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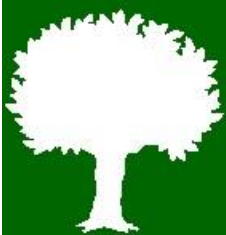
A round up of the week

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IN OTHER NEWS....

A warm welcome to our new Nursery children and families! The children have settled quickly and they are enjoying getting to know their classroom and outdoor learning environment.



Headteacher's Update

Dear families,

Welcome back to everyone and a very Happy New Year to all! I hope you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the break. The children have come back to school eager and engaged and ready to learn and it is lovely to see them all!

Just to update you all on the progress of The Reading Hut - before we can commission it for use, we need to install a path up to the entrance so please do bear with us!

Thank you for the supportive and positive feedback we've had regarding our Ofsted report. It really was a whole-community effort and it was great to finally share it with everyone!

The current cold snap isn't forecast to continue into next week, however we know how unpredictable the great British weather is, so please do continue to encourage your children to wear hats / gloves / scarves etc as appropriate.

Just a reminder- children should be in school by **8.45am at the latest**. This is when the register is taken. The gates lock at **8.50 prompt** to give parents and carers time to exit the building. Any arrivals after this time **MUST** go through the front office. If children are late, they miss the start of the learning and this does not set them up well for the day.

Do keep an eye on upcoming dates this term. There are trips, year group assemblies and Parent / Carer workshops coming up so don't miss out!

For families with younger children and those of you with friends with younger children – the deadline for applying for a Reception place has just past and we will have a few spaces in our 2024/2025 Reception intake. Please do encourage people to come and have a look round. Similarly, if you have friends who are looking for a Nursery place, our bright, nurturing and engaging nursery has a few spaces available at this time. Wraparound provision is available so children can be with us from 8.45am - 3.15pm. Please do spread the word!

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Laura Brooks

Reading Hut in situ



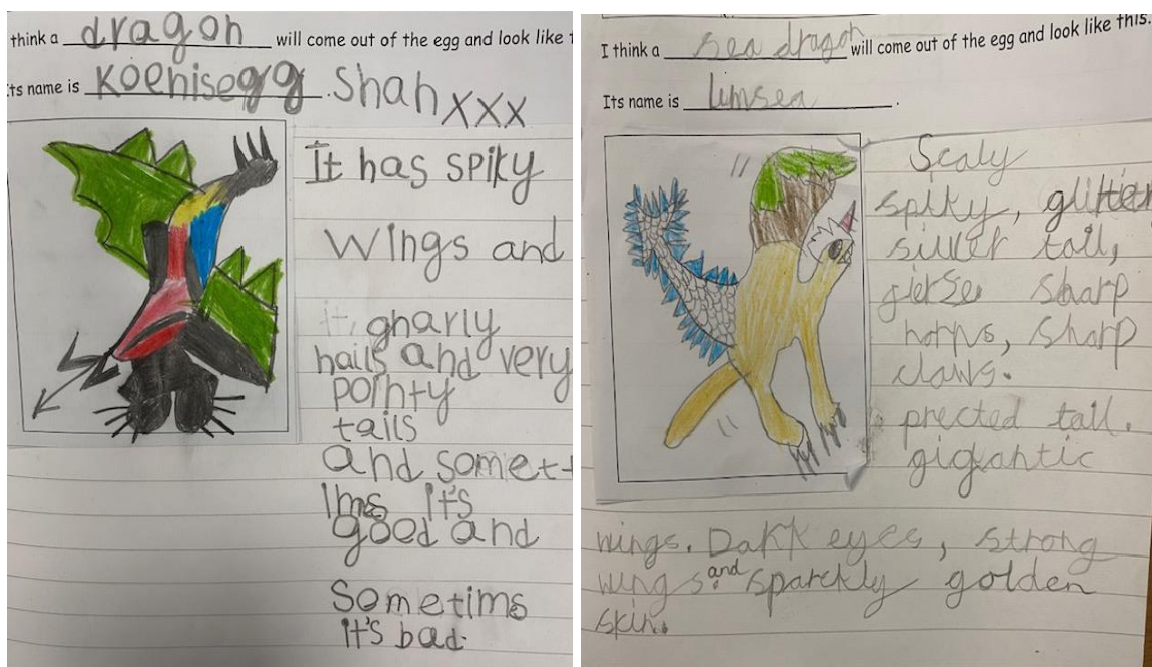
We can't wait to get in and get reading!

Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Year 1 and 2

Year One had a fabulous tea party to start our Bright Lights, Big City project. We have been learning all about London's landmarks and what it is like to live near London. In English, we have been learning the book 'The Queen's Hat' and discovering where the Queen's hat had gone. To help us find the Queen's hat we made missing hat posters.

