

PTFA thanks

Our PTFA have kindly funded new outdoor resources for our younger children in the outdoor area behind Dolphin, Seahorse and Penguin classes and these have been installed this week—see the 'Our favourite learning' section for further details. Alongside this, the PTFA are funding new sports kits and the coach travel for a school trip for every class this academic year. Thank you PTFA for all of your efforts—our children really appreciate it!

Pupil Premium eligibility

At the start of the year, we wrote to all parents to check your eligibility for the Pupil Premium, which is a source of additional funding for your child dependent on family circumstances. Eligibility for Pupil Premium also means that your child is eligible for free school meals. However, you don't actually need to take the school meals, should you not wish to. Since the start of the year, your family circumstances may have changed so as a reminder, your child is eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit) - if the household income is below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- an income-related Employment and Support Allowance support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker

If you think this applies to you, please collect a form at the school office or apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend.

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Our Favourite Learning by Dolphin Class



We are really enjoying our new story this term called The Hungry Caterpillar. This week we made our own 3D caterpillars out of egg cups which we loved. We used buttons for the eyes, pipe cleaners for the antennas and whatever extras we liked to jazz it up.

Sophie: I used a big feather on the top of mine to be the spikes.

Alice: I used some tissue paper to give it stripes.

The children have also enjoyed using the KS1 outdoor area because there were some new toys kindly donated to us by the PTFA! As you can see the wigwam and the toadstall fairy house are extremely popular! We would like to say a big thank you.



Diary Dates

Mon 1 May
Bank Holiday

Tues 2 May
Year 5 Bikeability starts

Mon 8 May
KS2 SATs week

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 to
Harrison T (Y3)

Man of the match at
Leybourne FC

Tilly (Y1)

Gymnastics Level 7 award

Olivia G V (YR)

20m swimming award

Henry (Y4)

Winner of 1v1 tournament

Maidstone Warriors

Basketball

Matthew (Y4)

Snodland Town FC

tournament winners and

man of the match award

Tristan (Y3)

West Kent FC tournament

winners

Ollie, Martin & Rafe (Y6)

District Football Team

Daniels Trophy winners

William (Y4)

Gold swimming award

Connor & Loris (Y2)

Football tour medals

Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
93.3%	96.7%	98.7%	100.0%	96.0%	97.3%	99.2%

Congratulations to Lion class on their 100.0% 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 will be learning about healthy eating and we will be making up our own healthy foods for the Hungry Caterpillar to eat. In Maths we will be using money to buy items using pennies!	Using items to help you count, what is double 4?
Seahorse	In English this week we have been learning to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We then made our own story maps and wrote AMAZING story books of our own—Miss Lucas was MEGA proud! In Maths we have been recapping our knowledge of place value ready to compare numbers next week.	In English next week we will be learning about the suffix -est and using it to write descriptions of Jack and the Beanstalk. In Maths we will be comparing numbers and revisiting addition.	What was Jack and his mothers house like? Clue: adjective beginning with r_____
Penguin	In Maths we have been working through word problems and choosing the correct calculation. In English we have been planning and writing an information text about Scotland. In topic we have been finding features of maps and researching Scotland. We have also enjoyed Scottish Country dancing.	Next week we will be revising time and working on multiplication problems. In English we will be reading a range of Katie Morag stories and developing character descriptions.	Can you remember any Scottish phrases?
Lion	This week we have performed lots of drama based on the Stone Age Boy, we have also described the setting using super adjectives. We are really enjoying this book! In Maths we have learnt how to interpret information by drawing bar charts and pictograms. We have also revisited fractions. In Science we have grouped different rocks and learnt whether they were permeable or impermeable. In Topic we have learnt about Stone Age homes.	In English we will be writing an adventure story based on the Stone Age Boy. In Maths we will be adding and subtracting using money and different units of measure. In Topic we will be learning about Skara Brae. We will also be creating our own Paper Mache caves!	How did the Stone Age Boy feel when he got to the cave? Remember to use your super adjectives!
Koala	This week in English we have been planning our newspaper report based on the crime scene Year 4 discovered on Monday morning! In Maths we have been revisiting fractions and decimals and exploring what happens when we divide any number by 10 or 100.	Next week we are all very excited about our trip on Thursday to Living Lands. In English we will be carrying on with our newspaper report, hopefully publishing it at the end of the week! In Maths we are going to be adding and subtracting fractions and looking at finding equivalent fraction families.	Can you show someone at home your Samba dance which you have been learning in PE?
Leopard	We are feeling very clever because we have mastered long division this week. We also moved on to working with negative numbers. In English, we are writing our own endings to the story of Aladdin including the features of the genre.	We have a busy week with various groups out for their Bikeability training. We will be moving onto looking at different examples of instruction writing. Our Maths work will include revising fractions.	What did you learn from the visiting illustrator?
Orang-utan	This week we have been looking at the text features of newspaper report writing, including the passive voice and reported speech. In maths we have developed our skills in solving problems based on ratio, proportion and percentages.	We will be planning our own newspaper reports - including the features explored this week. In maths we will be working on using the 4 operations when completing multi-step problems.	Can you describe the work and style of Roy Lichenstein?