



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 9

10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

As I am typing this, those children in Year 5 that have been on a residential journey to Lydington will be enjoying the final few hours before travelling home. The reports from Miss Read have been positive and she has indicated to me that the children have been a delight and a credit to themselves and the school. On leaving the school on Wednesday, it was great to see the children's excitement on their faces and I am sure that they will return with many positive stories to tell about their adventures. Having done quite a few school trips in the past, I am really aware of how fun these journeys are but also how much of an additional commitment it is too. I am so grateful to the staff for volunteering to be a part of the trip and the time they have given has been so beneficial to the children. We really are lucky to have such a team of dedicated and committed staff here at Riverbridge.

Dedication and commitment was key to the success of last week's English Curriculum week. I really enjoyed seeing the excitement of the children (and parents) when trying to find the different poems that have appeared on various trees on both sites. This week has been an odd week of weather and some of the poems have been buffeted by the wind. I am glad that they are still fluttering in the trees and are a source of so much conversation in the classrooms and playground.

Having asked you for feedback about last week's reading workshops, I have been interested to read the various responses that have found their way into the school office. Please be reminded, that it is though feedback from you as parents that we are able to refine what we do and make things better in the long run. As a school, we will always aim to do our best and when things are less successful, it is really beneficial to know what could have been done differently.

There will be further opportunities to share your thoughts with the school next week during parent-teacher consultation meetings. I would like to remind you once again how important it is to attend these meetings, currently 98% of parents have booked, which is fantastic. The staff have been looking forward to sharing with you the learning that has taken place this year and I am sure that your children will also be proud of their efforts too.

## Wall at Park Avenue

whole school

For those of you that use the PAB building, you will have noticed that a wall adjacent to the school site has been undergoing repairs this week. I have noticed that children enjoy climbing this wall at the end of the day and often seem oblivious to the potential dangers. Can you all be aware of this and encourage your children to not climb on this wall whilst it is being mended and also after the repairs are made. Thank you

## Surrey Digital Awards 2017

whole school

I am delighted to share that our schools' website won **Gold** at the prestigious Surrey Digital Awards yesterday evening! Judges commented on the *"clarity of text along with ease of accessing relevant information"*. Many congratulations to all involved but most particularly to our Trust Communications Manager, Mrs. Lisa Cosgrave, without whom this success would not have been possible.

*From Mrs. ME. McCarthy, Executive Principal*

**The Living Rainforest****Year 1**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, the children in Year 1 are visiting the Living Rainforest near Thatcham, Berks. As they have been learning about animals and plants this term we have arranged some workshops where the children will learn about the wide variety of foods that come from Rainforest environments. We look forward to hearing about their visit.

**Mobile Farm to visit Hedgehogs and Rabbits class****Nursery**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> we have arranged a mobile farm to visit the children in Nursery. It will be a lovely opportunity for the children to enjoy a hands on experience with a selection of animals including a selection of animals including a pony, pygmy goats, their babies and a selection of smaller animals. Hedgehogs class will spend the morning with the animals and Rabbits class the afternoon. The PTA have kindly made a contribution towards the cost of the visit.

**Story Sacks-Create and Make****Reception and Year 1**

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with details of the dates of the next create and make sessions. Please come along to see Mrs Quinn if you need any support.

**Childcare Vouchers****whole school**

We would like to remind parents that Childcare Vouchers can only be used to pay for Breakfast Club and After School Enrichment Clubs. We cannot accept them for payment of trips, swimming or dinner money. The administration involved in returning these payments to the Childcare providers or refunding the payments to parents is extremely time consuming. There may also be tax implications and delays in the refunds to parents. Please help us by paying online. From September we will not be accepting cash payments at all so now is the time to make sure you are registered for our online payment system!

**Pedals****Year 2**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Year 2 children will take part in Pedals training with qualified instructors from Surrey County Council who will advise the children on how to use their bikes and scooters safely. On that day please can you ensure your child comes to school with their bicycle (with or without stabilisers) or scooter, along with helmet if they have one (helmet isn't compulsory). If this presents a problem then please speak to your class teacher who will try to help. The PTA have kindly agreed to fund this activity. The information has been emailed to parents.

**Visit to Matthew Arnold****Year 5**

Next week the children in Year 5 have been invited to take part in some PE and Science workshops at Matthew Arnold School. It will be an excellent opportunity for the children to take part in some different sporting activities and learn about how their body reacts during exercise. It will also give the children a chance to experience life at secondary school. The children will visit on the following days, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 5R, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 5F, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 5O. We look forward to hearing about their visit.

**Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal****whole school**

Please remember we have the daffodil badges for 'sale'. If you and your child would like to support this valuable cause they are available at the offices.

**A Time to Talk****whole school**

Listening is such an important part of learning. In school we are always encouraging the children to be active listeners (to look at the person speaking, to be focused and to think carefully about what they are being told)

This week's activity involves listening to Rhyming Riddles.

Read these to the children, encourage them to think and then answer.

Ask them how they made their guess and also to think about the rhyming words that have been used. How did this help them?

## Rhyming riddles

I leave a trail  
I am not a whale  
I have a shell  
I am a...

My tail is bushy  
I don't wear socks  
I live in the woods  
I am a...

I have some fur  
I am not a rat  
I say meow  
I am a...

Do encourage the children to come up with their own rhyming riddles. I am sure that their class teacher would really enjoy hearing them next week!

## Gold Leaves

whole school

At PAB I had the pleasure of reading out 25 gold leaves for those children that have shown great learning behaviour. Many of the children have been showing great resilience in their learning this week which I was particularly happy to see as this was the theme of my assemblies on both bases on Monday. A huge well done to the following Riverbridge children:

Shaivi Shaivi	Priscylla Santos	Elsie Collins
Benjamin Sales	Jayden Bevan	Wilson Parsons
Naryan Rawal	Esme Dotson	Eslem Onemli
Kitty Langdon	Damien Fitzpatrick	Makai Biluaya
Giselle Colquhoun	Iris Lopes	Oscar Lake
Akkila Maheshkanna	Sam Halliday	Rhiannon Carolan
Tilly Stokes	Zach Wallace	Holly Jones
Kavya Deliwala	David Berdychowski	Marwa Mohammedi
Nethra Harish	Cadence Hocking Ferguson	Rachel Jimenez
Caiden Ratcliffe	Dev Panikkar	Defne Guven
Jayden Roberts	Jude Dickinson	Zachary Potts
Sophie Salem		

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

**Paul Grimwood**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for the diary...

### SPRING TERM 2017

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pedals Yr 2
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery Parent Consultations
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations 1.30 – 5.00pm Nursery-Year 6
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mobile Farm visit to Nursery Hedgehogs AM Rabbits PM
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5R visit Matthew Arnold School 12.45 – 2.45pm
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Pastoral Team Coffee morning 8.50-9.30 am KGB hall
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations 5.00 – 8.00pm Nursery-Year 6
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5F visit Matthew Arnold School 12.45 – 2.45pm
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Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Story sack make and create 2-4 pm KGB
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21st Mar	Bikeability Level 1 Yr 5
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Year 5 Careers Fair Echelford Primary School 12.45-2.45pm
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs RT and RSh
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Story sack make and create 9-10 am and 2-4 pm KGB
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs RSn
Thurs 23rd Mar	Parents' E-Safety Awareness Workshop 6.30-7.30 PAB
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Clubs finish
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stay, Play and Learn in Nursery 8.45-9.30
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	FACT Day Year 5
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yr 2 visit RHS Garden Wisley
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTA hot-dog event
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Music Festival Year 2
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Music Festival Year 2
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Story sack make and create 8.30-10.30am KGB
Fri 31st Mar	End of term 1.20pm KGB 1.40pm Nursery 1.30pm PAB-Please note new times

## SUMMER TERM 2017

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Children and staff return to school
Wk beg 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Special Grown Up Assembly Day TBC
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Clubs begin
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Polling Day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Wk beg 8 <sup>th</sup> May	End of KS2 Assessments
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Hedgehogs Class Photos
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential Bushcraft
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

## Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half Term

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children and staff return to school
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 visit River and Rowing Museum
Wk beg 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Wider Curriculum Week
Wk beg 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Trip Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford
June	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)
Wk beg 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability (TBC)
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Nursery)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Day (TBC)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Clubs finish
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY 3
Thurs 20th July	INSET DAY 4
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET DAY 5



## Riverbridge Primary School- Story Sack List

A big thank you for offering to make a story sack.



# *Make and Create Sessions*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March KGB 2-4pm**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March KGB 9-10am & 2-4pm**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March KGB 8.30-10.30am**

- **Laminating**
- **Photocopier**
- **Iron-on pouches**
- **Guillotine**
- **Fabric pens**
- **Advice**