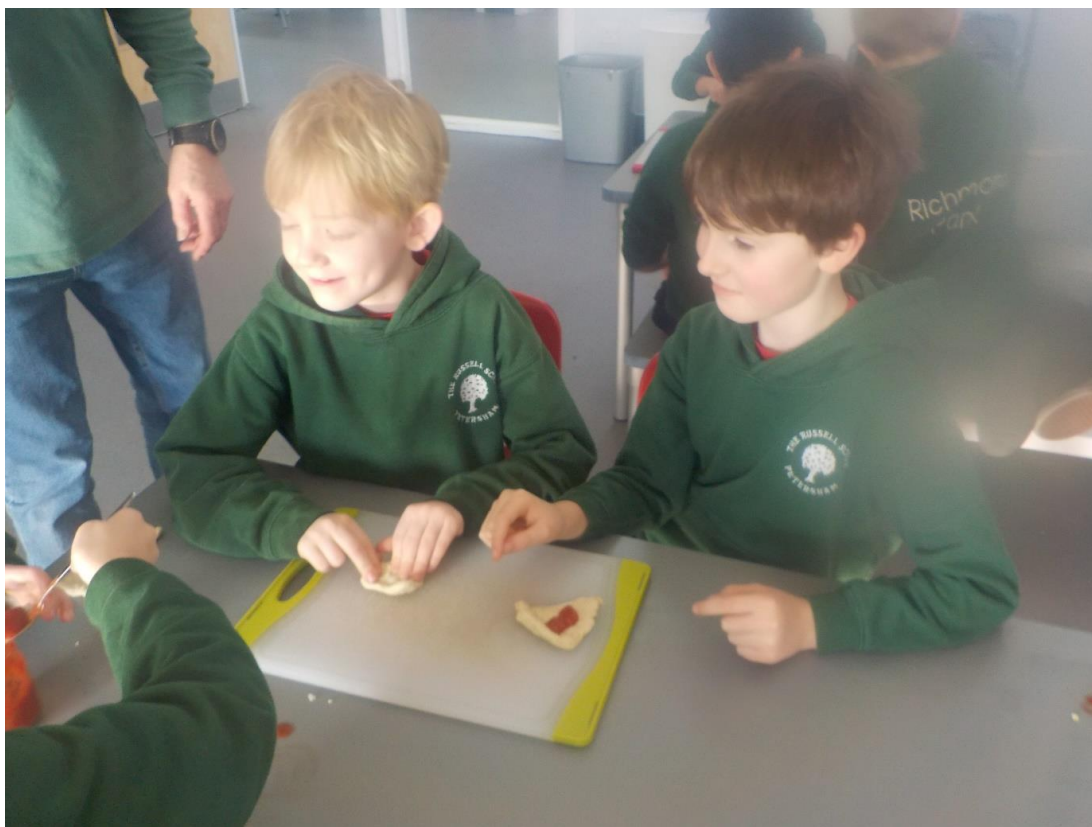
Bolt Class have been very enthusiastic about our new learning project about castles. We are enjoying exploring what different parts of the castle were for, especially the dungeons! In English we are being inspired by a rather large and unusual egg that appeared in our room, along with the story 'The Egg' about a boy who finds a dragon egg. We are learning to write a descriptive paragraph using great adjectives.



Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Year 3 and 4

WOW! What an exciting start to the New Year we have had in year 3! We kicked off our new topic of *Tremors* by writing some amazing volcano poetry and learning about earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions. We also took a trip to Italy, trying different foods, learning a little of the language and making pizzas as we prepare ourselves to be expert travel agents, persuading people to visit the wonderful country.



Jenner class has been very busy in preparation for our year four assembly next week. We have been making props, researching further information to support our assembly as well as practising our performance. The children were given freedom to explore our 1066 topic further in their big question this week as this will support them in their assembly. We are also excited for our trip on Monday next week, as this themed trip will help in getting the children into character for our class assembly!

Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Year 5 and Year 6....

Year 5 have had fun guessing our baby photos and have spent time creating our own art work inspired by Salvador Dali. We are looking forward to the upcoming Titanic Tea in a couple of weeks and finding out about the events surrounding the sinking of the unsinkable.

Year 6 have had a very weather-appropriate start to the term, inspired by Ernest Shackleton. They used their collaborative skills to work together during their explorers' day and they even created some eye-catching ice-art!



Community News.....

New Beyond Fussy Eating programme available on SEND Local Offer

Refusing known and new foods is a normal stage of a child's development, often starting between 18 and 30 months of age and with most children growing out of it by 5 years-old.

But for some children, feeding becomes a persistent and serious problem which, if ignored, can lead to serious weight loss and nutritional deficiencies. These problems can include eating a very restrictive diet made up of a small number of foods, only eating foods which are a certain colour – for example 'beige foods' like cheese and pasta, chicken nuggets, chips and white bread – or food with a certain texture, or eating very small volumes of foods. It can also involve becoming highly anxious when asked to try new foods, and showing disgust or fear when presented with new foods.

Research shows that children on the autistic spectrum and those with developmental disabilities are much more likely to experience these problems. But help is at hand! There are tried and tested methods which can help children start to make steps in the right direction and these are presented in a new Beyond Fussy Eating programme, designed for parents and carers dealing with children who are extremely selective eaters and/or who may have little interest in food and eating. The programme will also help health, education and care staff who work with these children.

Beyond Fussy Eating consists of five modules covering: exploring feeding difficulties; mealtime strategies; learning about new foods; planning for changes; and a parent's perspective (video). It was developed by children's speech and language therapists at Your Healthcare CIC, whose expertise covers speech, language, communication and swallowing problems.

Take a look at the new programme using these links:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/parenting-courses/beyond-fussy-eating>





NOTICEBOARD

22.1.24	Year 4 Thames Young Mariners Day Trip
26.1.24	Year 4 class assembly
29.1.24	SEND Panathlon – timing TBC
29.1.24	Year 6 Young Voices – O2
1.2.24	Year 2 Windsor Castle trip
5.2.24	Children’s mental health week
6.2.24	Safer Internet Day
6.2.24	Swimming Gala
9.2.24	Year 3 class assembly
9.2.24	Last day of half term
19.2.24	Return to school

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.

Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.

Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!

A message to Russell School Parents from Strathmore School:

Please see the following opportunity of a job at Strathmore School.

We are looking for a part time Admin/Receptionist at our Russell Campus – 5 mornings a week.

If you are interested in applying, please register your interest and application via the following portal on our Auriga Academy Trust website:

<https://candidates.every.education/portal/aurigatrust/>