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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 3

## Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful first week back in school. It has been lovely to see the children back in their classrooms, with their friends and engaged in their learning. Our assembly focus today was on the importance of smiles- and we have certainly seen lots of them this week from all the children and adults throughout the school!

We hope that you have found the first week back, with no home learning, all ok for you too. There have been lots of changes this academic year and the children, you as parents and the staff have all risen to the challenge and been able to adapt so well. In our assembly, we also shared the quote from The Lion King 'Love will find a way to go. We are home if we are together.' That certainly feels like our school this week as it is wonderful to all be together again.

Though our children have come back in an excellent manner, we also appreciate that for some of children this may be a worrying time and will need a bit more reassurance. If you think your child may need some additional support then please let your child's teacher know, or email myself or Mrs Stephenson. We also now have a Parent Support Advisor working with us, and if you want to find out any more about this, then please let myself or Mrs Stephenson know.

This week, we have been focusing on producing some amazing art pieces. We have put these around the school, as well as displayed in our windows. We hope you like them as much as we do! The children have been very proud of their efforts and we are too. You can also see some of their artwork on our school or class Twitter pages.

We had a great World Book Day last week, and the children's stories were incredible. We hope you enjoyed them reading them out loud to you. Our curriculum this term is still focusing on the children's selected stories and authors and we will continue learning about these until the end of the term. It is lovely to see the children enjoying reading and developing a love of books.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and to all of our mums a wonderful Mother's Day.

Warm regards,

Miss Davies



Please can we ask that you do not arrive to school too early as it is very important that we are sticking to our social distance measures on the playground.

| Class      | Time in   | Time collected- Mon- Thurs        | Time to be collected Friday       |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nursery 2s | 8.20<br>Nursery door                                  | 3.00 (session dependent)          | As agreed                         |
| Nursery 3s | 8.20<br>Nursery door                                  | 3.00 (session dependent)          | As agreed                         |
| Reception  | 8.30<br>Office entrance                               | 3.00<br>Office                    | 1.10<br>Office                    |
| Year 1     | 8.50 (door open at 8.40)<br>Year 2 steps              | 3.10<br>Year 2 steps              | 1.15<br>Year 2 steps              |
| Year 2     | 8.45 (door open at 8.40)<br>Year 3 steps (by shelter) | 3.10<br>Year 3 steps (by shelter) | 1.15<br>Year 3 steps (by shelter) |
| Year 3     | 8.40 (door open at 8.35)<br>Year 4 classroom          | 3.15<br>Front playground          | 1.25<br>Front playground          |
| Year 4     | 8.40 (door open at 8.35)<br>Year 5 classroom          | 3.15<br>Back playground           | 1.25<br>Back playground           |
| Year 5     | 8.30<br>Entrance by back gate                         | 3.20<br>Front playground          | 1.30<br>Front playground          |
| Year 6     | 8.25<br>Door by conservatory                          | 3.20<br>Back playground           | 1.30<br>Back playground           |

**If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Please inform the school if you have symptoms and are having a test.**

Please do not come to school, and get a test, if you or someone in your household has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

#### School Be Safe Procedures

- Please wear a mask when entering the school site.
- Keep your children close to you in the playground at the start and the end of the day- this is not a time where the children can play with each other. It is important that children do not mix with other adults or children not in their bubble for their own safety.
- Please socially distance from anyone who isn't in your bubble.
- Please arrive on time and not too early so we can try and avoid any gatherings.
- Once you have collected your child please leave our playground as promptly as possible. This ensures that we have a limited number of people on the playground at all times.



### Curriculum in Term 4 : What's the Story?

Here is an overview of what each year group will be learning in Term 4. In term 4, we always focus on a key children's author. We hope that your children feel inspired and enthused by their chosen year group's authors and books of study.

|            | Nursery                               | Reception                  | Year 1  | Year 2                              |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Author     | Traditional tales                     | Julia Donaldson            | Martin Waddell  | Roald Dahl                          |
| Book/books | Three Little Pigs, Billy Goat's Gruff | The Gruffalo, Zog and more | Can't you Sleep Little Bear and other Little Bear stories | George's Marvelous Medicine Matilda |

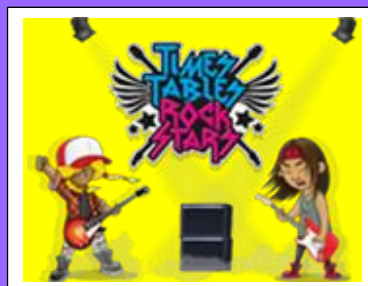
|            | Year 3                             | Year 4             | Year 5     | Year 6     |
|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Author     | Beatrix Potter                     | Michael Morpurgo   | RJ Palacio | Shaun Tann |
| Book/books | Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddleduck | The Butterfly Lion | Wonder     | The Viewer |

Our value's for this term are Appreciation and Love.

### Times Table Rock Stars

Here are this weeks' Time Table Rock Star Top 10 Champions!

1. Rhythmikaa - 4
2. Carwyn – 3
3. Marcel – 4
4. David – 5
5. Jiang- 4
6. Lexi- 6
7. Vicke – 6
8. Imogen - 6
9. Lexi - 4
10. Max - 3



It is great to see that children are still getting stuck in to their Times Table Rock Stars this week. We would encourage as many of our children to continue with this fanatic resource.

We have two leading classes this week and these are Year 3 and Year 2! Well done to both of you.

### Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March, children can come in to school dressed in something red for Comic Relief.

You can make a donation on ParentPay.





### Some of our Learning and Activities from this Week

Please see our school website for more information on our curriculum topics and individual subjects.  
<https://rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk/learning-and-education/curriculum/curriculum-overview>



Wednesday 10th March 2021  
Geography: I know the key parts of a volcano and how they are formed.

Fabulous work!

Active  
 An active volcano is one that has erupted recently, and there is the possibility that it may erupt again.

Dormant  
 A dormant volcano is one that has not erupted for a long time but still could erupt.

Extinct  
 An extinct volcano is one which erupted thousands of years ago, and will

Wednesday 10th March 2021  
PSHE: I can begin to think about keeping healthy. ✓✓

Super ideas on keeping healthy.



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Vincent Van Gogh

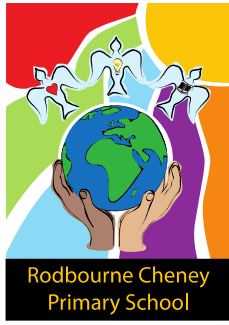


'We created our own interpretation of Vincent Van Gogh 'Starry Night!'



The Starry Bear Cave!





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