



Our Tree of Values

Outdoor Learning week and PTFA Climbing Wall event

Next week is our annual Outdoor Learning week, so many aspects of school life will be outside, including assemblies and lessons. Year 5 are taking this one step further and will be camping outside in their 2-day residential trip to Bushcraft at Penshurst Place—we look forward to hearing about their adventures in next week’s newsletter.

Our PTFA Sponsored Climbing event is next Thursday. As you’ll already know, we are hoping to raise funds to equip our new school hall with an integrated audio-visual system (projector, lighting, speakers, microphones) to make our assemblies, nativities and productions even more fabulous. I think we would all love to be able to hear children’s voices more clearly during these events, so the microphone system would be a huge asset.

Children have brought home a letter and sponsor form for the climbing wall event (also available on our website) and we ask that sponsor forms are returned by Monday. Families are welcome to come and support our climbers—the timetable is attached to this newsletter so that you know when your children will be climbing. Last time we held this event it was a great success, as shown by these photos from 2015. We would very much welcome your support to make this year’s event just as successful.

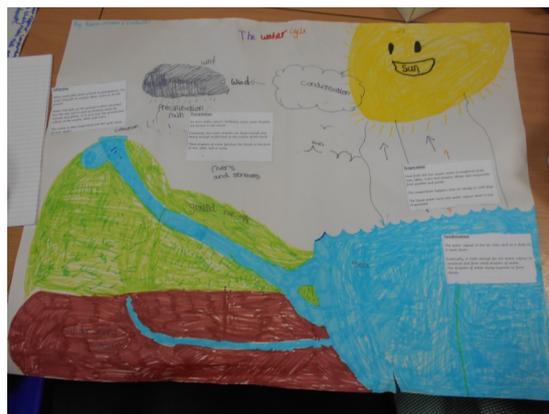


Enjoy your weekend and let’s hope for some lovely weather for next week!
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Koala class—our favourite learning

Whilst we could fill this entire newsletter with how much we have loved our forest school sessions over the past few weeks, we have also been really proud of our learning in other areas. At the start of the week, we completed our own newspaper articles. You can find some of these displayed outside of our classrooms. Please come and have a read of our articles to find out all about the sudden disappearance of ‘truffula trees’.

We have also been learning all about the water cycle and worked together to create some amazing posters to show how the water cycle works. We really enjoyed turning these into a script for the weather channel.



Diary Dates

Mon 21 - Tues 22 May
 Year 5 Bushcraft visit

Fri 25 May
 End of Term 5

Mon 4 June
 INSET day

Tues 5 June
 Start of Term 6

Sat 9 June
 PTFA Fete 1-3pm

Thurs 14 June
 Y2 visit to Trosley Country Park

Mon 18 - Fri 22 June
 Y6 Residential Visit

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

Superstar Corner

Congratulations

Harrison (Y4)
 End of year football trophy presentation

Charlie(Y6)
 Man of the match - football

Lucas(Y6)
 Korfball medal



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
91.3%	97.3%	98.0%	99.3%	98.0%	100.0%	98.7%

Congratulations to Leopard class on their 100% attendance this week. Whole school attendance is currently 97.6%

Learning update

	What have we been learning this week?	What will we be learning next week?	Ask your child
Dolphin	Take a peek in our learning journals!	Next week we will be learning about postmen. We will be reading 'The Jolly Postman' before writing letters and diaries using the story as inspiration. In maths we will be studying numbers, and practising how to write number sentences!	What is recycling? What is a magnet? What is melting? How can we make something melt quickly?
Seahorse	What a week Seahorse class have had! We have written some incredible news reports explaining all about our missing marbles. The news reports are absolutely incredible and we are hoping it will encourage the giant to return our marbles! We have also had an incredible week of continuing to learn about 2 digit and even 3 digit numbers. We have loved using our 100 square and diennes to find one more, one less, 10 more and 10 less than given numbers.	Next week, we will be continuing to deliver the news, as well as learning about the suffixes ed and ing and singulars and plurals. In maths we will be learning all about multiplication and division. We will be practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as visually representing our groups and lots of using arrays. Many of our lessons will be conducted outside to celebrate Outdoor Learning Week.	What has happened to our marbles? How do we write a fantastic news report? What is 10 more or 10 less than 36?
Penguin	More fantastic writing this week! This time we were writing a diary entry as if we were Katie Morag and describing one of her many adventures. Our Maths work included practising calculations and reading numbers from scales. We finished the week with our very own (mini) celebrations for the Royal wedding.	We will be working on our SATs tests next week. Please remember there is nothing to worry about—it's just a chance to show off how much we have learned so far! We will also be having some fun with Outdoor Learning Week, looking for opportunities to take our learning into our amazing outdoor environment.	What do you know about the Royal wedding?
Lion	This week we have revisited subtraction and I have been blown away! We have subtracted and exchanged from the hundreds to the tens to the ones column! In English we have started to plan a letter from the monkeys. We are trying to be rescued from The Twits! In Science we have made skeletons using pasta and have also had a wedding party and have divided our food into food groups.	Next week is our outdoor learning week, we will be learning as much as possible using our amazing outdoor area. We will problem solve using our place value knowledge. We will also multiply using the short method. In English we will write letters in hope to be released! In Topic we will finish our maps and fly around the world looking at different attractions!	Will I exchange? Why? 632 - 317 _____
Koala	This week in English we have been looking at the features of diary writing. We created a mind map of events from our recent trip to The Living Lands and have been using this to write our own diary entries. In maths, we have been learning all about different time conversions.	Next week in English we are gong to be finishing and publishing our diary entries. In maths, we will be writing time in 12 and 24 hour clock format. We will also be enjoying some outdoor maths during outdoor learning week.	How does the water cycle work?
Leopard	This week, we have split into groups of three and written performance poetry for chapters 1-10 of our class text. We have focused on adverbs, rhyme, repetition and onomatopoeia. In maths, we have looked at the correlation between fractions, decimals and percentages.	Next week, we will be enjoying outdoor learning week at Bushcraft (Monday and Tuesday). When we return, we will recount our trip and create movie trailers about it, we will share our tales with our buddies.	What makes a mammal special? What makes a platypus different?
Orang-utan	This week Orang-utan class have worked exceptionally well during their SATs tests, the children have been cool, calm and collected throughout. We are really proud of their positive attitudes and the support which they have shown each other. They all deserve a huge pat on the back!	In English we will be looking at how to write a set of instructions which include clear shifts in formality. In maths we will be working on investigative and open ended problem solving.	What do you know about Carol King?