



Our Tree of Values

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who represented our school in a multi-skills competition at Offham last Friday. We were very proud of all of our team, who competed with confidence and enthusiasm and finished in 3rd place overall. Well done!

Our new school hall

Work is continuing on the project to build our new school hall. KCC are currently in the tendering process to select our contractor and once this is complete, we should be ready to start construction this Spring. While we do not yet have firm dates, we are planning for several phases of construction, with some taking place in term time and some during the summer holiday period. For your information, I have attached the hall layout plan so you can see what is involved, which in summary is:



- a new 150m² hall with storage, toilets and corridor
- the current hall converted into two new classrooms, to replace our Year 3/4 classrooms
- a new corridor, with 2 intervention rooms, within the current staffroom
- removal of most of the current main school corridor and replacement and widening of the kitchen corridor

We will be working hard to minimise disruption to our children, families and staff during the construction phases. Overall, this project will be of enormous benefit to our school, ensuring that we actually have enough space for our 210 children. I will keep you informed of our progress and write to you with much more detail when we are in a position to do so.

Enjoy your weekend.

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Koala Class our favourite learning

Last Tuesday we had an exciting Egyptian day, which was very enjoyable and informative. We learnt lots of facts, some of our favourites were that the Egyptians worshiped Pharaohs. The most famous and youngest one was Tutankhamen. He died at the age of just 18. Did you know? Lower Egypt is upper on the ancient map because it is on the lower part of the river Nile. We also saw pictures of the pharaoh Tutankhamen before he died and we saw him unwrapped after being mummified. After break, we learnt how to measure like Egyptians the different measures were: Royal cubit, Palm and finger. Using our knowledge we measured our partners, filling out a sheet. After, we learnt how to stand like we were in an Egyptian painting and then learnt how to dance like an Egyptian. After lunch we went into year 1 and a pharaoh did a routine of how to become a living mummy, he scared us so much! we screamed. Then, we travelled back in time and did some acting like we were walking through a castle, a servant had been poisoned, we were the doctors who saved her. After this the king died and we turned him into a mummy. We also learnt how to wrap a mummy, this was after taking out his brain. Yuck! After all that, we had a ceremony and most of us got parts to play. The Queen said prayers and cursed the door to the pyramid.

By Ria and Dominic.



Diary Dates

Fri 2 Feb
PTFA discos

Tues 6 Feb
Safer Internet Day

Wed 7 Feb
Koala class assembly 9.05

Fri 9 Feb
End of Term 3

Mon 19th Feb
INSET day

Tues 20 Feb
Start of Term 4

Wed 28 Feb
Parents' Evening

Thurs 1 March
Parents' Evening

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

Superstar Corner

Congratulations

Briony (YR)

Level 4 Trampoline award

Amy (Y5)

1st place trophy for dance troupe performance

Lucas (Y6)

Winning inter-area competition representing

Kent Korfball U13

Khaled (Y6)

Clarinet award



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Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
97.3%	99.3%	99.3%	97.3%	100.0%	98.3%	96.0%

Congratulations to Koala class on their 100% attendance this week.

Whole school attendance is currently 97.7%

Learning update

	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 another traditional tale called The Little Red Riding Hood. We will be thinking about the food basket from Red Riding Hood and discussing what foods are healthy to eat. In Maths we will be learning to subtract a single digit number.	Can you find the tricky words 'we, he, she, be' in any of your books at home?
Seahorse	This week in English we have been writing alternative endings to 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We designed our own yucky sandwiches and wrote what happened when the seagulls tried to eat them. In Maths we have been counting in 2s, 10s and 5s and began to learn how to multiply.	In Maths next week we will be learning about money. We will be paying for items in the supermarket and then learning how to calculate change. In English we are going to write instructions for Mrs Grinling to make our yucky sandwiches.	What does this sign mean? X
Penguin	This week we have been working on telling the time in Maths—some of us have even got to 5 minute intervals! In English we have been writing (and painting) setting descriptions. In topic we've started to plan a diary—pretending we are Samuel Pepys!	In Maths we will be continuing with time and then learning to exchange in subtraction. In English we will be looking at different types of sentences and writing an information text about The Great Fire of London. On Friday we will be having a visit from the Fire Service!	What did Samuel Pepys bury? What language did he write his diary in?
Lion	This week in Maths we have been learning how to measure the perimeter of regular shapes. We then moved onto telling the time. In English we have finished the 'The Tear Thief' story and have been editing and improving our own story. They were super impressive!	Next week in Maths we will continue to learn about time and move onto solving word problems. In English we will design leaflets persuading people to visit Ryarsh.	If a square has a perimeter of 16cm. What is the length of each side?
Koala	This week in maths we have been practising using a written method for division, including problems which give us remainders. Everybody did brilliantly and showed great growth mindset. At the end of the week we looked at area. In English, we have started to create our own stories called 'The Lost happy Dreams'.	Next week in Maths we will finish looking at area and move onto working with fractions. Next week in English, we will be trying to create some fronted adverbials by using verbs and adverbs.	What are the two different ways we can find the area of a shape?
Leopard	This week, we have continued to read Street Child; we have performed the scripts written last week, summarised the chapters read so far and have researched life in a workhouse. In maths, we have looked at mass, capacity and volume of cubes/ cuboids with a variety of practical activities.	Next week, we will be writing diary extracts as though we are Rosie (Street Child) and exploring the new characters we are introduced to. In maths, we are recapping equivalent fractions and looking at mixed and improper fractions.	How do we find the volume of a cube/ cuboid? What is a cubed number?
Orang-utan	This week we have been using our text of The London Eye Mystery to support our reading skills; including making predictions. We have also been looking at using dashes and hyphens. In maths we have been finding averages from sets of data and using our handling data skills to interpret data.	We will be using our narrative writing skills in order to create sections / chapters from texts. We will also be looking at different types of sentences and clauses. In maths we will be developing our skills with fractions, decimals and percentages.	Why do we put food in the fridge or freezer?