



Red Lane Roundup- 29.04.22



Welcome from the SLT

The past two weeks have seen the start of a busy and exciting new term at Red Lane. As always, the summer term is set to be jam packed with important and exciting events.

We have already hosted a number of parent meetings this term regarding the KS1 and KS2 SATs tests and the Year 5 and 6 residential trips. It was wonderful to see so many parents and guardians able to join us for these meetings. However, if you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to ask any questions and gain any missed information. In addition, look out for letters in the coming weeks relating to all of these events.

The coming three weeks are especially important for our Year 2 and 6 pupils, with the national SATs tests rapidly approaching. All children continue to work hard in school and with your support at home, we know they will do themselves and the school proud. Good luck to all of those taking tests!

As it is such a busy term, we have made the decision this year to host the School's Summer Fair during this first half term. The fair will be held on Thursday 26th May and we cannot wait to welcome family and friends back to this event for the first time in two years. In preparation for the

event, we will again be holding non-uniform days: the first, we will be asking for sweet and chocolate donations, is on Friday 13th May and the second, for bottle donations, will be on Friday 20th May.

Although we know that the coming weeks may be challenging for those pupils completing the nationwide tests, we are all extremely proud of the hard work that they have put in throughout the year and know that they will continue to be fantastic!

With thanks for your continued support,

Mr R Hudson

Assistant Head of School

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Dates for your diary



Monday 2nd May - May Bank Holiday School Closure

Thursday 5th May - Year 6 SATs Breakfast Practise Day (Children to arrive at school at 8:25AM)

Monday 9th May - Year 6 SATs week commences (Children to arrive at school at 8:25AM Monday to Thursday)

Thursday 12th May - 1I Class Assembly (Starts 3:00PM - KS1 Hall)

Friday 13th May - Non Uniform Day (Summer Fair - Sweet and Chocolate Donations)

Monday 16th May - Year 2 SATs week commences (Children to arrive at school at 8:30AM Monday to Thursday)

Thursday 19th May - 1S Class Assembly (Starts 3:00PM - KS1 Hall)

Friday 20th May - Non Uniform Day (Summer Fair - Bottle Donations)

Thursday 26th May - 4C Class Assembly (Starts 9:00AM - KS2 Hall)

Thursday 26th May - School Summer Fair (3:30 -5:00PM)

Further Dates for you Diary

Sports Days

Tuesday 14th June - Nursery (afternoon and morning)

Wednesday 15th June - Reception (afternoon)

Thursday 16th June - KS1 (afternoon)

Friday 17th June - KS2 (morning)

Updates From Around School



Early Years Foundation Stage Unit

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Easter holiday! This half-term in EYFS we have two topics. Our first topic is all about traditional tales. The children have been extremely busy reading new stories, acting them out and writing traditional tales in Reception. We are focussing on writing simple sentences this half-term - it's great to see so many children having a go and writing their own stories! Don't forget to send in your home learning tasks too - we already have a fabulous gingerbread house. (Although, I cannot promise it will last too long!)

Our other topic is all about life cycles. In this topic, the children will be learning about how animals change and where they come from. We will be learning about tadpoles, chicks, caterpillars and lots of other insects too! Mrs Johnson and I have ordered something very special for Reception to watch, so keep your eyes peeled. We are very excited! We are also very busy learning our number bonds to 10. Why not ask your child to sing our number bond song "Farmer Pete!" ([105 Fan's Favourites 10: Farmer Pete - YouTube](#))

Miss Marshall, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Spilsbury

Year 1

Year 1 have settled brilliantly after the Easter Holidays and have been very busy! In English and History, we have been studying various famous people. We have learnt all about the Queen and, Bolton's own, Jason Kenny and we have started to write some fact files about them. In Maths, we have started our new topic of Multiplication and Division. This week we have been counting in our 2s, 5s and 10s. We started our new Art topic where we will be creating our own 1960s style wallpaper, using a printing method. In Science, we have been looking at the Human Body and naming the body

parts. We have also found out about our five senses and undertaken some tests, for example, tasting food to see if they were sweet, salty, bitter or sour.

Keep up the brilliant work Year 1!

Miss Spencer and Miss Illingworth

Year 2

What a lovely start we have had to our summer term! All the children have come back and are fully engaged with our learning, especially our Victorian topic! Don't forget to check out the tasks set in the homework books for our home learning challenges, as I'm sure many of the children will enjoy doing these at home. As many of you are aware, our SATs tests are fast approaching and I would like to thank those of you who attended our parent meeting, for those of you who could not attend, here are some of the key points and tips to help support your children with their learning over the next few weeks. SATs will start the week beginning Monday 16th May and will last all week. We ask that all children arrive in plenty of time to start the school day as our doors will be opening from 8:30am and we will provide children with additional breakfast throughout this week. It is essential during this week that children get a good night's sleep and that attendance in school is prioritised throughout the week. I have set many tasks on Purple mash for the children to be completing over the next couple of weeks and don't forget to keep up with the TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed practise. To celebrate the end of SATs and to give the children something to look forward to, on Monday 23rd May we will be hosting a Victorian day at school. This is where children will be able to dress up as a Victorian child for the day and we will deliver lessons in a 'Victorian' style. More information for this will follow in the coming weeks. As always thank you for your ongoing support, especially during these important times.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Fisher & Mrs Westwell

