



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

15th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wonderful two weeks we have had! We have enjoyed a wealth of learning experiences and visits including, a visit from Reverend Richard to talk about our school value 'Honesty,' a visit from the fire service to teach the children about fire safety, World Book Day and the smell of pancakes wafting through the school.

World Book Day brought great joy throughout the school with children dressed as princesses, knights, Percy Jackson, Harry Potter – and even Where's Wally! The children were particularly pleased to have raised £263.60 for Book Aid so thank you to everyone that kindly purchased a book or two to help a good cause. Many children loved seeing Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Morgan (Gangster Granny) dressed as twins; here is a picture for you to enjoy too.



One of my favourite moments of this week was seeing Class 1 outside in their full waterproof suits testing waterproof materials – in the rain, just perfect! Huffing and puffing, they created the wind as if they were wolves to check how sturdy their houses were.



I wanted to take a moment to thank parents for getting your children to school before 8.45am, it has meant that the children are in school and settled ready to start their maths sessions promptly at 9.00am.

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

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Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

This week in Class One we have been reading The Three Little Pigs. We have written our own version – The Three Little Rabbits and the Big Bad Fox. We have been thinking about how characters in stories might feel and what they might say. On Monday we made some pink pig playdough, it's a bit gooey but we love it! We received a letter from the three little pigs that have been visiting our class, they need our help to build a new home so we have investigated materials so we can build them a house that is waterproof and won't blow down – this weather has been perfect! We explored a variety of materials and used the words 'waterproof' and 'absorbent' to describe them. Your children are now architects! Next week we will be building the houses from our designs. We have been continuing to practise putting our waterproof suits on and are getting much quicker now, we're getting really good at asking our friends for help!



Class 2

This week we have been continuing with colour mixing in Art. We have been looking at the work of famous artists and blending primary colours with white and black to make tints. In maths, we have been measuring objects with non-standard units and learning to use a ruler with accuracy to measure height and length. In Literacy, we have continued learning poems off by heart, and have been learning how to add adjectives to our writing to make it more interesting. Next week, in History we will be finding out about George Stephenson and trains. In PE, we will be learning invasion games to play at playtime.



Class 3

This week Class 3 have been studying, 'Riotous Royalty,' they have enjoyed discovering about the kings and queens that have influenced today's Great Britain. For instance, we looked at Henry's marriage record and Queen Anne who created Great Britain. Below you can see the children making their own parchment to write their own Magna Carta for our school.



Healthy School

A glance through Rettendon's Window

Class 4

We have been very busy reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox', learning lots of grammar and looking how to improve the way Roald Dahl writes! Everyone did fantastic at this. Well done everyone! Next week we will be undertaking some assessments in reading, grammar and spelling. Also, we are going to start writing our own fantasy story. Maths will be similar; some testing and after that, we will focusing on 'time'. It could be good if your children start practising how to tell the time (analogue and digital). Geography, we will continue reading coordinates to find places around the world. Science, we will be moving from the digestive system to teeth. They have been admiring the pair of teeth on display at the back of the room! Finally, the show...busy, busy, busy with the rehearsals. We are nearly there! Your children can't wait to show you their acting, singing and dancing moves!



Class 5

This half term, Class 5 are learning about electricity in science. This week we looked at the effects of different volts in a circuit.



We have had some interesting discussion and debate in RE about 'free will' and 'determinism' and why these could be applied to the life of Jesus. The children have looked at their own life, thinking about what is already 'predetermined' for them, as well as parts of their life that they have 'free will' over, and whether 'free will' is limited by determinism.



Healthy School

Key Dates

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| 20.03.2019 | Class 4 Show 2.30pm & 6.30pm - Tickets can be obtained via Eduspot |
| 25.03.2019 | Parents Evening |
| 26.03.2019 | Parents Evening |

School Council

“We have completed our system for the buddies. It will be shared with the children on Tuesday 19th March and it will run every other week. Look out for the pictures from the first buddy session. We are also still awaiting a response from the FRS with regards to our playground equipment.”

Ethan
Class 5
School Councillor

