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you can be'

Summer 1 Newsletter

Attendance

6th September 2023 — 24th May 2024

Reception – 87.31%

Year 1 – 94.40%

Year 2 – 94.90%

Year 3 – 94.54%

Year 4 – 90.53%

Year 5 – 91.92%

Year 6 – 94.22%

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 EYFS have been learning about Bears and Beasts. Nursery read 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' and focussed on animals and colours. Then they read 'Postman Bear' and delivered letters around school while learning what a post person does. Reception read 'Whatever Next' and learnt about space travel before writing their own story about an adventure to somewhere new. Then they read 'Peace at Last' and listened to the sounds of lots of household objects before writing their own stories about a noisy phone or a whirring fan. The children have planted some herbs in our herb garden, they have watered them every day and are excited to use them in our mud kitchen. The children have been enjoying our new water wall in the sunshine, they have thought about objects that might float and sink. The reception children have looked at patterns, shapes and numbers to 20 in maths. The nursery children have also been learning about shapes and sequencing the events of the day. The classes will be finishing off the Bears and Beasts unit with a family Teddy Bear's Picnic, hopefully in the sunshine!

YEAR 1

This half term Year 1 have been learning about nurturing nurses and how people in history have been significant. We have also compared significant people with famous people. In Jigsaw, we have thought about relationships and who is special to us. We have written some fabulous facts about lighthouses in writing and have then linked this to what we know about teachers.



In maths, we have worked really hard on fractions and can now find a half or a quarter of an object, shape or quantity. In computing, we have linked this to maths and have created our own pictograms and tally charts. We have been very busy and have worked extremely hard in all our lessons.

YEAR 2

This half term in Year 2 we have been exploring different texts in writing including a non-fiction text all about dragons. We have innovated our own creatures to write about. We are focusing lots on our spellings and basic skills. In maths we have been learning to tell the time. In history we have enjoyed learning all about significant people including Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and their impact during the Crimean War. We have been working on our map skills in geography and creating sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy in art. We are looking forward to creating and making our sandwiches as part of our DT unit next half term and learning lots more new, exciting things in our last half term of Year 2 😊

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been busy this half term. In history, we have been learning about Ancient Maya. We have been comparing similarities and differences between the time periods of the Bronze Age and Iron Age that we have previously studied. In geography, we have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest. We have learned the different layers and also how it is used by indigenous people. In writing, we have written our own fantasy tales where our characters have been taken on a magical journey. We have also been learning about persuasive writing and how to persuade the reader. In RE we have been exploring sacred places within different religions. We visited Hull Minster and explored the different features of it. In maths we have been learning about fractions, money and also time. We look forward to continuing our learning next half term.

YEAR 4

In Year 4 this term, we have been learning all about ancient Egypt! We have learned about some of their amazing achievements and compared these to the ancient Romans. In writing, we have written our own suspense stories based on a model text and focused on our use of commas. Geography has had us exploring the UK and navigating from city to city using compass terms and maps. We have been having lots of fun in P.E. learning the skills of tag rugby and playing team games to show this. Next term, we are excited to explore ancient Egypt more and create some of our own death masks inspired by this in art!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed reading the gruesome Viking Boy by Tony Bradman and using our text detective skills to find clues in the text to help us infer what the characters are feeling and their motives. We used this story as well as Beowulf to inspire our Beat the Monster story writing, using figurative language and dialogue to depict mood. In maths we have been grappling with conversions between different units of measure as well as decimals. We have been data loggers in computing; exploring different ways to use a database and collect data on the computer. In history, we have been finding out about the different tribes that attacked Britain after the collapse of the Roman Empire and have begun to unpick the reigns of the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings. In geography, we have begun to investigate the causes of climate change and what we can do to prevent it. In RE, we have been learning all about different pilgrimages of a variety of faiths and in PSHE we have been learning how to have a healthy relationship with ourselves, in looking after our mental health and staying safe online in particular. Finally, in art we have been sculptors, using clay to create our own Viking-inspired sculptures.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have spent this half term working towards their SATs assessments. The pupils worked incredibly hard revising comprehension skills, GPS terminology and the maths curriculum and the staff couldn't have been prouder of them during SATs week. In history, pupils have begun learning about WW2 and the Hull Blitz. We have learnt about events leading up to the start of WW2, phases of the Battle of Britain and the impact of the Blitz on Hull. We were shocked at how badly Hull was targeted! In geography, we have been developing our fieldwork skills learning about our local area. We have learnt about 4 and 6-figure grid references, land use of Boothferry Estate and topography/relief of the city and the problems that arise from this.

Rokeby's Got Talent

Auditions for Rokeby's Got Talent will take place in classrooms during the week commencing 24th June. Successful acts will take part in the grand final on Friday 5th July. Parents/carers of the finalists will be invited to attend.

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.

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>

School Nurse

Helen, our school nurse is available in school every Tuesday afternoon. She can support families with a variety of health related issues and give advice. If you would like to speak to her informally, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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 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.

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.



IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school will close for **half term** on **Friday 24th May 2024**
and re-open to pupils on **Monday 3rd June 2024**.

The school will close for the **summer holidays** on **Friday 19th July 2024**
and re-open to pupils for the **autumn term 2024/2025** on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**

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

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Key School Dates – Please see below for some of the key events that will be happening over summer 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 3 rd June	Pupils return to school
Y4	from w/c Monday 3 rd June	Multiplication Check (for two weeks)
Y5	Thursday 6 th June	Science Inside Symposium @ Reckitts
Y1	w/c 10 th June	Phonic Screening Checks
Y3	Wednesday 12 th June	York Chocolate Factory trip
Y2	w/c Monday 17 th June	KS1 SATs
Whole School	Tuesday 18 th June	Sports Day
Whole School	w/c Monday 24 th June	Rokeby's Got Talent auditions in class
Y5	Friday 21 st June	Dogger Bank visitors in school
Whole School	Tuesday 25 th June	Reserve date for Sports Day
Y6	Wednesday 26 th June	Robinwood Residential
Whole School	Friday 28 th June	New class letters sent out
Whole School	w/c Monday 1 st July	SEND Transition Meetings start
RGT Finalists	Friday 5 th July	RGT Final (by invite only)
Whole School	Friday 5 th July	Non-uniform day – donations for summer fayre please
Y6	w/c Monday 8 th July	Transition week
SEND	Tuesday 9 th July	SEND craft session (2.15pm)
Whole School	Tuesday 9 th July	End of year reports
Whole School	Wednesday 10 th July	Transition day
Whole School	Wednesday 10 th July	Parent's evening – opportunity to discuss reports
Whole School	Wednesday 17 th July	Summer Fayre
Y6	Friday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Whole School	Friday 19 th July	Last day of school!