

Writing workshops

On Tuesday children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a Writers' Workshop with children from other local schools. The author Matt Whyman led the day and gave children some brilliant tips for successful writing, like starting your story with the most exciting part and looking out of the window for inspiration!

Foodbank donations

We received a postcard this week from the Pilsdon at Malling Community foodbank to thank us for our donations. In addition to our Harvest donations, Year 6 children collected up our Christmas party food leftovers and we donated these as well. We were very proud of how our children are thoughtful enough to consider those less fortunate than ourselves.

Snow!

We haven't seen snow in school for a long time, so today we made sure that children enjoyed their snowy playtime on the field. As the snow was very hard and icy, we had a 'no snowballs' rule and it is a credit to the wonderful behaviour of our children that this was no problem at all! We enjoyed snow races, snow sculptures and of course building little snowmen...

Enjoy your weekend.

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Diary Dates

Thurs 19 Jan

Open morning and parent workshops

Fri 3 Feb

PTFA Discos, 3.15pm onwards

Tues 7 Feb

Safer Internet Day

Fri 10 Feb

End of term 3

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

Polite reminder

In the current wintry weather, please park and drive with consideration to others around our school. This includes picking up from after-school clubs and driving slowly past parents and children walking on our very narrow pavements. Thank you.

Thank you from the Ryarsh Primary School PTFA.

We've raised an incredible **£776.00** from supporters shopping online via easyfundraising.org.uk and raising donations for free!

Help us raise more!

Register to support Ryarsh Primary School at: easyfundraising.org.uk/Causes/Ryarshptfa then simply follow the steps to shop and raise.

Happy fundraising!

Our favourite Learning by Koala Class

We have continued using our growth mindset this term and have really enjoyed the various challenges in Science. We have started to learn all about electricity and embraced the challenge of learning lots of new vocabulary to explain our scientific thinking. To begin with, we tried to figure out how electricity works by acting as atoms. We really enjoyed acting as neutrons and protons in the nucleus as well as electrons orbiting around the outside. After we found out how electricity works, we went on a bit of a hunt around the school to identify various appliances which use electricity and discussed whether they were mains or battery powered. We also discussed what the electrical energy was being used for and many of us realised it was often used for changing either heat, sound, light or movement.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations
Ollie (Y6)

Player of the week at West Ham Soccer School

Rachael (Y2)

100m swimming award

Aaron (Y4)

Lexia awards



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
99.3%	99.7%	94.3%	99.3%	97.0%	97.7%	100.0%

Congratulations to Orang-utan class for achieving 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!	In English we will be creating our own version of The Three Little Pigs. In Maths we will be learning about taking away 1 number from a given total.	Can you practise writing any of our new letter sounds 'j,v,w,x,y,z'?
Seahorse	In Maths this week we have been recapping our place value work and talking about bigger 2 digit numbers. We have also been reading and writing teen numbers. In English we read the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and have been describing Mr Grinling and his lighthouse.	In Maths we will be adding, using our knowledge of tens and ones and we will build up to solving addition word problems. In English we will be continuing with our Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch story and use Talk for Writing to write the story ourselves!	Can you name some mammals?
Penguin	This week in Maths we have started to learn about multiplication. The children have used arrays to do repeated addition and start to answer x questions. In English we have been looking at The Gruffalo and developing descriptive writing. In our topic lessons we have been thinking about how people may have felt during the Great Fire and learning more facts about it.	In Maths we will be continuing with multiplication and solving x problems. In English we will be developing our sentences using connectives. We will be continuing work on Materials in Science and learning a bit more about The Great Fire of London.	What calculations can you write about this array? 
Lion	This week in Maths we have learnt how to multiply using the short method. We have also learnt how to multiply by 10 and 100 using a place value grid. In English we have been looking at The Gorilla and have started to plan our own adventure story. In Science we have drawn and labelled a flower. We have learnt about the purpose of roots, stems, leaves and flowers. In our topic, we have drawn maps of Ryarsh and have started comparing villages to towns.	In Maths we will be starting to divide numbers and learning about the inverse operation. In English we will start to write our own story based on The Gorilla. In Science we will be planting seeds and investigating the best environments for them to grow. In topic we will be writing a tourist leaflet about Ryarsh.	What are the main parts of a flower and what are their purposes?
Koala	In Maths, we have been working really hard to improve our place value skills as well as our written addition and subtraction. In English, we have finished reading 'The Lost Happy Endings' and have discussed the wonderful descriptive tools used by Carol Ann Duffy. We have also tried to infer information and identify the themes of the book.	In Maths, we shall be trying to improve our knowledge about geometry, thinking about how to translate shapes as well as solving problems with coordinates. In English, we will be starting to write our own version of 'The Lost Happy Endings' called 'The Lost Happy Dreams'.	What are the parts of a simple circuit? How does it work?
Leopard	We have worked on place value this week, including working out how much footballers earn! We have learned more about Jim's adventures and researched Victorian workhouses to further our understanding. We also put together presentations about our Science topic.	We'll be working on decimals as well as calculations in our Maths. We'll be delving further into Jim's story and basing our written skills on the content of this text. We'll be starting our new Science topic too.	Can you explain why we get day and night? Seasons?
Orang-utan	In maths we have been working on number sequences and using negative numbers. Linked to our topic work we have been creating graphs using information based on weather in the UK. In English we have been working on descriptive writing based on the opening scenes of Macbeth.	In maths we will be working on ways to represent and interpret data. We will be continuing to work on Macbeth—developing our narrative writing skills.	Are micro-organisms good or bad?