



Monday 20th February

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates

21/02/23

Welcome back to school!

27/02/23

Year 6 Mock Sats Week

03/03/23

World Book Day THING DAY!

07/03/23

Cedar Class Fantastic Finish

10/03/23

GB Athlete

15/03/23

Year Five Fantastic Finish

National Storytelling Week 30th Jan - 6th Feb 2023



At Roebuck Academy we celebrated National Storytelling week. We started off our learning by asking the children to come dressed in their pyjamas, relating to the theme of bedtime stories. I think we can all agree; how wonderful it was to come in to school in pyjamas and dressing gowns! Throughout the week, the children took part in D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read). The children loved this as it is a way for them to chose any book they wanted to read and get lost in the magical world of the text they were reading!

To enhance this week further, in association with Usborne Books, we took part in a Ready, Steady Read event. This is a sponsored event whereby children participate in as much reading as possible. This is a great opportunity for the children to raise money to buy brand new books for the school. We are so excited to see the grand total of how much we raised! Every single penny raised will be spent on Books, Books and MORE Books!

The children attended an assembly, hosted by Ally Bennett, who is our Usborne partner. This assembly really showed the impact of reading and how magical it is when you can lose yourself in a book. Additionally, we also showed children a range of books focusing on the theme of diversity. We know how important it is that EVERY child and individual is represented in the literature that we read.

Reading is a priority at our school so please see below for some of our favourite stories focusing on our theme of National Storytelling week: **Diversity:**





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It is really important that each child reaches our school attendance target of 96%. Please make sure your child is in school and on time everyday!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week

94%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Sycamore
98.1%



Cherry
98%



Pear
97.6%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Sycamore Class who had 98.1% attendance!

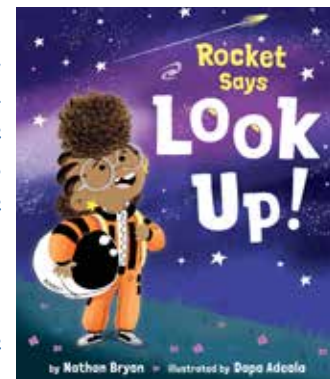


EYFS:

No matter how hard she tries, Triangle doesn't roll like the circles, or stack like the squares...so she sets off to find friends that look exactly like her. But when she finds the other triangles, playtime isn't as fun. She misses the shapes that roll and stack; she misses being different. So she starts a new quest, one that gets all of the different shapes playing and having fun together!

KS1:

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket – she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!



But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars? Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.

LKS2:

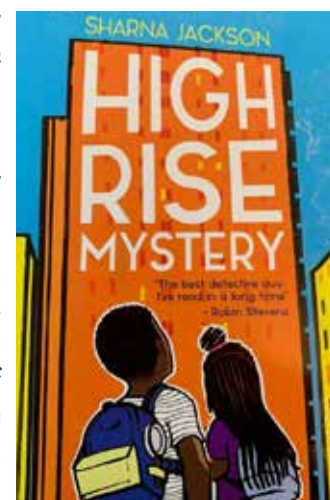
Step into a Once Upon a Time where anything is possible... Radiya Hafiza's enchanting and funny debut weaves together three stories, spinning the classic fairytale to show that anyone can be a hero.

'Rumaysa, Rumaysa, let down your hijab!'

For as long as she can remember Rumaysa has been locked away in her tower, forced to spin straw into gold for the evil Witch, unable to leave. Until one day, after dropping a hijab out of her small tower-window, Rumaysa realizes how she might be able to escape... This is a great read of LKS2 children which is a spin off of Rapunzel.

UKS2:

High Rise Mystery is an important book with cultural references and language that will resonate well with those that see themselves reflected in its pages. The chapters of this book are punctuated with case notes to keep track of the investigation, whilst the interaction of the characters gives a real sense of what it is like to live in this urban community. This is a real page turner and it always keeps you guessing! At Roebuck, we are readers!





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Safer Internet day Tuesday 7th February 2023

On Tuesday 7th February, RA took part in Safer Internet Day. To introduce this to the children, Miss Williams hosted an assembly to discuss the purpose of the internet and what devices we use to access this. We spoke about the positives of using the internet (e.g., playing games and doing homework). We also spoke about the dangers and risks that the internet holds. In the afternoon, each year group was given a certain rule from the SMART rules used in school. Each child then created a jigsaw piece to represent this aspect of E-Safety. Children chose to have advice on here or even just a picture detailing the dangers if the rule is not followed.

In Year 5 and 6, we also discussed the dangers and risks of social media. Whilst we recognise there are benefits, it is extremely important to know age restrictions of these apps and risks. Please see below for the age restrictions of apps (some may surprise you!)



Excitingly, new leadership roles were opened up in the form of Digital Leaders. Digital Leaders will be 2 children from each class (Y1-6) and will be the chosen experts surrounding Computing and Technology. These children will:

- Fetch and set up laptops, tablets and devices – ensuring they are charged.
- Review apps and software and make recommendations about what we should use.
- Contribute and run assemblies for Staff, Pupils and Parents.
- Raise the profile of Computing within the school.
- Decide on the main aims to achieve over the year.

We are so excited to have our own Roebuck Digital Leader team! Watch this space! At Roebuck, we are SAFE!



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Acorn & Chestnut

In Nursery, 'Little City' arrived! The children had the opportunity to explore their own Little City! The children could be police officers, fire-fighters, mechanics, builders, hairdressers, shop keepers and much more. They were able to dress up, explore the mini-bikes and cars and get into role as people who help us. At Roebuck Academy we are Anything we Choose to be!



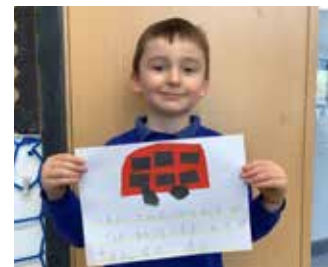
Oak & Willow

In Reception, children have been exploring London through the text, 'All aboard the London Bus!' Each day the children have role-played boarding a London bus, including having their ticket punched by the conductor and travelling to a different part of London. The children have enjoyed exploring Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, The Underground, London Bridge and finally The Tower of London to see the crown jewels. As part of our learning the children have created their own London Bus and have written independent sentences about travelling on a London Bus, remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! Well done, Reception. At Roebuck Academy we are Writers!



Elm & Maple.

We have created alien puppets by designing, making templates and using different joining methods. We decided that our success criteria would be to make it strong, the correct size, safe for children and to make it look like an alien.



We have also discussed how to be safe using computers and devices as part of E-Safety Day.



We are preparing for our scrap book day and have looked at a number of wonderful texts - we have identified favourites!



We have also started to create skeleton pictures ready for our new topic after half term.

In Maths we are exploring addition and subtraction facts in numbers up to 20 and have started to learn about regrouping. At Roebuck Academy we are Amazing!

Birch & Pine

Year 2 have been working hard in Maths on their 2,3, 5 and 10 times tables. They've been using a variety of methods to answer multiplication questions including skip counting, dotty paper and using arrays to recognise that multiplication is commutative. They've really enjoyed trying to beat the number of questions they can answer on Hit the Button on the top marks website!



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Cherry & Pear

In PSHE Year 3 have been working on their communication, team work and collaboration skills. They were given the task to create a garden for someone who truly needs it. They had a strict budget to stick to and had to ensure everyone was happy with their choices! Some children then presented their gardens to the class. At Roebuck Academy, we work as a Team! Teamwork makes the dream work!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians and we ended our topic in style with a special workshop. This began with us stepping back in time to Ancient Thebes where we learnt that a boy king had taken the throne after a time of turmoil and was bringing back the old ways and restoring ma'at (order). We really enjoyed participating in the story of Tutankhamun's reign through a combination of practical making activities, drama and role-play. Our morning focussed on making and role-play. While working, we were also tasked with spreading news and asking questions to learn more about Ancient Egypt and the reign of Tutankhamen. For the afternoon, we recreated the festival of Wepet-Renpet: The Opening of the Year. We practised and then performed The Lamentations of Isis and Nephthys, The Tale of Osiris or The Dance of the Wax Crocodile. We had a wonderful day immersing ourselves in this eventful time in history.



We have also been challenged to use our History learning in Literacy and all planned and wrote our own play-scripts with links to the Ancient Egyptians. We really enjoyed writing and bringing the play-scripts to life and many of us managed to infuse them with a sense of humour which made our friends and teachers chuckle!



In Art, we have planned some fabulous Ancient Egyptian final designs and we are excited about creating our very own papyrus style paper to create these final designs on.



In French, we have been practising and mastering vocabulary for describing the family and can now add this to a conversation where we introduce ourselves and ask and tell someone about who is in our family. At Roebuck Academy we are Linguists!



Juniper & Sycamore - Out of This World!

In Year 5, we have been learning about our Solar System and we had the opportunity to visit Airbus. We had a fantastic time learning all about how they pioneer sustainable aerospace for a safe and united world and were in awe at some of their innovative triumphs, within space exploration! Additionally, we enjoyed the range of activities that we participated in whilst there.





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Furthermore, we have been persevering with our sketching skills and wow has it paid off... check out the pictures of our tigers! At Roebuck Academy, we are Scientists and Artists!

Ash & Elder

Another amazing and fun-filled few weeks in Year 6. First off, we had a comfortable day wearing our pyjamas for story-telling week. Additionally, we had an extra brain buddies session about relationships where we learnt about what positive/negative friendships may look like.

On Tuesday, we went to The Tring National History Museum, and saw loads of big and small amazing animals. We witnessed cute and scary animals (including crawly creatures), classified creatures using their latin names and stopped in at the shop to buy a little memento of our visit. In Geography, we finished our unit about all different kinds of towns, cities and counties in the UK. We had fun using maps to explore and find out more about where counties, cities and towns are located.

Last week, we completed a fun project: building teamwork, determination and belief. We made projects and presentations about how we can help save the world. As part of our Science unit, we made posters about viruses, bacteria and fungus.

Finally, we finished the half term with our Fantastic Finish where we designed and built an animal enclosure with our adults in to help us. We used lolly sticks, cardboard and wooden structures to build our enclosures and the enrichment activities that our animals would need to keep entertained. At Roebuck we are Multi-talented!

