



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

25th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last two weeks have flown by and we have enjoyed many events, from the Taster Lunch, the NSPCC workshops to the Vicar – Richard Jordan - visiting. I want to take this chance to thank parents for attending the Taster Lunch, it was the first time, for many of you, to eat alongside your child in school and I know the children loved having you in during lunchtime. The staff worked really hard to make it happen and we look forward to planning further lunches in the future.



We are continuing to work with the children on understanding the value of responsibility and we are linking assemblies to responsible organisations. The children have learnt all about the role of the NHS and have applied some of the principles of the NHS within their own school day - caring for others. The School Council have shown great responsibility organising the charity day today for Mind; they raised a whopping £200.30. The children continue to be excited at the chance of receiving a Headteacher Commendation for the value of responsibility.

My favourite moment of this week was seeing the children enjoy the snow during break time on Thursday; they were so excited as the snowflakes fell down. Here are a few pictures of that moment.





Moving into the next two weeks, I am excited by further curriculum experiences we have planned for the children from a Viking day for class 4 and 5 to enrich their historical experience, a woods visit for class 3 and some owls visiting the school for all of the children to enjoy.

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

Sloper

Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

This week we have been linking our learning to the book, 'Owl Babies,' we have really enjoyed re-telling the story. In maths, we have looked at naming shapes and have enjoyed looking for the shapes in our indoor and outdoor environments.

Next week, we are continuing to link our learning to 'Owl Babies,' and the children will enjoy a walk through the woods exploring where owls might live and comparing different animal habitats.



Class 2

This week, in Science, class 2 have been learning about how to recycle, reuse and reduce litter. We have also enjoyed our Mile a Day run in the morning. Next week, in Literacy, we will be creating a 'scary' class book.



Class 3

This week the children in Class 3 played with conjunctions. They spun a spinner and had to put two sentences together with the conjunction in the middle – they had great fun.

The year 2 maths set looked at rounding numbers to the nearest 10. They rolled 2 die to make a two digit number and then rounded this to the nearest 10. They had to investigate what 2 single digit numbers made two 2 digit numbers that both rounded to the same nearest 10.

The children have also finished their magical mapping unit and are now able to name the oceans and continents of the world.

Next week, they will be moving on to investigate non-chronological reports in preparation for them to write their own based on owls.



Health School

A glance through Rettendon's Window

Class 4

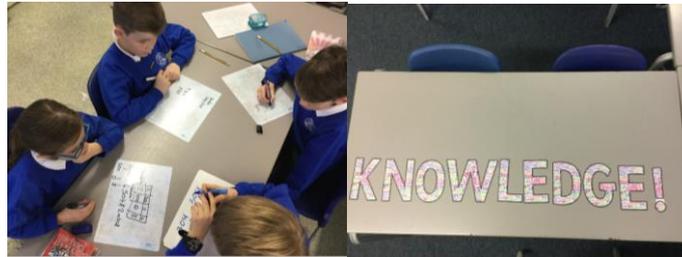
At last, class 4 opened the box! Inside it, they unscrambled the word, 'KNOWLEDGE'.

They were NOT that impressed (they were expecting something more exciting!)

In English, they have been writing some lovely diaries about pets. I am very impressed with their imagination and some very interesting grammar, especially with their use of fronted adverbials. Next week, they are going to be very busy with non-chronological reports. I can't wait to see what they can write about our school!

Maths has been the biggest challenge with the introduction of the light bulb. Ask your children to give you more details about one of our activities. I will be very interested to see if you can manage to get as many methods as they did. Well done to all of them for not giving up - more challenges to come!

In history, they carried on with the Vikings and the introduction of our class assembly. Everyone has got a part in our West End Production. On Tuesday 5th February, a Viking will be visiting the school to show them what it is like to become a Viking.



Class 5

Class 5 have been exploring Leonardo da Vinci's portrait paintings and drawings. They have recreated a contrasting, bright, Mona Lisa.

In Science, we learnt about the ideas and theories different scientists and philosophers held about evolution, from 610 BC until Alfred Wallace and Charles Darwin pieced together their theory of evolution that could explain how and why evolution occurred.



Key Dates

28.01.2019	Class 1 Parents Meeting 2.00pm
30.01.2019	Class 1 Visit to the woods
31.01.2019	Owls visit school
05.04.2019	Class 4 and 5 Viking Day
08.02.2019	Friends of Rettendon Movie Night

School Council

“The School Council have matched people to their buddies and are yet to announce these before half term. We are all busy designing the playground and have found items such as – board games, sport items and table football tables, we are writing a letter to the Friends of Rettendon (FRS) in hope of a contribution. The playground will be split into three sections, sports, play equipment and the Barn (arts and crafts).”

Felix
Class 5
School Councillor

Friends of Rettendon

Movie Night

The School Council are keen for their Movie Night to be once a month. The next Movie Night is agreed for 8th February. At our last meeting, we discussed whether we think the children enjoy it so much because they like watching the film or because they enjoy socialising with their friends. We also talked about the challenges of keeping all age groups engaged; we have therefore decided to show The Greatest Showman, sing-a-long version with a break half way through to include a JustDance activity.



Healthy School