



## Red Lane Roundup- 18.03.22



### Welcome from the SLT

It has been another fantastic couple of weeks at Red Lane: children across the school have been working hard; Book Week and the School Book Fair have taken place; we have seen the return of our weekly Star Assemblies, meeting together once more in the school hall; and we saw many parents through our parent conference meetings.

The week before last, we were delighted to be able to welcome many parents into school for parent conferences. It seems that the opportunity to complete some of these meetings over the phone offered a flexible approach that suited many parents and guardians. If you have not yet been able to speak to or meet your child's class teacher, do get in touch and find out about the wonderful work that your children have been completing. It is vital that school and parents work together to give the children the best opportunity to progress.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this year sees the exciting return of our Easter Bingo and Easter craft competitions. An electronic flier was sent via text message at the beginning of this week with all the relevant information. If you wish to purchase tickets to the Easter Bingo event,



please visit the school office. Although we are now able to host the event once again, we will be restricting the number of people attending each session. We have added two additional sessions on Tuesday 29th March to ensure all those who wish to attend have the opportunity, but I know tickets will sell quickly so make sure to get yours early and don't miss out!

In the summer term, we have two exciting residential trips planned for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. I know that many parents and guardians are eager to find out more about these trips and what equipment their children will require. Following the Easter break, we will be hosting meetings to share all relevant information and answer any questions that you may have. Texts will be sent prior to the holiday with the dates and times of these meetings.

Finally, the senior leadership team have completed a review of the safety of the school site. We have identified some concerning behaviours at the beginning and end of the school day, which is putting many of our children at risk. Children have been walking along the wall by the staff car park and then running across the tops of the bins. This behaviour is extremely dangerous and puts our children in harms way. Find the full details relating to this further on in the newsletter and please speak to your children about the hazards associated with these actions.

Please enjoy reading about all the wonderful things that have been taking place across the classes at Red Lane over the past few weeks.

With thanks for your continued support,

Mr R Hudson

Assistant Head of School

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## Dates for your diary



**Friday 25th March** - Non-uniform Day Easter Egg Donations

**Monday 28th March** - Easter Craft Competition Deadline

**Tuesday 29th March** - Easter Bingo

**Wednesday 30th March** - Easter Bingo

**Wednesday 30th March** - End of Term Reports Sent Home

**Friday 1st April** - Last Day of Term

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## Updates From Around School



### Early Years Foundation Stage Unit

In Nursery and Reception we have been focusing on 'People Who Help Us' and have just started our new topic on Growth. The children have been enjoying reading stories like Jack and the Beanstalk and playing in our Garden Centre role play area. In Reception the children found some magic beans and discussed who put them in the classroom, they wrote a letter to the Giant from Jack saying sorry for taking his hen.

Our next top tip from Bolton's 5 tips of Communication is 'Model and Extend'.

*Whatever stage a child is at, repeat what they do or say and add one word.*

For example, your child points to a car, you say 'car'. Your child says 'car', you say 'red car'. They say 'red car', you say 'yes, big, red car'.

Miss Marshall, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Spilsbury

### Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have introduced the traditional tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We watched a news report, which told us that the cheeky troll was on the loose! The children have worked really hard, writing about the character's thoughts and feelings, using adjectives to describe the troll.

In RE, we have learnt about the Easter Story. We have talked about how and why Christians celebrate Easter. We even made our own clips on iMovie to re-tell the Easter Story!

In science, we have looked at different species of tree. We know that deciduous trees lose their leaves in the autumn and evergreen trees keep their leaves all year round. The children had the



opportunity to walk around the school grounds and identify these trees. Next, we will be looking at the ideal conditions for plants to grow.

Well done Year 1, you have worked superbly!

Miss Illingworth and Miss Spencer

## **Year 2**

The children have loved learning about the Great Fire of London and have discovered some interesting facts during English lessons. They were able to use this knowledge to plan and write a news paper report, which they then performed for the rest of the class. We are going to finish this half term by reading a lovely book called 'Mr Bunny's Chocolate Shop'.

In Maths, we are starting to learn about fractions and doing some revision of our work on time. Alongside our daily maths lessons, we have also been completing SATs style questions in preparation for the upcoming tests. We are also organising a battle between the two Year 2 classes on TT Rockstars: we look forward to seeing who will be the winner this time.

Finally, the children have learnt lots of new skills in design technology whilst making delicious fruit salads. They learnt how to cut, chop and grate fruits and then were able to taste the fantastic finished product. We might have some budding chefs in the making!