Year 3

Year 3 have been busy working on our new topic - What makes the Earth angry? We are learning all about volcanoes, earthquakes and other natural disasters and where in the world they commonly occur. We are also excitedly looking forward to our first trip of the juniors next half term, when we are planning to visit the Bolton Central library to study local history! More information regarding this trip will be shared in the coming weeks.

Mrs Barrett and Miss Yapp

Year 4

Welcome back after the Easter break. As we enter Summer Term, Year 4 have another exciting half-term ahead. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about a range of subjects:

- Geography: Manchester
- Art: Painting (with a focus on the artist, L. S. Lowry)
- Science: Habitats, with a particular focus on the use of identification keys
- RE: Pentecost
- PSHCE: One World, linked to fair trade and environmental issues
- PE: Striking and fielding, with a focus on cricket and rounders

Within English, our new text from which we will base our writing is Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach. So far, the children are loving the story, which has produced some wonderful pieces of writing. Keep up the hard work Year 4!

In Maths we continue our focus on decimals, with money and time being the other two units of study this half-term.

Both class teachers would like to remind children to read as often as possible to help build reading fluency and stamina. Whilst we are quickly approaching the time when Year 4 children across England and Wales will be sitting their multiplication tables check, we would encourage pupils to practise on TT Rockstars (especially Sound Check) as often as possible, concentrating on tables which they find more difficult. Within school, children will log onto the official government website to practise undertaking the tables check, so that they are familiar with what they will face. It has to be said, that all children appear to have taken this in their stride! Well done!

On a different note, we would like to announce that a letter will be sent out very soon, outlining a year group trip to the Anderson Centre in July.

The Anderson Centre is an outward bounds organisation based on the banks of Lower Rivington Reservoir. During this trip, they will have the opportunity to experience kayaking, archery, raft building and other outdoor learning activities. More details about this trip will be outlined within the letter.

Finally, for those parents who were not able to attend the KS2 science meeting, the presentation is available to look at on the school's website, alongside downloadable parent guides.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to yet another positive half-term.

Mr Simmons Miss Cross

Year 5

It was lovely to welcome all of the Year 5 children back after a well-deserved half term break! They are continuing to impress the Year 5 team with their hard work and positive attitude this term.

In Maths, we are learning about decimals and using our prior knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to further develop our problem solving skills.

The children have been introduced to a new book in English called Journey to Jo'burg. We have already started developing our writing skills through the text and have started by writing setting descriptions based on the home of the main character. Journey to Jo'burg also links to our History topic about slavery and the children have been engaging well, sharing their thoughts and feelings around the topic.

We have been having lots of fun in Music too, learning how to play the steel pans and creating different beats and rhythms.

We are very excited about our trip to London in June. As we are aware that some parents were unable to attend the meeting at the beginning of term, we will be sending information home in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Taylor, Miss Murray and Miss Simpson

Year 6

Year 6 have returned for a busy, exciting and important final term at Red Lane. As I am sure you are all aware, the KS2 SATs tests are rapidly approaching and the work we have been undertaking has focused on the revision of prior learning. At this time, it is vital that all children are in school as consistently as possible.

Although we hosted a meeting regarding the SATs last week, we are aware that not all parents and guardians were able to attend. We focused on a few key elements to help ensure the week goes smoothly: children will be asked to arrive at school for 8:25AM, meeting in the dining room with a breakfast provided during the week beginning Monday 9th May; in preparation, we will offer a practise run through of this arrangement on Thursday 5th May; plenty of sleep in the days building to the tests will help the children perform to their best; completion of the weekly arithmetic homework will give them the opportunity to practise specific skills required for the arithmetic test; and daily reading of 15 to 20 minutes will aid the children's reading stamina in preparing them for the hour long reading test. We do not want to add any additional stress to the children at this stage, but these simple steps will help make a great difference.

We will continue to work as hard as ever in school, ensuring that the children feel confident as the tests arrive and look forward to the celebrations that will inevitably follow.

Whilst SATs are the current primary focus, many Year 6 children are also looking forward to the PGL trip. A meeting held last week, gave the opportunity for parents to hear a little more about the upcoming visit and ask any questions. However, if you were unable to attend, please do not worry. Speak to any of the Year 6 team and keep an eye out for future letters, which will share further details about the residential.

Thank you for your ongoing support and keep up the hard work to all the children!

Mr Hudson, Mr Nicholson and Mrs Healey

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](#)

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