, we have become passionate about the future of our planet and about climate change after exploring the different types of fossil fuels and renewable and non-renewable energy and discovering the impact they are having on our planet, as well as the projected impact by the end of the century. In maths, we have mastered working with and calculating decimals and negative numbers, as well as angles. We have also been writing a suspense story and different poems. We have also worked very hard and made huge progress with our swimming in our catch-up lessons! We also went to Sirius West Academy to experience day in secondary school and how to move from different classrooms for different lessons - we had so much fun! We are more than ready for Year 6 now after all of our hard work this year! Well done Year 5!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic final half term at Rokeby Park. A huge highlight was our residential to Robinwood where Team Avalanche battled Team Stream through various challenges during our three-day stay. The children demonstrated resilience, cooperation, communication and teamwork throughout and Mrs Clark and Miss Driscoll could not have been prouder! They faced their fears and overcame challenges on the zip line, giant swing, crate challenge, rock climbing, night-line amongst many others. The children competed in their final Rokeby Park Sports Day this half term showing great sportsmanship with lots of laughter and smiles around! In DT this half term, the children designed and created air raid shelters, testing their suitability with 'night raids' and eggs. Only one shelter was successful! Year 6 have also completed their transition weeks to secondary school and are enjoying their final week with lots of fun activities. Miss Driscoll is still drying off from the water fight! SATs results were shared with pupils and parents this week and the children truly deserve the amazing scores. They've worked their socks off! How can it be the final week already?!



SUMMER FAYRE

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who donated prizes for our tombola, it was one of our biggest tombola's yet! Also a big thank you to parents who helped us out at the summer fayre. Overall it was a huge success, we raised a total of £542.77 🎉

ROKEBY'S GOT TALENT

Almost 80 acts auditioned and now we have our winners! Congratulations to Sienna, Louie and Ella, and Kelcie. Well done to every single one of our finalists!

From The School Council.

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.

- **SCHOOLMONEY**

Just a reminder that we are a cashless school so all trips, lunches, and clubs must be paid via SchoolMoney. If you cannot access this service then speak to Mrs Brear in the office who can send you a reset password link. Alternatively, you can also pay in the office or over the phone. Please try to clear your SchoolMoney balances over the summer so we can start afresh in the new term in September.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

The school will close on **Thursday 26th October** for half term and re-open to pupils on **Monday 6th November**

(all term dates can be found on the school's website)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!



We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Holey our EYFS teacher and Mrs Milner who works with all children across the school. We would like to wish them both all the very best in their next adventures and thank them for all their hard work and support.

In September we will be welcoming two new members of support staff to the school. Mrs Danielle O'Hara-Winn will be joining the school and Miss Anna Hawkins will be changing her role from lunch time assistant to become a member of support staff. We are sure you will join us in welcoming them both to the school.

AND FINALLY.....

We hope you all have an amazing summer break. We look forward to seeing you all, as well as our new starters, in September!

