



# Rokeby Park Primary School

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you can be'

## Spring 1 Newsletter

### Attendance

6th September 2023 — 9th February 2024

Reception – 87.99%

Year 1 – 94.17%

Year 2 – 94.29%

Year 3 – 94.84%

Year 4 – 91.97%

Year 5 – 91.95%

Year 6 – 94.73%

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 in EYFS our topic has been 'Down on the Farm'. We have been identifying animals and their babies and deciding if they always look the same. We have been reading Owl Babies and we invented our own story call Bear Babies. Even though the weather has been a little icy and cold we have spent a lot of time outside exploring the ice and watching what happens to water overnight as it gets cold. In PE we have been exploring dance, we have created performances alongside some familiar tales such as Goldilocks and The 3 Little Pigs.

### YEAR 1

This half term, our Year 1 topic has been 'Into the Blue'. In writing, we have written our own recount of our school trip to The Deep and have spent a lot of time looking at word classes. Our maths topic has been place value within 20 and we have also begun to look at addition and subtraction. In geography, we have been finding and locating the different continents and oceans. We have looked at the Arctic and Antarctica, comparing the landscape and identifying what types of natural features we might find. One of the highlights of our half term was our school trip to The Deep where we found out about new creatures and their habitats. We had a lot of fun exploring. In science we have looked at living things and their habitats. We also found out about food chains and how we can stay healthy as humans. In PE, we have been doing dance lessons and finding the beat to music as well as showing agility. Dreams and goals was our topic for PSHE and we have spent time learning a new goal as well as creating a garden of dreams.



We have shown good team-work and determination throughout these lessons. Next half term we are looking forward to our DT topic of making our own mechanisms.

## **YEAR 2**

This half term Year 2 have been diving into our 'Into the Blue' theme. We have learnt all about countries within the Arctic Circle in geography, comparing the North Pole and South Pole. This linked to our school trip to The Deep where we took part in a 'My Polar Home' workshop learning all about the different animals that live in the coldest places on Earth and their features. As part of our theme we have also explored the world's oceans in geography and looked at food chains and habitats in science. In writing we are currently writing a recount of our trip to The Deep! We are working hard on using verbs and adverbs in our work as well as the most important basic skills. We have worked extremely hard with our handwriting too which shows in our books! We have been tackling the tricky topic of money in maths looking at the different coins and notes and the value of them. Year 2 have worked super hard this half term. 😊

## **YEAR 3**

It has been a very busy half term for year 3. In writing we have used the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' to create our own amazing portal stories. In geography we have been looking closely at our local area. We have visited the local area to look at physical and human features and have then created our own maps of the local area. As we live in a residential area, one of the human features we have identified were lots of schools. As a class we asked other children around the school how they travel to and from school and created bar charts to represent this. We continued our work on map skills and created maps of our dream area. In science we have been exploring forces. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Magna to support our understanding of forces. The children have loved working with magnets and learning about magnetism. We have continued to work on our times tables knowledge throughout the half term in maths and the children have also worked on multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

## **YEAR 5**

In Year 5, we have been mastering long multiplication and short division, as well as learning how to multiply fractions and find fractions of amounts. We have been learning all about Earth and Space in science and further enhanced this with our anchor novel 'George's Secret Key to the Universe', which we have been using to develop our inference and summarising skills, as well as supplementing this with linked space-related texts. We have been working really hard on our handwriting, spelling and grammar, as well as writing our own dialogue story. In PE, we have been learning how to count in beats and bars to create different dynamics of movements and sequences in our dance unit, as well as continuing to piece together our Samba music arrangement in our percussion lessons with Mr Higley. In geography, we have been comparing Hull and the Grand Canyon whilst learning about biomes and climate zones, whilst in computing we have been getting to grips with using Crumble software to program different sequences and colours of lights using selection and conditions. In PSHE lessons, we have been exploring different careers and what steps they require to enter them, as well as discussing which ones contribute different things to our society. In French, we have learned how to describe the weather and finally, in RE we have been exploring faith founders and different influencers on people's beliefs.

