

Year 5/6 multi-skills team in action at Offham

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 multiskills team who took part in an indoor athletics competition at Offham last Friday. Our team represented Ryarsh with a wonderful positive attitude and were a credit to the school. They excelled in their events, especially skipping, and did really well to come in 2nd place overall. Well done!

Children's vote on new play equipment

Democracy has been in action at Ryarsh this week as children voted for new play equipment for our adventure trail.

Unfortunately our old train and ticket office are no longer safe to use, so we have been choosing their replacement. Our school council looked at a range of options and selected three choices. After much discussion and a vote in each class, our winner was a fire engine with 99 votes, beating the other options, a Land Rover (88 votes) and tractor (19 votes). We are now looking to have the new equipment installed as soon as possible. The cost of this will come from PTFA funds, so thank you for supporting our PTFA events which make this possible - such as next week's Disco.

Finally, thank you to Jon at the Duke of Wellington for welcoming Lion class this week. Children learned many new facts about Ryarsh, the Duke and our local history, showing that a trip to the pub can be extremely educational!

Enjoy your weekend. *Ruth Austin*
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Diary Dates

Fri 3 Feb
PTFA Discos, 3.15pm onwards

Tues 7 Feb
Safer Internet Day

Fri 10 Feb
End of term 3

Tues 21 Feb
Term 4 starts

Wed 1 March
Leopard class assembly
9.05

Wed 1 March
Parents' Eve (late)

Thurs 2 March
Parents' Eve (Early)

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

Our favourite Learning by Seahorse class

Kung Hei Fat Choi from Seahorse Class! Today we have been learning all about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We made our own dancing Chinese Dragons and Chinese Lanterns.

We had a special visitor also to deliver a fantastic Chinese New Year workshop. We played lots of games, learnt a Chinese New Year rap, and did some acting and dancing too! It was great fun.



"The cat and the rat were the best of friends,
But that was soon to come to an end!
Splash splash splash!
Win win win!
The rat pushed the cat in!"



Superstar Corner

Congratulations

**Ollie (Y6), Charlie N,
Lucas (Y5) &
Matthew (Y4)**

Winning gold medals
representing Kent Korfball
in inter-area
championships



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
96.0%	100.0%	88.0%	98.3%	99.3%	94.7%	94.4%

Congratulations to 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!	In Maths we will be learning to add using numicon. In English we will be continuing to learn about The Little Red Riding Hood and we will be discussing healthy foods to give to Grandma.	What does Kung Hei Fat Choi mean?
Seahorse	In Maths this week we were learning to subtract using counter, tens and ones and number lines. We took a diversion in English this week to work hard on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We also learnt about using describing words in lists. Today we enjoyed our special Chinese New Year day!	In Maths next week we will be learning about money and the value of coins, as well as adding amounts to find totals. We will begin to think about finding change. We will now be learning about instructions next week and write a recipe for Mr Grinling's Iced Sea Biscuits.	What does Kung Hei Fat Choi mean?
Penguin	This week in Maths we have been learning about division and started to find remainders. In English we have been working on our comprehension and planning and writing a story. Our handwriting is starting to look AMAZING! Today we enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year. 	In Maths we will be finding fractions of numbers. In English we will be starting to plan and write an information text about The Great Fire of London. In DT we will be designing and making fire engines.	What is the answer to $15 \div 3 = ?$
Lion	This week in Maths we have been learning about division and have just started to use the formal method. In English we have looked at newspaper reports and are beginning to write a newspaper article about a local event. In topic we have visited the Duke of Wellington and have learnt lots of facts about the history of Ryarsh. We are creating an information leaflet based on historical facts. In Science we have been observing our seeds and have written a conclusion to our science experiment.	In Maths we will carry on dividing using the bus stop method and move onto fractions. In English we will continue to write a newspaper article. In PE we will continue to learn the rules of rounders, we are all enjoying this very much! In topic we will be looking at maps and symbols.	What is the inverse to division? What are you writing your newspaper article on?
Koala	This week in Maths we have been learning about fractions—finding equivalent fractions and finding fractions of amounts. This week in English, we have been continuing to write our stories. We have been working really hard to use accurate speech punctuation and fronted adverbials to improve our writing.	On Monday we will be having our RE day, where we will focus on Inspirational People as well as the Passover. Next week in Maths we will continue to develop our fraction work and begin to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. In English, we shall be improving how we use prepositions and how we build suspense.	Can you explain what is meant by the terms: Numerator? Denominator?
Leopard	We have worked hard on finding perimeter and area of shapes including challenging ourselves with compound shapes. We wrote some lovely descriptive poems about Jim's experiences on board The Lily. We investigated thermal insulation as a property of materials.	We will be working on different units of measurement and converting between them. We will be continuing work on Street Child including writing our own letters of advice to Jim. We are looking forward to our Earthquakes workshop on Thursday!	What is the perimeter of a shape? Area?
Orang-utan	In maths we have been developing our skills in calculating fractions, including when using mixed numbers and improper fractions. In English we have been looking at some text features of report writing, including using direct and indirect speech and the passive voice.	Next week we will be developing our skills in finding fractions and percentages of amounts. In English we will be applying our skills and knowledge to our own report writing.	Do we convert mixed numbers to improper fractions before adding them? why?