

DIARY DATES

Mon 9 Sept
Meet the Teacher

Thurs 12 Sept
PESE Tests

Mon 16 Sept
Extra-Curricular clubs
start

Tues 24 Sept
Open Morning and
parent workshops

Mon 30 Sept
Children's photos

Wed 2 Oct
Harvest Festival at
Ryarsh church 9.30

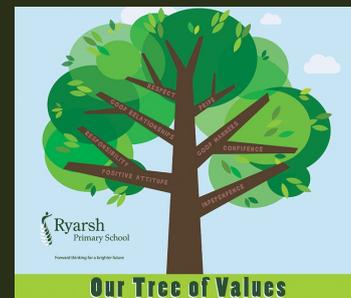
Wed 9 Oct
Orang-utan class
assembly 9.05

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Ryarsh Primary School

Forward thinking for a brighter future



RYARSH NEWSLETTER

6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our children and parents back after the summer break, and to extend a special welcome to all of our new Dolphin Class parents and children, who have made a wonderful start in their very first days at school. I know they have certainly enjoyed using our brand new outdoor learning area, which looks incredible. Our other new starters in our Ryarsh Community are Miss Foxell (our new Lion Class Teacher) and Mrs Hamblin (who will be working with Leopard Class on Fridays). I am sure that everyone will make them feel very welcome and part of the Ryarsh family!

It was lovely to see so many of the children looking extremely smart in their uniform, ready for the new year. During our first assembly on Monday, we thought about what our first days at school felt like. I even showed a picture of my first day at school! We also spoke about creating the recipe for a new year (some of the children even made breakfast for their teachers!) and the children came up with ideas such as taking pride, being kind to everyone and always giving your best. Be sure to ask your children what might go into their recipe for a great start to the year.

Throughout the week, I have been so impressed with the children's learning behaviours. Every time I have visited a lesson or have been outside during break times, I have observed all of our school values in abundance. I'm certain that these behaviours will lay the foundations for a wonderful year ahead.

The start of the year is also a good time to remind everyone how important home-school partnerships are for children's learning. Our first steps in creating this year's new partnerships are our Meet the Teacher sessions, which are on Monday after school. We look forward to seeing many of you in school for these meetings. If you cannot attend, information will be sent home with your child. We look forward to working with you throughout the new year.

Finally, I have to say an enormous than you to Ria, Anya and Jack from Orang-utan class. They have designed the look for a new school newsletter this year and I think they have done a tremendous job. You can certainly tell they were very keen to use the school colours where they possibly could!

Enjoy your weekend. Daniel Childs daniel.childs@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

THE SUPER STAR CORNER

Congratulations

Ronnie (Y1)

Puffin Swimming Award

Stephen (Y2)

Football Trophy

Abigail (Y1)

Reading Challenge Medal



Our Favourite Learning

Rather than ask one class to share their favourite learning with you, I have been asking the children what they have enjoyed about being back at school. Here are some of my favourite quotes:

Alice: "It has been really fun. Our teacher makes our lessons great!"

Eleanor: "It has been nice to get to know new teachers. Our new teacher is really kind!"

Amelia: "It's been intriguing to find out about our new learning!"

Year 6: "Banana! Banana! Meatball! (You will have to ask them!)"

Jude and Loris: "It's been the best first week back ever!"

Our School Attendance

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
96.6%	100.0%	99.6%	100.0%	96.7%	94.8%	96.7%

Congratulations to Seahorse and Lion class on their 100% attendance this week.

Our Learning

	What have we been learning this week?	What will we be learning next week?	Ask your child
Dolphin	This week, we have been settling into our new classroom. We have learned lots of rules about the classroom and outside area and have been following these well. We have made our own superheroes and talked about what makes us super. We looked at superhero friends and what makes a kind friend.	Next week, we will start our first full days at Ryarsh—very exciting! We will begin phonics and focus on environmental sounds. We will also practise counting and see how many letters we have in our names. We will read 'The Dot' and create our own masterpieces!	What is your favourite thing about your new school?
Seahorse	We have had a lovely first week with Super Seahorses. We have been writing about ourselves and practising our phonics. In Maths we have been getting used to writing numbers in our new Maths books and counting to bigger numbers. We looked at the seasons in Science, focussing on summer.	In Maths we will be continuing to practise counting and ordering numbers, thinking about which ones are bigger or smaller. In English we are going to be looking at the book 'Funnybones' and thinking about the characters. In Science we will be learning about the Human Body and we will be starting our topic on toys.	What has been your favourite part of being in Seahorse class so far?
Penguin	This week the children have really settled in well. We have really had a lovely week. We have been using a clip to write a short story about magical bubbles! We focused on writing in full sentences and also neat handwriting! In Maths we have worked on place value. In Science we learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly.	In English we will start our new book 'Daisy Eat your Peas!' We will be thinking and understanding a character's point of view. In Maths we will partition 2 digit numbers and understand the value of each number. In Topic we will be using Handa's Surprise and tasting lots of different fruit!	What is the life cycle of a butterfly?
Lion	We have been settling into Year 3 and the children have been very welcoming to their new teacher! In English, we have been writing a postcard on all the exciting things we have been up to. We have started our new topic of the Stone Age and have drawn some amazing cave paintings!	Next week, we will be starting our swimming lessons on Wednesdays and recorder on Mondays. If possible, we would be extremely grateful for any biscuit donations that we can have after our swimming lesson.	What are time adverbials? Can you give an example?
Koala	This week the children have made an amazing start to Koala Class and I am super proud of them all! In English we have been learning the different ways to use apostrophes correctly. In maths we have been investigating Roman numerals and how they used letters instead of numbers.	In English we will continue to read "Escape from Pompeii" and look at writing descriptions using well chosen words. In Maths we will be exploring place value and rounding before comparing different numbers.	How are apostrophes used?
Leopard	This week the children have settled so very well into Leopard Class, we have had a lovely 4 days! In English we have been learning about Greek monsters—in particular the Minotaur and used this as a focus for our writing. In maths we have worked on place value, big numbers and rounding.	In English we will continue to work on Greek mythical creatures—including Medusa, and making comparisons of these. In maths we will be developing our skills in subtraction and addition (including the use of a decimal point and understanding more about the value of numbers).	What is the order of the planets from the sun? How can we remember these?
Orang-utan	Year Six have settled in to their new role as the eldest children in the school very well this week, demonstrated a fantastic attitude both in the classroom and around the wider school community. They have set a great standard of work and shown some brilliant learning skills.	In English we will be continuing to look at the short film 'The Piano', creating commentaries in role as the lead character. In maths we will be continuing our arithmetic focus, looking at the four operations, as well as beginning our topic work on the First World War.	When did World War I begin and end?