



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

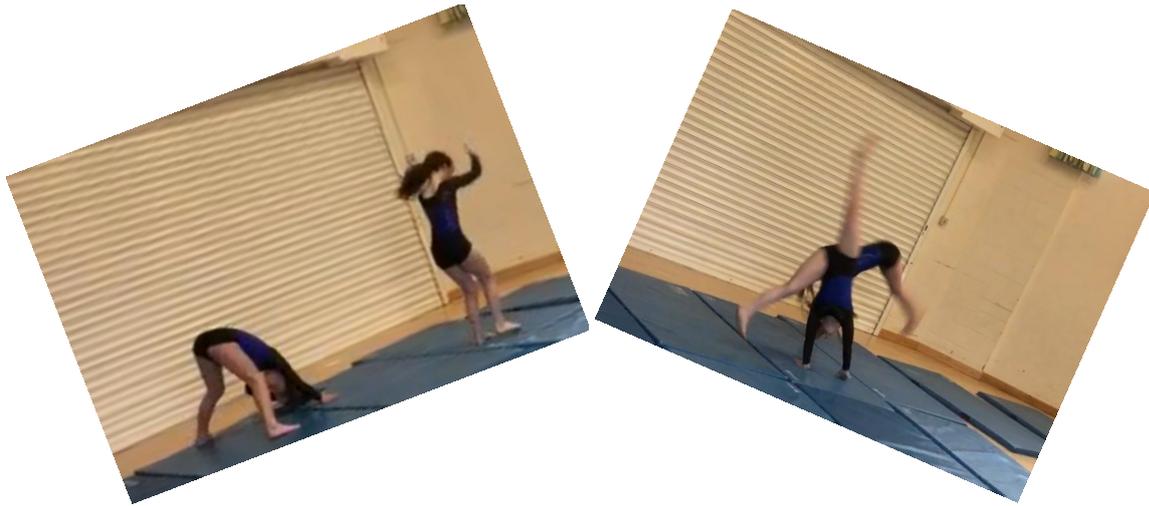
26th April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, I hope you had a great Easter break and got a chance to spend time with your children in the glorious sunshine – it even shone up north! Summer term will be a busy term with lots of exciting events for your children so please keep an eye on the electronic letters and updates. We will see many firsts for Rettendon: new sporting tournaments, year 2 and 3 will be invited to a sleep over at school and Class 4 and 5 will be invited to camp over in the school grounds.

This week both myself and Mrs Adams were extremely lucky to watch on with great pride as the Gymnastics Squad competed for the first time! As we arrived at school, nerves ran high (not just the children's but mine and Mrs Adams too!) The children slipped into their new Rettendon leotards and really felt the part. The mini-bus departed and the nerves grew. When we entered the competing hall, it was a little overwhelming with three judges and GCSE students sat as a panel ready to mark each child individually. But the squad took deep breaths and took to the floor one by one. Three children performed a body management routine and the vault and the other three performed a floor routine and the vault. We honestly had to hold back the tears! They performed like professionals and I want to say just how proud I was stood there as their Headteacher; they represented the school with exemplary behaviour, manners and skilful performances. The squad placed 4th and were 0.7 of a point off of a medal position.





Our school value focus is Fairness, Mrs Langton launched the value in her assembly this week and the staff will be looking out for the children who are showing this value. I look forward to giving out my first Headteacher Commendations for Fairness.

As staff, we have started to look at Rettendon's Curriculum Offer and we are working closely with the children to ensure we design a curriculum that meets their needs ready for a September 2019 launch. We are also keen to hear your feedback on your child's learning throughout their time at Rettendon, Mrs Langton and Mrs Adams will be holding a drop in coffee afternoon session (please look out on the next newsletter for the date) where parents can come and feedback the highlights and positives of Rettendon's curriculum and what parents feel it may be lacking. We have already started to have these discussions with the children and initial feedback suggests the children like the maths learning, art and clubs but feel more experiments in science, visits to places of worship and sporting tournaments would make it even better. We are specifically looking at the curriculum at this meeting and look forward to hearing your feedback.

I will also be holding a meeting on Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 1.45pm to look at the homework in advance of September, again I would be grateful for parents to attend to discuss and look at various options. I am hoping we can work in partnership to get the best for the children of Rettendon.

I will be releasing a newsletter every other Friday, so please do check for key dates and updates on your child's learning.

Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

Welcome back! This half term we are looking at life under the sea. We have been transforming our role play area into an underwater cave and reading lots of sea stories. We wrote brilliant recounts of our Easter holidays, and wrote what we would wish for if we were 'The Fish Who Could Wish'. This week we have started counting up to 110! We have been looking at number patterns and enjoyed singing some number songs. Our garden has some new additions, we have enjoyed using the workbench with hammer and saw, and turned planks of wood and bricks into an obstacle course. We have been busy making dens with tarpaulin and tent pegs, we are great at safely using the mallets to put the pegs in the ground! We have enjoyed some messy play mixing shaving foam with blue paint and washing up liquid, it was great for hiding our sea creatures.



Class 2

In Maths, Class 2 have been solving number problems. We have been learning how to work out the difference between numbers and the distance between different numbers on a number line. We have been thinking carefully about whether a number problem needs an addition or a subtraction to help us solve it.

In Literacy, we are reading and retelling traditional stories from Australia. We have learnt the names of Australian animals and we will be using these in our story writing next week. We have been using a purple pen to edit our work, checking if it makes sense and whether we used full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

Our new topic is Plants. This week we took our learning outside and made tree and flower observations. We measured the length of leaves and around tree trunks. We named flowers that we found and drew labelled diagrams.



Class 3

Set 2 have been using cups to measure the capacity of different containers. They progressed on to transferring these skills to measuring in millimeters. This week they are looking at using the bar method to solve capacity problems.

In literacy, Class 3 are creating their own monsters to describe using expanded noun phrases, adjectives and adverbs. They will then use these words to create a question and answer poem.

They will be having PE on a Wednesday with a specialist cricket coach and with Mrs Adams on a Thursday.



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Class 4

I will start this blog by congratulating all the children in Class 4 for the fantastic homework they produced during the last term! We put all the timers together, looked at the time (1 minute)...ready...go! Nerves, excitement and a little competition was running around their brains. They all won - or did they?

After the break and lots of fun, came the hard work again with plenty of grammar. They are learning how to describe a setting and characters in a story - I hope to see plenty of ISPACE in the next two weeks and also one or two relative clauses and embedded clauses as well!

Electricity will be our science topic with plenty of circuits. In history, we will be focusing on what the Kings and Queens of England did for the country apart from ruling. We have started with our Domesday Book in Class 4 - very interesting responses (9 televisions?)



Class 5

Firstly, well done to year sixes on dedicating time to their homework over the Easter break; we will be reviewing this in class.

Class 5 ended the term writing instructions focusing on the accurate use of bullet points and organisational features of an instructional text. They made delicious Easter Truffles and produced some excellent writing inspired by these delightful treats – Mrs Cook spent most of her Easter break searching the internet in desperation of the recipe!

Class 5 have returned to Spanish with Mrs Meecham this term and have stepped back in time to study WW2. They will be having a specialist cricket coach on Mondays and on Fridays they will be learning the skills of tag rugby on the sporting field with Mrs Sloper.

A great start to the Summer Term this week Class 5!



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Key Dates

01.05.2019

2.30pm Year 2 Parents SATS Information Meeting

06.05.2019

Bank Holiday School Closed

School Council and FRS

“We are meeting on Monday to discuss this half terms projects.”

Class 5

School Councillor



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