



Red Lane Roundup- 4.3.22



Welcome from the SLT

Welcome to the first of this half term's school newsletters. School is a hive of industry as always, with children in all classes working hard and enjoying their learning. This half term is extremely exciting, with a number of upcoming events.

Throughout this week, we have been enjoying our school-wide World Book Week; this culminated in children and staff dressing up for World Book Day as their favourite characters. What a wonderful way to explore and enjoy reading and books! You will find more information about our wonderful week later in the newsletter. We are also delighted to announce that the Book Fair will once again be returning to school this term: the Book Fair will be open after school each evening from Wednesday 9th March until the 16th March.

Another exciting announcement for the coming term is the return of the ever popular Easter Bingo and our Easter craft competitions. Easter Bingo will be held on Wednesday 30th March, with non-uniform day to collect eggs for the bingo on Friday 25th March. The deadline for the craft

competition entries is Monday 28th March; further information about both events will be sent out in addition to the newsletter, so do keep an eye out for this.

Finally, although the government has recently announced the end to many of the COVID restrictions and protocols, the guidance that we have received from the Department for Education still advises that anybody who tests positive for coronavirus isolate for five days. As a school, we will therefore be continuing to follow this advice in order to keep children, staff and wider families as safe as possible, reducing the risk of the virus spreading. Anyone who displays symptoms of the virus is still advised to get a test. However, the guidance for non-symptomatic, twice-weekly testing has now also ended.

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

With thanks for your continued support,

Mr R Hudson

Assistant Head of School

In This Issue



In this newsletter you will find:

- **Dates for your diary**
- **An online safety update**
- **Class Dojo update**
- **Clubs update**

- Updates from around the classes
- Links to 'Parental Workshops on Maths'
- Links to 'Y6 SATs Information Sharing' for parents
- Link to 'Y4 Multiplication Tables Check' information for parents

Dates for your diary



Monday 7th March - Late Night Parent Conferences

Week commencing Monday 7th March - Alternative Parent Conference times

Wednesday 9th March until Wednesday 16th March - The Book Fair

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

Monday 28th March - Easter Craft Competition Deadline

Wednesday 30th March - Easter Bingo

Friday 1st April - Last Day of Term

*BELIEVE * ACHIEVE * SUCCEED*

Updates From Around School

Early Years - Nursery and Reception

This half-term in Reception and Nursery we are focusing on child to adult interactions. The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development in the Early Years. Children's language is enriched and enhanced by back-and-forth exchanges with adults who respect and respond to children's conversation or help to keep the child's attention on an activity. The number and quality of the conversations children have with adults and other children throughout the day directly contributes to their development as a whole. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing and modelling back what they say with new vocabulary added, staff can help to build children's language effectively.

Over the coming newsletters look out for our top tips for developing communication at home with Bolton's 5 Golden Rules for communication!

Tip number 1

Actions speak louder than words - Use actions, facial expressions and tone of voice to help children understand and make new words stand out.

Miss Marshall, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Spillsbury

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been looking at the story of the Gingerbread Man. The cheeky Gingerbread Man even came into class and messed up the classroom. The children wrote wanted posters so that everyone can keep an eye out for him! We also made some gingerbread men and wrote instructions of how to make them.

In Maths, we have started our new topic of measurement. The children have been looking at objects that are short and long. They will start to measure different objects using cubes and then rulers.

In Science, we have been studying plants. We planted our own beans and they are growing in our classroom – we have been looking to see how well they have been growing. We also looked at the structure of a plant and made our own picture and labelled it with the roots, stem, leaves and flower.

Miss Spencer and Miss Illingworth

Year 2

Since returning from half term, in Year 2 we have started our Read Write Perform English unit on The Great Fire of London. The children are thoroughly enjoying learning all the facts about the great fire and we cannot wait to write our newspaper reports about the event next week. Here is a great link with lots of facts to share at home about our topic: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-the-great-fire-of-london-home/zph4g7h>

In Maths, we have started our shape unit using a wide range of interactive resources. With the KS1 SATs assessments on the horizon, please continue to encourage your children to practice their multiplication facts on TT Rockstars, as well as having ago at the 2Dos set on Purple Mash at home.

In further preparation for the SATs assessments, we have invited many children to add additional booster sessions. If your child has been invited to one of our boosters, where possible, please ensure they attend each week. This learning takes place in small groups and will support your child, not only in preparation for the upcoming tests, but also by closing gaps in their learning.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Westwell

Year 3

In Year 3, we have been completing our Greek topic with some exciting drama activities and food tasting opportunities. We visited 'Athens' and 'Sparta' and found out how different life was in each of these ancient Greek states. We tasted tzatziki, olives, fish, pitta bread and feta cheese – we all tried at least one new thing - and we liked some of it! Why not keep an eye out for these during your supermarket shop and try some at home?

In English, we have been looking at lots of different stories about dragons and are collecting ideas to design our own. Our Science has been very exciting: we have been studying muscles and skeletons and how these help us move whilst doing exercises.

Mrs Barrett and Miss Yapp

Year 4

It has been a pleasing start to the half term, with the children developing their deduction skills whilst reading the book, The Tunnel in English. In Maths, we are heavily into fractions - why not see if your children can identify fractions around the house (example: eggs in an egg box)? Later in the newsletter, there is a video explaining the upcoming Y4 multiplication tables check. To help prepare for this, please watch the short clip and encourage the children to use the Sound Check on TT Rockstars.

