



Rushall Primary School

Where every child sky rockets!

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2020!

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and wish all of our families a very Happy New Year! This term we are starting our new curriculum which has been designed to ensure that children will know more and remember more!

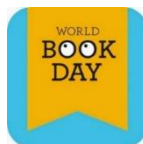
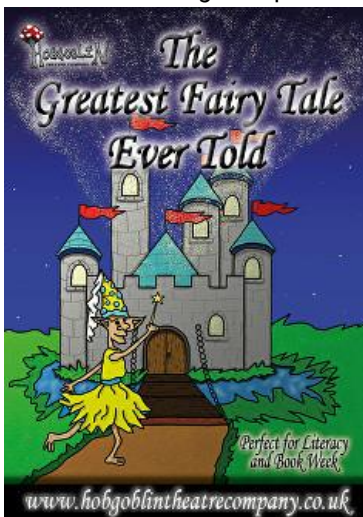
Curriculum 2020

- The children will now do topics within their year groups rather than whole school topics and details will be provided by class teachers through newsletters and the class blogs. There will also be further information on the curriculum page of the school website.
- We will continue to have a 'Creative' approach with stunning starts and fabulous finishes, role play and drama, first hand experiences and enrichment homework projects.
- Lesson will be carefully sequenced so that knowledge is built on year by year enabling them to remember more.



Hobgoblin Theatre Company

On World Book Day this year (Thursday 5th March) we are very lucky to be having the fabulous Hobgoblin theatre group in to perform 'The Greatest Fairytale Ever Told' to the whole school. On this occasion we are able to provide this with no charge to parents.



Our New Value – Honesty!

This term the value we are focusing on is 'Honesty'. We will be thinking about the importance of honesty in all kinds of situations.



Votes for Schools

We will also be continuing with 'Votes for Schools' where children will debate current issues and vote each week, ensuring that they are fully informed about the world around them and able to express opinions with confidence. We are still new to this project and will endeavour to put more information about this on our celebration and class blogs.



Accelerated Reader Update!

We are been contacted by Accelerated Reader to say that they have identified our school as a demonstrator of best practice, citing the reasons below;

- **427** Star Reading assessments carried out in the 18/19 academic year.
- **4,542** Accelerated Reader quizzes carried out in the 18/19 academic year.
- **Good** Ofsted inspection [report](#) 2019, with specific recognition of the school's reading strategy: *"The importance of reading is promoted across the school. Pupils are read to every day Inspection report: Rushall Primary School 10–11 December 2019 2 and most enjoy reading independently. Pupils talk enthusiastically about the books and authors they like."*
- **Increasing** progress [score](#) in reading from the 16/17 – 17/18 academic years – an increase of over **163%**
- *It's wonderful to see the school's reading culture and effective assessment strategies are being utilised so successfully.*

This is wonderful to receive and we are very pleased with the children's continued enthusiasm. Thank you for all of your ongoing support – keep up the good work everyone!

Rushall App

To improve communication with parents and enable you to receive information easily and regularly, we have our very own school app. Our app links to our website and will be our main form of communication. We will only post school closures on the website and through the app. Through our app, you can do the following:

- Receive regular reminders, e.g. non-uniform days and school closures, etc.
- Check the school calendar.
- Receive the latest letters and newsletters.

Android Devices

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Online Safety

Thank you to all those parents who attend our online safety workshops. Sadly there is an ever growing need for parents to keep up to date with the latest advice and we highly recommend that you attend such events in order to keep your children safe. **Look out for Safer Internet Week, commencing 10th February. Details to follow on the school website!**

Remember:

Always know what your children are looking at online.



Christmas Performances

Well done to all of our children for their fabulous Christmas performances! We are so proud of them!!! Films of the performances will be available to download until February.

To access the Christmas performances, please open an internet browser and type in the link below. You will then be asked to enter the password for access.



Early Years & Key Stage 1

<https://vimeo.com/380459302>

Password: strictly

Key Stage 2

<https://vimeo.com/380512666>

Password: movies

**Best Wishes,
Mrs Bargh, Mrs O'Brien and Miss Smith**

VE Day Anniversary Celebrations



As you may know the Spring Bank Holiday has been changed to Friday 8th May this year due to the 75th anniversary of VE day. We are planning to hold a big celebration at school on Thursday 7th and plan to set a whole school enrichment project competition as part of this event. Further details will follow shortly!

SPRING TERM DATES

Wednesday 15th January *Young Voices*

Thursday 16th January *Bikeability*

Wednesday 5th February Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm

Thursday 6th February Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm

Friday 14th February Non Uniform Day – 50p donation

Break up for half term – 3.15pm finish

HALF TERM

Monday 24th February School re- opens to pupils

Thursday 5th March World Book Day at Rushall!!

Hobgoblin Theatre company performance

Friday 13th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 3rd April - Non Uniform Day – (50p donation)

Break up for Easter holidays, early finish, 1.30pm

Monday 20th April School re-opens to pupils

Dates for the Summer term including sports days (after Easter) will be given as soon as children return to school.



