



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

11th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as Headteacher of Rettendon Primary School and what a great start it has been! I want to take this chance to thank you for making me feel so welcome, from friendly hellos at the gate to a busy meet and greet on Friday; it was fantastic to see so many parents within the school.

Over the last two weeks, I have spent time getting to know all of your children and the staff. The children have shown great attitudes within their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed inducting me into their school. This month the staff are working with the children within class and through assemblies on the school value of Responsibility: showing responsibility towards their own learning; taking responsibility for the indoor and outdoor environments and displaying responsibility towards their peers. To celebrate this, I have introduced the Headteacher Commendation, this award will be presented within our Friday celebration assembly and will be given to those children caught displaying the school value. A huge congratulations goes out to Poppy who received my first Headteacher Commendation for showing responsibility towards younger children. Well done Poppy!

Moving into the new week, we want to invite parents into school on Thursday 17th January at lunchtime to enjoy a taster of our hot meal alongside your child's hot lunch. We will be serving up a delicious lasagne or a choice of pasta and jacket potato, finishing with a swiss roll or fruit salad. The cost of this will be a small cost of £3.00. To book a taster of our school lunch we kindly ask that you pay for your meal through the Eduspot cashless system <https://eduspot.co.uk/> - 'Parent taster of school lunch'. Due to us having a small site, once you have enjoyed your meal alongside your child we will politely ask you to make way for the next set of parents and children. I am excited to see those of you that can make this special lunch, eating and enjoying time with your children.

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



Health School

A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

This week we have been playing dice games to support the learning of subtraction.



Class 2

Class 2 will be learning about the environment, specifically how to recycle litter. Last week we started looking at the artist Lowry and learnt how to mix primary colours. In Maths, we have been making two digit numbers out of ones and tens.



Class 3

Class 3 have been investigating the permeability of different types of soil. Next week they will be looking at maps; they will be drawing maps, interpreting keys and using the four points of the compass.



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Class 4

In English, we have been looking into Myths and wrote our own one as a play script - looking very closely at the punctuation and layout required. In History, we have started our new topic - Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Children are very excited and willing to learn more because we will be looking at this topic for our class assembly as well.

In Science, we are grouping and sorting animals using our own Venn or Carroll diagrams. Next week in English, we are going to start reading and understanding different diaries. We will be reading, 'The day I swap my dad for two goldfish,' 'The diary of a wombat,' and 'The dairy of a lively Labrador'. We will be looking at different grammar concepts (adverbs, adverbials, tenses and modal verbs) to be able to use them on our own diary, 'Pet diary' the following week. In History we will continue with our topic. We will learn about some Anglo-Saxon kings, how they influenced Britain and how they fought against the Vikings. In Science, children will classify vertebrates generating questions to sort them using a classification key.



"This week we have been learning about Greek Myths and writing our own myths - We like it!"

"Mrs Meecham told us not to touch that box - something bad will happen to us if we do that! - Pandora's Box or Mrs Meecham's box? We are going to open the box at the end of the week!"

Class 5

In science, class 5 are studying evolution and inheritance. This week the class have been looking at who they have inherited their characteristics from. We are learning about Harry Potter within English, specifically focusing on flashbacks. The children will be asking you to tell them about a substantial memory of yours, when you were secondary school age, to help them with their writing next week. This term in PE we have a gymnastics coach working with the children.



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Key Dates

15.01.2019	Clubs start
17.01.2019	Taster Lunch
18.01.2019	NSPCC Assembly
23.01.2018	Xpression Dance Assembly

School Council

“This week the School Council met with Mrs Sloper and here is an update on our meeting. The School Council have discussed options of fundraising for local and global charities and are investigating which charities to support this year. Alongside this, we have talked about a buddying operation – older children will join younger students to help them read and learn. We fed back our findings from the children’s survey we did on clubs last half term and Mrs Sloper is looking into clubs for us. I will keep you updated.”

Felix
Class 5
School Councillor