Our DT will focus on food, in particular sandwich making. Our science lessons on digestion will help the children find out what happens once they have eaten their creations! As you are now aware, PE has moved to Wednesdays. Gymnastics is the current focus, hence the need, where possible, for children to have earrings removed. This is to ensure safety whilst performing rolls and other manoeuvres.

Finally, linked with yesterday's book week, please find the link to class 4S' assembly. We very much hope that you enjoy the children's hard work and great performance.

Mr Simmons and Miss Cross

[4S Class Assembly](#)

Year 5

It was lovely to welcome all the Year 5 children back after half term and since returning the children have been working really hard! This week, we have introduced a new book in English called Matilda, written by Hilaire Belloc. This is a cautionary tale and the children have really enjoyed using their inference skills to predict how the story might end. We are looking forward to finding out if our predictions were correct. The children have created some great character descriptions about the main character using some very adventurous vocabulary.

It was great to see so many children get involved in World Book Day and the costumes were amazing! The Year 5 staff particularly enjoyed the day; don't forget to take a look at our group fancy dress. We had a fantastic day discussing our favourite books and authors and even learnt and performed a rap to share with the other children across school.

Miss Taylor, Miss Murray and Miss Simpson

Year 6

It has been a busy, but exciting return following the half term for Year 6. With the year passing quickly, children received their high school place offers this week, in preparation for the next step in their education. If you did not receive this information or have any questions about high school places, please contact the Year 6 team.

Our new English topic is based around the book *Trash* written by Andy Mulligan. The book follows the adventures of a group of 'dumpsite kids' in Rio de Janeiro. This is tied in closely to our Geography work – studying the country of Brazil. We have learned about how the lives of children in Brazil may differ to our own. Maths has moved on to the study of algebra and the conversion of measures, whilst continuing to review our prior learning.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Year 6 SATs are rapidly approaching. Whilst we are busy preparing the children for these tests in school, we also want to share some key pieces of information with you. Below you will find links to a number of videos, sharing information with you about what the children can expect during SATs week and how you can support them at home. Please watch the videos and if you have any questions do get in touch, at parent conferences next week or another time that suits you. Don't forget, revision booklets are also available at a cost of £5 to support your child's preparation for the tests.

Mr Hudson, Mr Nicholson and Mrs Healey

Online Safety Update



On Tuesday 8th February 2022, all the children at Red Lane took part in the global Safer Internet Day #SID22. The theme for this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' - celebrating young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content or interacting with their friends. During the week, the children (from Reception to Year 6) looked at online relationships (being kind/unkind) and how they make you feel; how to capture online bullying; and how to report any concerns. This builds on our Digital Citizenship unit of work, which we cover in the autumn term. We are using a brand new and innovative scheme of

work that links into the latest guidelines ensuring our children get the most up-to-date learning resources available – key when the digital world is constantly evolving.

As a school, we understand how important parental support is. In the upcoming term, we are looking to offer parent workshops and would appreciate a little of your time to complete our short survey (follow the link below).

Online Safety Questions for Parents Spring 22:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FoJ6xyvyHU-xdwTu7gcXE_AfVhTiQu1Fg10yFYFMq-1UMORINTZQT01HRzg1MERRR1RWEE1UIIXNi4u

Class Dojo Update

As you are aware, one of the key ways that we communicate with parents is via ClassDojo. We use this tool to award points for a variety of positive behaviours. But over the past few years, it has become a great way for parents to communicate with teachers and vice versa. ClassDojo is a FREE website and you should not need to upgrade to the paid version for our needs at Red Lane. If you do pay a subscription for this tool, we suggest that you end this straight away!

Just for your information, ClassDojo is monitored during working hours only, so staff only respond during these times and the response may not be immediate if the staff are teaching at that time. You may message outside these times but please do not expect a response until staff sign in the following day. Also, if you have an urgent message such as a change to collection or end of day routine, please do not rely on ClassDojo, contact the main office as normal.

We are working hard to make the use of ClassDojo more consistent across school, with all classes posting and celebrating good news in a similar manner. Please do interact with the class stories and let us know about good work that children are completing at home - we love to hear good news!

We also plan to start sharing knowledge organisers and weekly spellings on here, following suggestions from parents in recent weeks. So watch this space!

If you do need a new ClassDojo log in, please ask your child's class teacher who can sort this quickly and easily for you.

Clubs Update

Clubs have started again this week and children are accessing a variety of exciting opportunities on offer. Choir has continued with over forty children taking part in these sessions led by our ALFA Education music leaders. Over fifty pupils from Year 3 to 6 are taking part in multi-sport activities with Mr Brindle on Wednesdays and Fridays; and pupils from Year 1 and 2 are taking part in similar sessions on Mondays with Miss Jones. There are also opportunities for pupils to join in with a creative writing club with Miss Murray, outdoor learning with Miss Taylor and Mr Simmons and a film and drama club with Mrs Barrett. It is fantastic to be able to have so many pupils engaging with such a range of extra-curricular opportunities.

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](#)

Contact Us



If you need to get in touch...

Red Lane Primary School

Red Lane

Bolton

BL2 5HP

01204333580

Visit us on the web at www.red-lane.bolton.sch.uk .

Or follow us on Twitter at @RedLaneSch