



River Primary School

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Curriculum Topics

Term 3 is well underway, and it's been fantastic to see the children so engaged in their learning. We encourage you to take a moment to visit our school website and check out the class pages, where you can find detailed information about your child's current topic. It's a wonderful way to support their learning at home and to engage in meaningful conversations about what they've been learning about.

EYFS Starry Night and Winter Wonderland – Does everything go to sleep at night?

Year 1 Dinosaur Planet – How do we know dinosaurs existed?

Year 2 Muck, Mess and Mixtures – What is art?

Year 3 Scrumdiddlyumptious – Where does my food come from?

Year 4 Road Trip - Which city around the world should I visit and why?

Year 5 Chop and Change – What can we learn about Tudor life by looking at their portraits?

Year 6 Frozen Kingdom – How do the polar regions differ?



Meet our Guinea Pigs...

Have you heard? We have welcomed 3 new guinea pigs to our school community! These adorable little ladies are settling in nicely, but they currently don't have names yet. We need your help! We would love for the children and parents to get involved and suggest some fantastic names for our three furry friends. There's a box located in the entrance, just by the office, where you can pop in your ideas.



OPAL Parent Workshop

Would you like to find out more about OPAL Play? Our mentor, Gráinne Pickles, will be delivering a fantastic workshop in school on Tuesday, 4th February at 2.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how OPAL Play can enhance our children's learning experience through play. We encourage all parents to attend and get involved in this session. To help us prepare, please complete the form linked below to indicate your attendance:

<https://forms.office.com/e/tRY5qEE6Ju>

Thank you



A huge thank you to all the families from Year 3 and Year 5 who took part in our Reverse Advent campaign! Your generous contributions to the Dover Foodbank will have a positive impact on our local community. Together, we collected a fantastic total of 95.9kg of food items – what an incredible achievement!

NSPCC Number Day

On the 7th February, we are having a fun morning of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap or even paint a digit on your face!). However, you could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme or even as a TTRS Rockstar! Please do not feel you need to buy anything new for this day.



Children's Mental Health Week

As part of our ongoing work to support our children's mental health, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February. This year, the theme is *'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'*. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities aimed at encouraging them to embrace self-awareness and to develop and build resilience.

We will launch the week with a School Council led assembly and would like to invite the children to express their individuality by wearing their own clothes to school on Monday 3rd February. This may be something they feel demonstrates their personality or simply their favourite outfit!



Road Crossing Patrol

You will have noticed our new road crossing patrol! We're excited to welcome Julie, who started with us last week. She's undergone her training and is now ready to help keep our children safe. This has been a long time coming, but due to some delays outside of our control, she wasn't able to start any sooner. Please be sure to say hello when you see her out and about, and remember to respect her in her role.

Kent Family Hub

With Kent Family Hub, you can find advice, support and services to help throughout your family journey, from newborns to 19-year-olds, or up to 25-year olds with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Find out more information here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub>

Charity Fundraiser

Consider supporting David and Suzy (grandparents of children at River), who are setting off on an incredible 3000-mile adventure across the USA! Their journey is not just for fun; it's to raise funds for the charity 'Go Beyond', which supports disadvantaged children. Find out more or donate here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/midlife-migration>

Kind regards,

Mrs Victoria Alliston



Diary Dates

Please make sure you take note of the Staff Development days for the year and term dates.

Thurs 23rd January 2024	Year 4 Theatre Trip
Tues 28th January 2024	Year 1 Zoo Visit
Thurs 30th January 2024	Assembly and Workshops by poet, Josh Seigal.
Mon 3rd February 2024	EYFS Wildwood visit Children's Mental Health Week non - school uniform day.
Tues 4th February 2024	OPAL parent workshop @ 2.30pm
Friday 7th February 2024	NSPCC Number Day – Dress up for Digits
Mon 10th February 2024	EYFS Local Church Visit
Thurs 13th February 2024	PTFA Non School Uniform Day <i>Bring a prize to donate to the tombola</i> Mid-Year Reports to Parents
Fri 14th February 2024	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24th February 2024	First day of Term 4

Academic Dates for 2024 - 2025

Staff Development Days Monday 2 nd June 2025 Monday 21 st July 2025 Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Term Dates 2024- 2025 <u>Term 3</u> Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025 <u>Term 4</u> Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 4 th April 2025 <u>Term 5</u> Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025 <u>Term 6</u> Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 – Friday 18 th July 2025
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Reminders:

Breaktime Snacks

Snacks welcomed
in school



Paper sandwich bags or plastic pots are good for the environment and mean you can buy snacks in bulk to save money

Please leave
these at home



Water Bottles in School

Bottles must close securely and should not leak.

Only water is allowed.

No Stanley style or removeable straw style cups allowed.

