

DIARY DATES

Mon 13 - Thurs 16 May
KS2 SATs week

Mon 20 May
Outdoor learning week

Wed 22 May
Seahorse assembly 9.05

Fri 24 May
End of term 5

Mon 3 June
Term 6 starts

Mon 3 June—Fri 7 June
Year 6 Bawdsey Manor

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

Year 5 trip to Bushcraft

Our Leopard class children have been enjoying an adventure in the woods on their residential trip to Penshurst Place for Bushcraft. This has included shelter building, cooking their own lunch on the fires they built, playing lots of woodland games, sleeping in tents and even making teacher traps. We look forward to welcoming them back this afternoon (they might be a little muddy!) and hearing all about their trip in their own words next week.

Netball and Football matches at Wateringbury

Congratulations to our netball and football teams for their teamwork and positivity in matches on Tuesday. A special mention must go to our netballers - even though this was their first match, they used all their skills from Netball club this year to perform strongly and win 11-7. Well done!

Car park gates

Just a reminder - our vehicle gates into the car park will now be closed at peak times (8.40-9.00 and 3.00-3.20) each day. At these times, please use the new pedestrian gate to access the school office. Also, for dog-walkers at home time - please walk from the car park to the main pedestrian gate to collect your child, rather than meeting them in the car park. We are aiming to reduce the movement of vehicles and children in the car park area to keep our children safe - thank you for your support.

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

THE SUPER STAR CORNER

Congratulations

James (Y2)

Archery award

Xavier (Y4)

Bronze award for clarinet

Vigo rugby club most improved player

Hannah (Y4)

Silver award for clarinet

James (YR)

Learn to swim award level 1

Lara (YR)

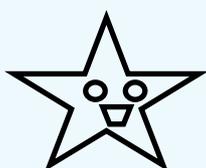
Tell the time maths award

Loris, Jude R, Teal, Oliver, Frankie, Connor, Louie (Y4)

West Kent U9 cup winners

Stephen, Oliver (Y1)

West Kent U7 cup winners



Extended Schools Club assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor

We are seeking new members of staff to work in Breakfast Club (7.30-8.45) and/or After School Club (3.00-6.00), Mondays - Wednesdays only and at Lunchtime on Mondays and Wednesdays (12.00-1.15). Full details of these roles are at www.kent-teach.com.

Our Favourite Learning by Lion Class

This week we are super-proud of the myths we have written—our very best writing yet. We listened to a Chinese myth called Kuang-Li and the Dragon and used this as a base for planning and writing our own Quest Myths. Here is a selection of some of our wonderful writing:



Scarlett: 'Long, long ago in Ancient China there lived a confident girl called Scarlett. Though the village was troubled...'

Charlotte: 'In the volcano lived a beast. It was so creepy and dangerous no-one ever spoke of it.'

Lola: 'One day the head man decided that the beast should be killed forever.'

Taylor: 'Taylor was chosen, he was petrified. He wanted to turn back but he pushed himself forwards.'

Lillia: 'But something strange happened. A mysterious man appeared, he had a grey fluffy beard and a black see-through cloak.'

Jack: 'He said "Here you go my child," handing over a magical sword and cloak.' At last Jack reached the top of the volcano.'

Ewan: 'Then out of the boiling lava, a mythical beast began to appear.'

Dougie: "Quick as a flash, the bow fired three arrows at once. Pluff, pluff, pluff went the arrows and the GuineaFish was dead."

Adam: "Skipping with delight they returned to the village ... as time passed no-one ever mentioned the terrible deeds of the beast again."

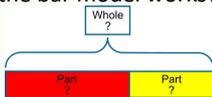


Our School Attendance

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
90.0%	95.0%	100.0%	99.1%	97.1%	95.8%	96.3%

Congratulations to Penguin class on their 100% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently 97.1%.

Our Learning

	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 writing stories about our own dinosaurs. We will focus on our spellings of tricky words. We will be looking at doubling, halving and sharing using lots of practical activities. We will also be hoping for some sunshine so that we can create dinosaur shadows.	If something is bigger, is it always heavier?
Seahorse	This week we really enjoyed our final Forest School session—we have enjoyed exploring and learning outside. In English we have been trying to extend our sentences and making a wanted poster for Jack. In Maths we have been discussing the properties of 2D shapes. In topic we learned about the people in castles—including the gong farmer!!! In Science we have been continuing to learn about plants.	In Maths we are going to be learning about 3D shapes. In English we will be continuing to develop our story writing linked to Jack and the Beanstalk. In History we will be learning all about knights! We will also be preparing our class assembly which we can't wait for you to come and enjoy on May 22nd.	What different jobs did people do in castles?
Penguin	In Maths this week we have revisited place value and partitioning tens and ones in different ways. We have also read scales in divisions of 2s, 5s and 10s. In English we have planned and started to write our own Katie Morag story, these are going to be amazing! In Science we learnt about what conditions seeds need to grow and have planted our own crazy cress heads!	In English we will continue to write our Katie Morag stories, we will then edit and improve them. We will then write letters to Katie Morag. In Maths we will develop our reasoning skills and become detectives! In Topic we will compare our area to the Isle of Struay.	Partition 67 using 3 different ways.
Lion	This week we have been working incredibly hard on writing our own myths involving strange, deadly creatures and magical objects which help us on our quest! We have also done some superb problem solving using addition and subtraction with missing number pyramids. We have also learned various classroom commands in French!	We will be continuing with our multiplication and division work and using our understanding of different calculations to solve problems. We will be moving onto some information writing linked with our animals topic in English. We are looking forward to sharing our myths with you on Wednesday!	Can you explain how the bar model works? 
Koala	This week we have been working really hard on finishing our diary entries, from the point of view of a character from "The Iron Man." In Maths we have been learning to convert different units of time and started to explore digital and 24-hour clocks.	We will be looking at non-chronological writing and identifying the different features of them, before going onto writing our own. In maths we will be moving onto statistics and learning how to produce and interpret different types of graphs.	What are the features of a recount piece of writing?
Leopard	Before heading off to Bushcraft, we have developed our persuasive writing skills whilst discussing the best place for Michael (Kensuke's Kingdom) to build a shelter in order to survive. In maths we worked out how to find fractions of amounts and the links between 'of' and 'x'. Then ... we headed off to Bushcraft...	In English we will be continuing with our theme of survival and using this to create our own narratives. In maths we will be making links between fractions, decimals and percentages; as well as developing our calculation skills with decimals.	What are your top ten tips for a terrific trip? What are your top moments from Bushcraft?
Orang-utan	This week we have been working hard on our SATs revision in preparation for next week's test week. We have revised our core mathematics skills alongside consolidating some of our Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation knowledge. We have also been continuing our Topic work on British Landmarks.	Next week is SATs week. From Monday to Thursday mornings we will be demonstrating our positive attitudes and showing off what fantastic learners we have been across Key Stage 2. We will also be working on our Topic leaflets advertising our chosen British Landmark.	What key skills do you need to remember for each SATs paper?