



92 Redbrook Church of England Primary
School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

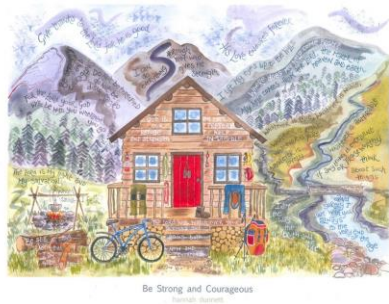
It is wonderful to see the updates from our class teachers below, sharing photos and information about our curriculum this term. I have the very privileged position of being able to see many of these things first hand and share the successes of them with the children as they happen. There is nothing more uplifting than going into a classroom to have a child rush up to me to share their learning or to have a child sent with their book to show me something that they and their teacher are proud of. At the start of the term, you should have received via Tapestry or Seesaw your child's class curriculum plan. This plan will take the children through to Easter. If you haven't and would like to see what we have in store next half term, please go to our website [Wye Forest Federation - Home](#) and find your child's class page.

Our value this term has been courage and we have thought about what this looks like for different people and different situations. In our Bible worships we have looked at how Christians turn to God when they need to be courageous and I have asked the children to consider who they turn to find strength and courage when they are finding things tricky. We all recognise that life is seldom a straight path and not everything will be easy, but with courage and the right people to turn to, we are able to navigate even the most difficult of challenges at home, in school and in the world beyond.

As we head into our half term break, I hope you all have the opportunity to take a pause and spend some time together doing something you all love. I look forward to seeing everyone back after half term.

With love

Natalie Frey



Robin Class



Robins have had a fantastic start to 2024, the children have shown such enthusiasm for their learning and we have covered so much in just 5 weeks! We have enjoyed welcoming new children into our class, taking us up to 17 children.

In English, the children loved writing to Sunny the Meerkat, linked to our key text of Meerkat Mail. They used exclamations and questions in their writing; used subordination to give further detail and wrote in the first person using 'I'. We are now reading all about The Great Fire of London, linking in with our History topic, which the children have LOVED getting stuck into! They have been so engaged,

wanting to find out more about Samuel Pepys Diary and how people lived after the fire. I'm sure they will have so many facts to share in their writing, after half term!

Reception have been reading Mr Gumpy's Outing and The Train Ride this half term, as well as learning all about Chinese New Year this week. They have enjoyed beginning to write sentences, using the phonics sounds they have learnt. They have engaged in a variety of activities, both adult led and child initiated. They have made vehicles using iPad boxes, a picnic for Mr Gumpy and Dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year, to name a few!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Art topic of printmaking, using a variety of mediums including leaves, bark, shells and Duplo to create prints and different patterns. In Science, Year 1 have been learning all about our 5 senses, including using their taste to identify which foods taste salty, bitter, sour, sweet or savoury! Year 2 have been finding out all about animals and their habitats, life cycles and matching adults to their offspring.

Robins love being outside and PE lessons are firm favourites of the week! The children have begun to take part in invasion games, using dodgeballs and bean bags. Their balance and co-ordination is coming along wonderfully, as well as their ability to work together as a team.

Robins will enjoy a well earned Marble jar treat this Thursday, as part of their collective treat for working so hard this half term. I continue to be very proud of them all.

I hope you all have a lovely half term!

Miss Marfell











Kingfisher Class



What a whirlwind of a half term! It's been short, yet sweet, and the Kingfishers have managed to cram in a significant amount of learning.

In English we have continued with a narrative focus this half term, applying what we learnt last half term, as well as adding in a few new features. The children have really engaged with our focus text 'The Iron Man', which has helped inspire some fantastic mystery writing. Their success criteria (for within their writing) included; using short, snappy sentences to move the story along quickly and create suspense, use of senses to connect with the reader and describing physical reactions from the characters. They have loved letting their imaginations loose!

History got us feeling a little bit dramatic and we do have some very talented actors and actresses. The Vikings has been a popular topic but we've talked specifically about fact and fiction – there are a lot of myths surrounding the Vikings that aren't actually true. Using this, we've developed our understanding about whether all sources of information are reliable and found that primary sources tend to be more reliable than secondary ones.

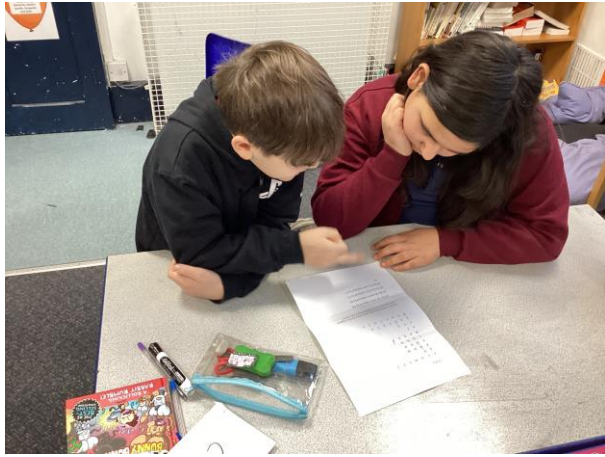
This half term we have combined music and dance, culminating in a wonderful dance festival lead by 'Dance Queens' at Parkend. The children had a great day! '

The homework projects continue to be a great success. Thank you for your continued engagement. This is a useful way to continue, extend and expand your children's learning through what we are doing/ have done at school. It is particularly important for the Year 6's in preparation for secondary school!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. A few reminders for next half term; World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. It will be part of a 'Book Week' from Monday 4th – Friday 8th March. Parent evenings are also that week; Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th March. There will also be an Easter Service on Friday 22nd March @ 2.30pm (the last day before the Easter break).

Miss Chambers











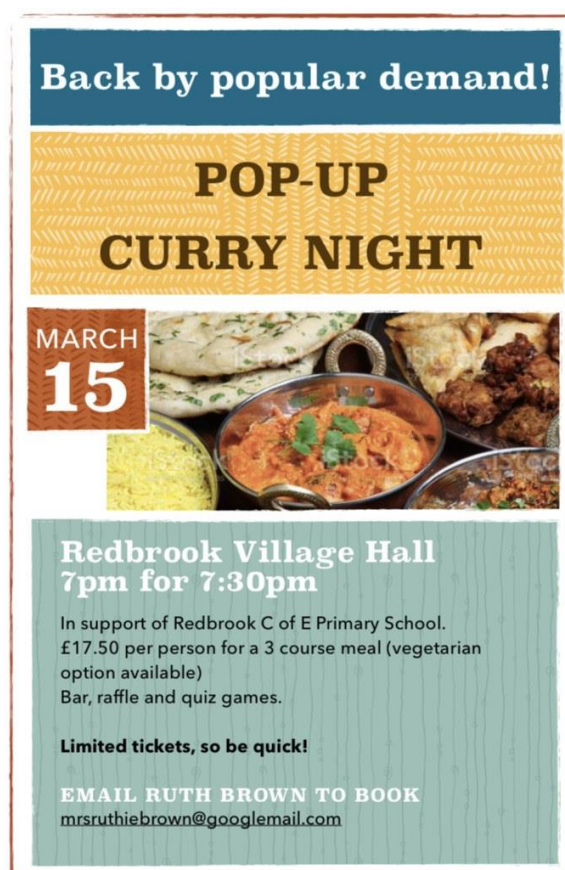
Curry Night!

Friends of Redbrook School (FORS) are holding a pop-up curry night on Friday 15 March to raise funds for FORS. The event has previously been hugely popular and raised significant funds for the school. It's always a great night with a delicious three course menu, a bar, a raffle and quiz games.

Tickets need to be booked in advance by emailing Ruth Brown - mrsruthiebrown@googlemail.com

We'd also be hugely grateful if anyone is able to donate a bottle of wine for the raffle. If you can please drop it off to the school office before the 15th March.

Thank you. FORS x



Back by popular demand!

**POP-UP
CURRY NIGHT**

**MARCH
15**

Redbrook Village Hall
7pm for 7:30pm

In support of Redbrook C of E Primary School.
£17.50 per person for a 3 course meal (vegetarian option available)
Bar, raffle and quiz games.

Limited tickets, so be quick!

EMAIL RUTH BROWN TO BOOK
mrsruthiebrown@googlemail.com

Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

HALF TERM - Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Monday 19 February

Tuesday 5 March - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm - More info to follow

Thursday 7 March - Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm - More info to follow

Thursday 7 March - World Book Day - More info to follow

Friday 15 March - Kingfisher trip tbc

Friday 22 March - Easter Service - More info to follow

EASTER HOLIDAY - Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Monday April 8th

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications.

Term Dates 2023-2024

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