



# Newsletter

16th October 2020



## Message from Mrs Kouni

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week! I have visited every class and I am pleased to say children are working very hard! Year 2 have been working with great enthusiasm on their phonics and so have EYFS and Year 1. Keep it up and a big well done! I have seen children learning to predict, visualise and learning some exciting new vocabulary in their Read Aloud, Think Aloud lessons in KS2. Please encourage your child to find exciting new vocabulary and encourage them to learn new words every day.

In preparation for any sudden Government announcements, your child has been given a login and a password to access remote learning. Please check your child has brought it home and pop it in a safe place. Do get in touch with your child's teacher if you can't find it.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the online survey. After half term we will share the outcomes of the survey and outline how both schools will address any points that have been raised. If you haven't completed the survey, we would be very grateful for your feedback as parental views are key to securing even better outcomes for your child.

The Office team have also sent out a survey with regard to remote learning. If you could spend a couple of minutes responding to the questions, this will support us in providing immediate remote learning should a lockdown be imposed in our area.

Finally, it has been a challenge during the pandemic to meet and talk to parents and for your wonderful children to showcase their work. I am looking forward to seeing all of the children performing their Harvest Festival poem next week! Keep a look out on your child's school website for their performances.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Kouni

## Harvest Festival

This year we are collecting tins and dry food for our Harvest Festival collection. We are donating all food to the Thetford Salvation Army team, who will be helping families in our community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the collection so far. If you would like to donate an item please bring it into school before Friday 23rd October. If everyone donates 1 item we will almost reach 500 food items for the families of Thetford.

To help the children celebrate our kindness value this Harvest, we are hosting a special dress up event on Thursday 22nd October. Children and staff can come to school in 'autumnal colours' instead of their uniform. Children can wear red, orange, brown, burgundy or gold clothes. There is no charge for this day but food items for our Salvation Army collection will be gratefully received.

The children will be celebrating Harvest by performing a poem that will be shared with parents through the academy's websites on Friday 23rd October. Please ensure you have returned your child's photo permission slip to enable them to be in this video.

Class videos can be watched at:

Raleigh Infant Academy <https://www.raleighinfant.co.uk/>

Admirals Academy <https://www.admiralsacademy.co.uk/>

## Year 1 Curriculum

In Year 1 this term we have been learning about the Pre-Historic era. We have been learning why the Woolly Mammoth had a big fur coat and how to make a stone age cave painting. We have also looked at artefacts through the ages.

Our first class reading book is the 'Snail and the Whale', by Julia Donaldson. The children have been learning how to use inference and knowledge of the world around us to understand new vocabulary and gain a strong understanding of what information the author is giving them. We have particularly enjoyed visualising from the text and creating pictures from what we have read.

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month and to mark this, we have been learning about some famous black people from history in our class assemblies. These have been linked to our new school values. So far, we have learned about Benjamin Zephaniah, who recited a poem about his mum, and demonstrated the great TRUST he has in her. We also learned about the story of Mary Seacole and the fact she earned a great deal of RESPECT from the soldiers she cared for in the Crimean War, despite initially being turned down for a role as a nurse due to her ethnicity. Next, we looked at the life of West Ham footballer Cyril Best, who played at the top level in England when there were very few black professional footballers. He was taunted by some fans, but used his skills to earn RESPECT, silencing his critics with goals.

All of these people have shown RESILIENCE in their lives, and have become very successful as a result.

### Parents' Evening

Due to the current COVID restrictions and the risk assessments that are in place, unfortunately parents' evening will be unable to take place as it usually would via a face-to-face consultation with your child's class teacher. We will, however, be offering telephone calls on an assigned date. Preferred times can be selected through the usual online booking system. Further details of the code required for this will be sent to you shortly.

### Message from Mrs Hall (SENDco)

Parents' evenings are taking place on the first week of Autumn 2, via phone calls. As SENDCo, I would like to offer parents of SEND children the opportunity to talk with me and discuss your child. I will be available on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 9am-3pm and from 4pm- 6pm. Further details on how to book will be sent to you in due course.

### Nursery Places

Raleigh Infant Academy has places for Nursery this term and next. If you have a child who has turned 3 years old before 31st August 2020, please call the Raleigh office on 01842 762810 or email at office@ral.eastern-mat.co.uk to register your interest.

Please give the following details: child's name, date of birth and parent's contact details. We will be in contact with you as soon as possible to register your child.

Please also let us know if you would like to have a visit to the Nursery. Following the COVID safety measures, this will be at a time when the Nursery is empty.

### Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School 2021 Application

If your child is transferring to secondary school in September 2021, you are requested to complete the online application process no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Applications can be made by going online to [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) or by phoning 0344 800 8020 and asking for a paper copy of the application form to be sent to you.

### Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Raleigh Infant Academy: 94.52

Admirals Academy: 96.53

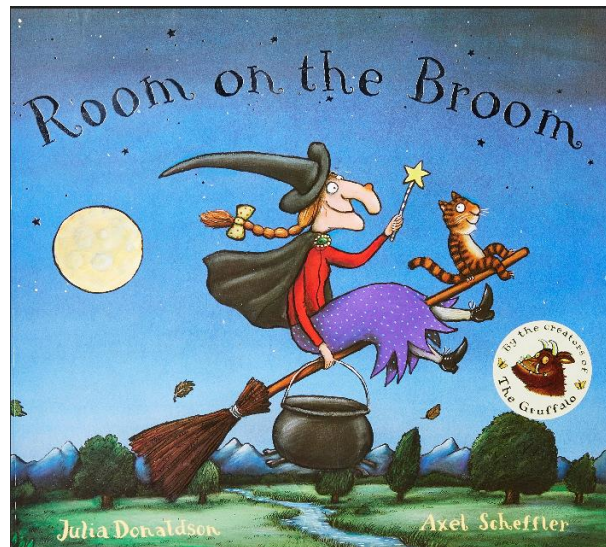
A polite Reminder:

As we follow the EMAT calendar and not the Norfolk one, the school remains open until the end of the day on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Half Term dates are from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### Books to Enjoy

Mrs Hall's favourite book is "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson. Mrs Hall loves the rhyming sentences and thinks she looks like the witch with long red hair in a plait 😊

What is your favorite book?



## Homework – Raleigh Infant Academy

Homework will go out every Friday and is due the following Thursday.

### Reading:

- Children read 15 minutes a day for at least 3 days a week.
- Please remember to sign your child's reading record.
- Reading books will go home each Monday.

### Phonics:

Children should read through the phonics flash cards in the middle of their reading record book at least 3 times a week.

### Comprehension:

Year 2 children will be given a reading comprehension to complete every two weeks. Children will need to read a piece of text and answer a selection of questions.

### Spelling:

- Children will be given 10 spellings a week to practice at home.
- Spellings will go home on a piece of paper, children will glue them into their own spelling books
- Spellings tests to take place on Friday.

### Maths:

- Year 1 – Weekly multiplication facts of 2s, 5s, 10s.
- Year 2 - Weekly multiplication and division facts of 2s, 5s and 10s.

### EYFS:

- Children read for 15 mins, 3 times a week either to or with an adult.
- Tapestry challenge activity sent home weekly – covering a range of curriculum areas over each half term.

### Enrichment Project:

· A reading led project focused on a current area of the curriculum will be sent home at the start of each half term. Children will be provided with photocopies of the reading materials needed. The task can be worked on for the duration of the topic and will be due in during the last week of term.

### **Homework – Admirals Academy**

Homework will go out every Friday and is due the following Thursday.

#### Reading:

- Children read 15 minutes a day for at least 3 days a week.
- Please sign your child's reading record.
- Reading books will go home each Monday.

#### Comprehension:

- Year 6 children will be given a reading comprehension to complete every two weeks. Children will need to read a piece of text and answer a selection of questions.

#### Spelling:

- Children will be given 12 spellings a week to practice at home.
- Spellings will go home on a piece of paper, children will glue them into their Home Academy Link books.
- Spellings tests will take place on Friday.

#### Maths:

- Year 3 - Weekly multiplication and division facts of 3s, 4s and 8s.
- Year 4 – Weekly multiplication and division facts of 6s, 7s and 9s.
- Year 5 and 6 – rapid recall of all of the above.

#### Enrichment Project:

A reading led project focused on a current area of the curriculum will be sent home at the start of each half term. Children will be provided with photocopies of the reading materials needed. The task can be worked on for the duration of the topic and will be due in during the last week of term.



### Celebration Assembly Nominations

Well done to the children below who have all been nominated by their class teacher for outstanding work within the class. Each of these children received a mention within the online celebration assembly and were given a certificate to take home with them.

Reception- Joshua – Following classroom rules and persevering

Reception- Finley- Working hard in Phonics

Year 1- Ania- Has challenged herself well in Maths and her writing, as well as having clear explanations

Year 1- Zane- Getting on with all of his work and trying his best in every lesson

Year 2- Jensen- Really concentrating and trying his best with reading and writing this week

Year 2- Leah- Brilliant effort in all her learning

Year 2- Abigail- Excellent writing

Year 3- Ella-May- For trying her best in all subjects

Year 3- Zac- Amazing Maths work and perseverance

Year 3- Demi - Excellent effort with all her learning

Year 4/5- Charlie – Having a good attitude in learning and being trustworthy

Year 4/5 -Ruby – Resilience in learning

Year 4/5 -Joshua- Amazing attitude on his return to school

Year 4/5 -Ronnie- Brilliant contributions in English and Maths

Year 4/5- Aiden- Resilience in learning

Year 6 -Abigail- Excellent work in History

Year 6- Pijus - Excellent work in Science



