

NEWSLETTER 30TH APRIL 2021

RALEIGH INFANT & ADMIRALS ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have continued to work hard and produce some fantastic work this week! The Vikings landed at Raleigh and year 2 had an amazing afternoon. Please take a look on the website at the wonderful learning experiences on offer this half term. There are inevitably gaps following lockdown in the children's experiences and the staff and children are working hard to catch up. Reading in school, and nationally is a focus following lockdown. The children have been developing their comprehension skills as well as expanding their vocabulary in their reading lessons each day. Please see the website if you would like to know a little more about our approach to reading.

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday and I hope the weather stays fine. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 4th May.

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Attendance

Well done to Turing and Anning classes who both achieved a magnificent 100% attendance last week.

The overall attendance for Raleigh was 97.35% whilst Admirals achieved 97.53%.

- Hoy 81.58%
- Potter 97.33%
- Donaldson 98.99%
- Turing 100%
- Beethoven 97.6%
- Peacock 98.7%
- Anning 100%
- Tull 96.36%

- Darling 98.39%
- Fleming 94.78%
- Mandela 99.23%
- Bader 99.2%
- Franklin 95.17%
- Hawking 98.15%
- Schindler 98.52%
- St Edmunds 99.31%
- Cavell 96.54%
- Nightingale 96%

Reception

In our Literacy lessons this half term, we are learning about the story 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins. The children have been learning to use positional language to direct Rosie around the farm. We have looked at the vocabulary 'over, across, around, through, under, past' and completed our own obstacle courses to direct each other using the vocabulary.

Year 1

We have been reading the story of 'Stan and the Dragons' from the book Stories of Dragons by Christopher Rawson.

We have been developing our retrieval skills, by having a good understanding of new vocabulary and being able to summarise the text. To help us with our retrieval skills we have used collaborative learning games including 'hand up, stand up, pair' This is a great way to talk with our partners and explain how we have retrieved the answer.

Year 2

In Read Aloud, Think Aloud, year 2 have been reading 'The Owl that is afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

This week our key skill is inference, this is where the children look for clues in the text and draw on their own knowledge and experiences to answer questions.

To support this reading skill when reading at home with your child, ask them- What they think will happen next? Why they think that? and what clues are in the text?

Year 3

In Year 3, we have been focusing on developing our retrieval and inference skills. We have been using 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' written by C.S. Lewis. Throughout these units in reading we have been discussing other books the author has written and the genre of the book. This has helped the children to discuss different genres of books, what they enjoy reading and what books they would recommend to other people.

Year 4/5

In Read Aloud Think Aloud this week, Year 4 and 5 have been continuing to focus on their class text, 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman. Their reading skill this week is prediction and the children have been making predictions based on the text. The text is taken from the book, 'Clockwork'. They have been using other reading skills such as summarising, inference and retrieval to understand the text and to make sensible predictions based on what they have read.

YEAR 6

The skill we are focusing on this week is inference. We will explore the thoughts and feelings of a main character and use the text to support our responses. This week's text is a newspaper report on families being evacuated from their homes for safety reasons. This will help us understand the emotions felt by characters.

*Thank you for helping us to keep children safe at both Raleigh and Admirals Academy.
Please continue to wear face masks when on site either dropping off or collecting children and remember to continue to social distance.
Can we also remind you not to use mobile phones in the playgrounds.*

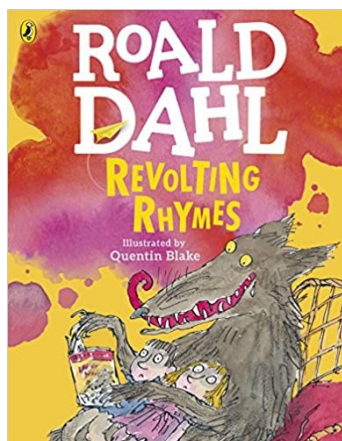
Monday is a bank holiday so Raleigh and Admirals Academy will be closed. Have a lovely long weekend and we will see you again on Tuesday 4th May.



Dogs

Please can we remind you that dogs, except guide dogs, are not allowed onto the academy grounds at any time.

You will be asked to leave the grounds if you have a dog with you. Thank you.



Mrs Ellis' Favourite Book

Mrs Ellis's favourite book is the Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl.

I love this book as it makes me laugh, it is full of rhyming couplets describing some of my favourite fairy tale characters. My favourite character is red Riding Hood as she is fierce, good with money and very independent.



CELEBRATIONS



Reception - Donaldson Class - Sophia - for always showing kindness to others and being supportive to her friends.

Reception - Potter Class - Mollie- for always showing kindness by helping her friends.

Year 1 - Beethoven Class - Bella - she is calm and kind to all her friends in class.

Year 1 - Turing Class - Willow - she is a kind friend and looks out for other in the class, helping them when she can.

Year 2 - Peacock Class - Saule for showing kindness and support towards another member of the class.

Year 2 - Tull Class - Vejas is a very kind person and is always showing kindness to all adults and children.

Year 2 - Anning Class - Annabelle for showing great kindness to children and staff. She has a very caring and protective nature and consistently follows our kindness value.

Year 3 - Darling Class - Ella for always helping other children and including children in her games on the playground.

Year 3 - Fleming Class - Bella for always using kind words to other children and including everyone in games she is playing on the playground.

Year 3 - Mandela Class - Demi because she is always willing to help the teacher and others.

Year 4/5 - Bader Class - Rosie is kind in class, she is helpful and eager to learn and participate.

Year 4/5 - St Edmunds Class - Aiden for brilliant contributions in class discussions. He is showing more and more confidence everyday.

Year 4/5 - Franklin Class - Sky for aspiring to achieve all her work at a high standard.

Year 4/5 - Schindler Class - Lacie for always showing kindness to her class mates.

Year 4/5 - Hawking Class - Brennan for being welcoming and kind towards the newest member of our class. You have been a good friend and first-class classmate.

Year 6 - Nightingale Class – Dominic for being kind enough to take the time to offer solutions involving writing.

Year 6 - Cavell Class – Thomas for excellent work across all subjects.