

New outside area for our younger children

Over the half term holidays changes were taking place behind Dolphin, Seahorse and Penguin classes. Building on work carried out last year by staff and parents, we have now installed artificial grass to make this an 'all-weather' area for our younger children to play and learn in.

Our children were very excited to see the improvements on our first day back and on Tuesday the new area was officially opened, with Emily and Frederick from Dolphin class cutting the ribbon. All of our younger children have had a chance to play outside this week and although Storm Doris has been and gone, it still looks fantastic.

Over recent years it has been difficult to make improvements to our school site because of delays and uncertainty regarding the new school hall. As a result, there are some other areas of the school looking a little unloved. Hopefully progress with the hall will be possible over the coming months and this will also allow further improvement work to take place around the school grounds.

Next week is a busy one in school - we look forward to seeing everyone for Parents' Evenings and ending the week with our dressing up for World Book Day. If you are lacking inspiration for outfits, have a look at the simple ideas for home made costumes at www.worldbookday.com - they are great!

Enjoy your weekend. *Ruth Austin*

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Diary Dates

Wed 1st March

Leopard class assembly
9.05am

Parents' Evening (late)

Thurs 2nd March

Parents' Evening (early)

Fri 3rd March

World Book day in school
(with dressing up as a favourite book character)

Wed 8th March

Lion class assembly
9.05am

Thurs 9th - Fri 10th March

Leopard class to
Swattenden

Complete dates are at
www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

Our favourite Learning by Lion class

This week we had a special visitor come to talk to us: Reverend Linda taught us lots about Christianity and baptisms. We looked at lots of Christian symbols and learnt about Jesus' baptism. We had a really fun day!

We have been measuring in Maths and have estimated and measured lots of different objects—we really enjoyed measuring ourselves with a metre stick.

We have been on a sound walk around the school and the field to listen to different sounds, and we are beginning to write our own poem on the 'Sound Collector'.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations

Arika (YR)

Ballet award

Jude R (Y2)

100m swimming award

Isabella (YR)

10m swimming award

Ethan (Y4)

1 mile swimming award

Joshua (Y5)

Swimming speed awards

Alex (Y5)

Bronze clarinet award

Connor K (Y2)

Bronze swimming award



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
100.0%	100.0%	96.7%	97.5%	97.9%	99.2%	97.0%

Congratulations to Dolphin and Seahorse class for their 100% attendance this week.

	What have we been learning this week?	What will we be learning next week?	Ask your child
Dolphin	Take a look in our Learning Journals..	Next week we have lots going on, we will be learning about Shrove Tuesday, and making delicious pancakes. We will also be dressing up for World Book Day and will be exploring the text The Magic Porridge Bowl.	What does the Goldilocks song go like?
Seahorse	In Maths we have been telling the time using o'clock and half hours. In English we have been learning how to use suffixes and prefixes (for example the prefix 'un' at the beginning of words like happy or tie).	We will be carrying on with learning the time and solving problems. We will also be learning about capacity. In English we will be enjoying activities related to our magical book week.	Can you tell the time at different points during the day?
Penguin	In Maths this week we have been practising some more of our time telling skills. In English we have started looking at the story of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. We have discussed the character of the Lorax and written some words to describe him. We have enjoyed an exciting RE day learning about some of the stories Jesus told and the meanings behind them.	In Maths we will be learning how to measure and read scales focusing on mass. We will be working very practically. In English we will make ourselves more familiar with The Lorax text and will be reading lots of different stories throughout book week. In Science we will be continuing our work on investigating different materials.	How would you describe the Lorax?
Lion	In Maths this week we have been learning about measurement. We have measured lots of objects (including ourselves) in mm, cm and metres! We have also converted different units of measure. In English we have started to write our own version of the 'Sound Collector' poem focusing on verbs, nouns and rhyming words. We have had an exciting RE day learning about Jesus' baptism and other religious celebrations in Christianity.	In Maths we will continue learning how to measure. We will be focusing on capacity and mass. In English, we will finish our poems and will then start learning and writing our own fables, In Science we will start our topic on light. In Art we will learn how to sketch using different shading and tones.	How many cm are there in 10mm? How many cm in a metre? What features does a poem have?
Koala	In Maths, we have been working hard to improve our rounding skills. This has helped us to check the accuracy of our answers using estimation and the inverse. In English, we have been learning about how to use apostrophes for contractions and possession. We have also been learning about the features of script.	In Maths, we're continuing to explore the relationship between written division and written multiplication. In English, we will looking at different types of grammar such as determiners, pronouns and adverbials. We will also start writing our own script for the year 4 production!	How are torches made? What are the components?
Leopard	We have finished and reviewed our class text Street Child. It's been fascinating to see what the children have gained from sharing this book. We have worked on calculations with fractions including converting between mixed and improper fractions. We've started working on our class assembly...	We will be moving onto a new English unit on newspaper writing so we'll start by investigating features of newspapers. In Maths we'll be working on multiples, factors and scaling. We're looking forward to sharing our learning during class assembly...	Why do you think people should read Street Child?
Orang-utan	In maths this week we have been developing our skills in both long and short division, including the interpretation of remainders. We have started to discuss the features of persuasive writing and comparing different persuasive texts.	We will be using our work on the features of persuasive writing to plan and create our own persuasive pieces. In maths we will be reviewing and developing our multiplication methods and problem solving skills.	How are camels and giraffes adapted for their environments?