## **YEAR 6**

Year 6 have had another busy half term. In reading, we have loved 'The Explorer' and immersing ourselves in the adventures of Con, Lila, Max and Fred in the Amazon Rainforest. We've loved the action and drama but could have survived without the tarantulas, grubs and emptying intestines! In writing, we have focused on our model text of 'The Roar' and written our own journey stories which were inspired by 'The Explorer'. In maths, we continued working on our arithmetic skills and have mastered geometry - especially measuring and classifying angles. In geography, we have been learning about the Caribbean, ownership of islands, where the islands are located and the human and physical geography of the region.

Did you know only 2% of the islands are inhabited?! In science, we have learnt about light, shadows and how we see. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Magna exploring the different pavilions/ zones and our workshop where we made shadow puppets and laser mazes with mirrors.



### **Attendance & Punctuality**

As you all know, attendance and punctuality at school is crucial for children's learning and development and wellbeing. All the children are working really hard to ensure they are at school every day and look forward to all the rewards and incentives we have in place for excellent attendance. We are really excited to announce that due to our close links with Hull FC we have been lucky enough to receive some season passes and we will be using these to reward excellent attendance at school. The first tickets will be given out in the assembly on Friday and are for the game on 15<sup>th</sup> February between Hull FC and Hull KR!

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. Registers close at 8.45 am so please ensure your child is at school in time for the playground gates being opened at 8.40 am. Any child who arrives late must be signed in at the office by an adult.

### **SEND**

The next SEND parent and child coffee and craft session will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm. Please could parents who wish to attend do so by contacting the class teacher to confirm or alternatively please let the office know.

### **Reading**

Please ensure you are reading with your child at home at least four times a week and using our new reading app to record this. All children who read four times a week are entered into our weekly reading prize draw to win a fantastic book.

This term we have also launched the James Reckitt Book club. Some of the children in KS2 have been reading a selection of books ready to vote in the summer as part of the James Reckitt Book Awards.

### **Anti-bullying Ambassadors & Playground Buddies**

Some children in Y5 and Y6 have taken on the role of 'Anti-bullying Ambassador' or 'Playground Buddy' and will be taking part in training during next term. We will update you once this has been completed.

### **Uniform and PE Kits**

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate school uniform and comes to school each day with a coat appropriate for the weather conditions. Please also ensure that your child has appropriate PE kit. Details of uniform requirements and PE kits can be found on the school website: <https://rokebyparkprimary.org.uk>

## OPAL Play

If you have any unwanted toys or items that may be suitable for use for outdoor play please speak to a member of staff. We are always looking for items that will enhance the children's play at lunch time.

## Website

We are currently in the process of updating the school's website and new information and photos will be added soon. Please check the website regularly for updates and other useful information about what's going on in school. All of our X posts feed directly onto the website so you can see what's going on in each class and across the school. We will also be adding a school calendar so that you can see all events.

## School Nurse

The School Nurse is in school and available to speak with every Tuesday afternoon. She can offer a range of medical advice and support. If you would like to speak to her, please contact the school office.

## COMIC RELIEF 2024

In celebration of Comic Relief, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 15th March. The theme is 'Wear Something Red' and we are asking for a 50p contribution towards this very worthwhile cause.



### IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school will close for half-term on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
and re-open to pupils on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The school will close for Easter on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**  
and re-open to pupils on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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### Key School Dates – Spring Term 2 2024

Please see below for some of the key events that will be happening over Spring Term 2. Additional events may be added, and **some dates may be subject to change**. Further letters with more detailed information, may also be sent nearer to the event dates.

Whole school	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school
EYFS	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Pre-pedal
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February bereavement)	Parent session for Whalesong (grief &
Whole school	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent/Carer Evening
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Whalesong performance and workshops
Whole school	w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Local History Week
EYFS	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Pre-pedal
Y3 & Y4	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance/Drama Workshop
EYFS	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Zoolab

Whole school	w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week
EYFS	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-pedal
Y3 & Y4	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance/Drama Workshop
Y4	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Children's University Trip – Hull Trawlers
Whole school	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
EYFS	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Tea Party
Whole school	w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
EYFS	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-pedal
Y3 & Y4	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance/Drama Workshop
Whole school	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
EYFS	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-pedal
Y3 & Y4	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance/Drama Workshop
By invitation	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Easter Craft Session
Whole school	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Bingo!
Whole school	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Decorated egg competition
EYFS	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade