

Welcome back to the summer term! It has been a lovely first week back with all of our children returning to school ready to learn. The summer term is always a busy time of year — as well as some warmer weather, we are looking forward to school trips, the Year 4 camp, our Year 6 residential trip, Sports Day and transition events into next academic year. Time certainly flies when you're having fun!

Heart of Kent Hospice charity appeal

At the end of last term our charity appeal for the Heart of Kent Hospice was really well supported by the whole school community. Thanks to your contributions, including our cake sale on the last day of term, we raised £432.60 for the Heart of Kent Hospice—a new record for one of our termly charity appeals! A representative from the Hospice will be popping into assembly to say thank you to the children and pick up the cheque.

Staffing changes for September 2017

We are already planning ahead for the next academic year and have one change in our teaching team to tell you about, which is that Mrs Malins has made the decision to step down from the role of class teacher in order to explore other career options in the future. This is a great shame for the teaching profession and also for Ryarsh, as we will miss her contribution and dedication. Fortunately Mrs Malins will not be leaving us immediately, but will continue to work at Ryarsh for one more year with a part-time teaching commitment to cover other classes.

We have appointed a new class teacher, Kayleigh Jones, to join us in September 2017. Miss Jones is an experienced teacher who currently teaches at a primary school in Swanley. She impressed us all at her recent interview and we are looking forward to working with her. Miss Jones will be joining us at Ryarsh for transition events in June and July ahead of the new academic year. We have not yet confirmed which teachers and TAs will be working with each class, but will share this information with you as soon as we can—normally we are able to do so around May half term.

Enjoy your weekend. *Ruth Austin* ruth.austin@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk



Our favourite Learning by Lion class

This week we have really enjoyed our new Science topic, rocks. We were able to look at lots of different rocks and stones and classify them into different groups. We have also started to learn about the Stone Age and we are really enjoying learning lots of gruesome facts!

We have enjoyed writing about our favourite day during the Easter holidays. Miss Snow was very impressed with our writing!



We have recently uploaded photos of last term's Year 5 residential trip to Swattenden onto our school website—have a look in the 'Galleries' section.

Diary Dates

Wed 26 April

Class photos

Mon 1 May

Bank Holiday

Tues 8 May

Year 5 Bikeability starts

Wed 17 May

Dolphin class assembly
9.05

Mon 22 May

Outdoor learning week

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

Superstar Corner

Congratulations

Harry, Alice, Holly & Joshua (all YR)

10m swimming awards

Megan (Y3)

1000m swimming award

William (Y3)

1 mile swimming award

Amelia & Kiera (Y3)

Silver challenge swimming
award

Isabella (YR)

20m swimming award

Tilly (Y1)

Gymnastics Level 7 award

**Louie, Oliver, Jude R (Y2)
and Millie & Mollie (Y6)**

Football tour medals

Eleanor (Y1)

800m swimming award &
Gymnastics Level 7



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
100.0%	98.3%	96.3%	98.3%	99.2%	96.7%	98.00%

Congratulations to Dolphin class on 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!	In English we will be continuing with learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar, and writing up facts. In Maths we will be learning how to double a number.	Can you find 8 items, can you separate them into half?
Seahorse	In English this week we have been exploring Traditional Tales and comparing their features. We wrote fabulous descriptions about goodies and baddies! In Maths we have been learning about fractions—halves and quarters. We have been halving and quartering shapes, objects and numbers.	In English next week we will be focussing on Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be learning the story with actions, making story maps and writing the story in our own story books! In Maths we will be recapping our place value work and comparing numbers using these signs: < >	Can you name 3 fairy tale goodies?
Penguin	In Maths we have been solving money problems and looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction. In English we have started to use possessive apostrophes and find out facts about Scotland. We have started to learn about Katie Morag and Scotland.	In Maths we will be working on different mathematical problems. In English we will be continuing to work on possessive apostrophes and planning and writing an information text about Scotland. We will be continuing with map work in our topic lessons.	What facts about Scotland can you tell me?
Lion	In Maths we have recapped place value, addition and subtraction. We worked so hard applying our skills and solved lots of word problems. In English we have been writing recounts of our favourite day during the Easter holidays,. These were absolutely fantastic! In Topic we have started researching the Stone Age and	In Maths we will be collecting data and draw bar charts and pictograms. In English we will be reading 'Stone Age Boy' and begin to write our own story. In Topic we will be looking at Stone Age shelters and creating our own using paper mache.	How did you group your rocks?
Koala	This week in English we have been exploring the language and layout features of newspaper articles. We have enjoyed reading editions of First News! In maths we have been developing our skills of using the written methods for both multiplication and division, looking at what happens when we have remainders.	Next week we will be planning our own newspaper articles, looking at what would make an interesting article to both read and then write. In maths we will be revisiting fractions and linking them with decimals.	What is a caption? What information should a newspaper article contain?
Leopard	We have enjoyed writing a script for the story of The Fisherman and the Bottle, using all the features of play scripts. We reviewed our knowledge of shape and focused on properties of quadrilaterals. We then moved onto methods for division. We made a great start to our topic on Rivers.	We will be using the story of Aladdin as the basis for our English work. We will be working on long division and then using negative numbers in context. We are looking forward to a special visitor for our Art session on Thursday...	Can you describe the water cycle?
Orang-utan	We have enjoyed writing some persuasive pieces using a range of features. We have also been re-capping on grammar terminology. In maths we have been developing our skills in finding percentages and relating these to decimals and fractions.	In English we will be developing our skills and knowledge in identifying and using features of report writing. In maths we will be working on ratio and proportion.	How can we classify living things?