Mrs Fisher, Mrs Brown and Mrs Westwell

## **Year 3**

In Year 3, we have been very busy! We have been studying different bedtime stories - our favourite was one told by Peppa Pig. After looking at different stories, we have planned our own bedtime stories to share with younger children and we will be writing these this week. As part of our Knowledge Day, we revisited our learning about the Stone Age. We used Book Creator to share our learning and Miss Yapp and Mrs Barrett were both very impressed with the knowledge we could recall, as well as how confident we all were using the new app on our iPads.

Miss Yapp and Mrs Barrett

## **Year 4**

Year 4 have continued to work hard, especially with their maths. Having just finished fractions, we are now moving on to decimals. It has been wonderful to see those brains working hard and so many 'lightbulb' moments over the past few weeks - well done Year 4!

In science, we are moving on to digestion, starting by looking at the types and functions of our teeth. As part of this unit, we also look at oral hygiene. Please encourage your children to watch (and apply) the following brushing advice:

Mr Simmons and Miss Cross

## **Year 5**

In Year 5 this week, we have been looking at cautionary tales. We are beginning to plan and write some of our own. 'Matilda' has been our inspiration and we all thoroughly enjoyed reading it; we are



now working to make our cautionary tales as entertaining as possible. Will our own cautionary tales be even better than Matilda?

Many of us have also faced a new challenge this week: we have been practising sewing. We are very excited to share our final product - we know you will love them!

Miss Simpson, Miss Taylor and Miss Murray

## **Year 6**

Our Year 6 children have again been very busy: this week has been testing week and the children have had the opportunity to practise their test technique ahead of the SATs in May. Everyone has tried their very best and the children should be extremely proud of their results.

We have continued to read our English text - 'Trash'. Our book is rapidly approaching its climax and we cannot wait to find out what happens to our three main characters: Raphael, Gardo and Rat. Aligned with our English work, we have continued to learn about Brazil. We each produced presentations about some of Brazil's most iconic figures and then taught our friends about the individuals that we had researched.

Mathematics has focused on measures, moving from the study of units of measurement to using formulae to calculate the areas and perimeters of rectilinear shapes. Additional afternoon maths lessons have been extremely helpful in order to practise applying our mathematical knowledge to reasoning and problem solving activities.

Mr Hudson, Mr Nicholson and Mrs Healey



## Book Week



Two weeks ago, we celebrated World Book Day. The children were given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters to mark the occasion. It was brilliant to see so many children take part and they all looked fantastic!

As well as dressing up, the children engaged in a fun-filled week of English lessons based around poetry. Classes were asked to learn a particular style of poem and come up with a performance to present at the end - the Red Lane Poetry Festival. The children showed dedication and enthusiasm when performing to the other classes and fun was had by all. Their performances were superb!

To round off Book Week, we were able to welcome back the School Book Fair, which arrived on Wednesday 9th March. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and children to browse the great selection on offer. We look forward to hearing about some of the fantastic new books that children discovered and bought at the Book Fair.



Miss Murray and Mrs Brown

## Site Safety Update



Over the past few weeks, a number of safety concerns have been identified in regards to children arriving at and leaving the school grounds. The particular concerns relate to the wall running alongside the staff car park, the bin storage area and the area of trees and mud opposite the Year 4 classrooms.

Children have been climbing and walking along the wall and then across the tops of the bins as they make their way to and from school. The height of the wall makes this extremely dangerous. Children have been seen running across the bin lids, the lids have the potential to break and pupils falling into or off the bins could face serious injury. Although the site managers and senior leadership team will be monitoring this area closely, we ask for your support in putting a stop to this activity in order to ensure the safety of everyone.

The area outside the Year 4 classrooms has this week had new planters and benches installed. This is to provide a place to sit and enjoy the outdoor space, whilst also blocking the area of mud, which can be slippery and dangerous. Some children have been seen climbing the trees in this area, again the risk of falling is high - we do not want any of our children to hurt themselves.

We thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring the safety of all our children.

The Senior Leadership Team

## Useful links

Links to parental workshops :

[Maths in Early Years](#)



[Maths in KS1](#)

[Maths in KS2 part 1](#)

[Maths in KS2 part 2](#)

[Maths in KS2 part 3](#)

[Y4 MTC Parents Information](#)

[Y6 SATs Information Part 1 General info](#)

[Y6 SATs Information Part 2 Revision](#)

[Y6 SATs Information Part 3 Maths Papers](#)

[Y6 SATs Information Part 4 SPAG Papers](#)

[Y6 SATs Information Part 5 Reading Papers](#)

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