

# Rivenhall C. of E. Primary School

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Many Hearts† One School

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”  
1 Corinthians Ch 12 v 12

We have now come to the end of our first half term. What an exciting time we have had.

In classes this week:

Leopard Class have had a very busy half term. This week, Year 1 have been learning about positional language in Maths and looking at words with the sound 'ar' in phonics. They have also made a fantastic aquarium to complete their Art topic linked to oceans. EYFS children have had a fantastic week looking at the book 'Whatever next'. They have also been doing lots of activities in preparation for the teddy bears' picnic today; they have made bear biscuits, written invitations and made menus. They have also been learning the tricky words I, the, and.

Miss Day would like to thank all those who sent things in for the aquariums. Jaguar Class have thoroughly enjoyed making them. It was a perfect way for the children to complete their learning about oceans. In English, the children have been using prepositions and adjectives in instruction writing and captains logs to describe Finn's journey of remembrance to where ocean meets sky. In Maths, both year groups have been adding and subtracting one-digit amounts. In Science, the children designed their own healthy meal, allocated the food to their respective groups and then defined carbohydrate and protein.

Tiger Class have been busy this week, creating their lapbooks based on all their work about volcanoes. They have worked with a good level of independence and are really proud of their results. In Music, Tigers worked with instruments to put bass, ostinato and singing together in a class performance of "This Little Light of Mine." They had great fun. In Maths, Tigers have continued to work on place value, estimating numbers on a number line and comparing and ordering numbers. After half term they will begin addition and subtraction. The research scientists completed their investigations into the porosity of rocks and recorded their results. Tigers have also been using expanded noun phrases in English to try to describe an erupting volcano.

This week Year 6 have been busy completing practice SAT's tests in reading and maths. They have all worked very hard and completed the tests well. Alongside this, both Year groups have been researching information about different Rainforest animals, made notes and then used these notes to write some detailed non-chronological reports. We have been very impressed with the effort they have put into these reports and they have found out lots of fascinating facts. In Maths, Year 6 have practised short division and Year 5 have learned about factors, as well as square, cube and

prime numbers. In Science, the class enjoyed burning four different varieties of crisps to see how much heat was given off. They found out that the Walkers crisps gave off the most heat because they contained the most energy. Lions have also been looking at the different ways plants have adapted to live in the challenging conditions in the rainforest.

I have included photographs of the Lion and Tiger class 'Prayer Spaces'. It is wonderful to see the children taking some time out of their busy day to reflect on our school values.

Tigers



Lions



We have sent home all of the PE kits, so that they can be washed over the half term. Please can you also check that all items of your child's PE kit fits and that it has your child's name clearly in it.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please make sure that you leave a message on the school absence line that includes your child's name, class and the details of their illness. We do need to record detail rather than "unwell". Please can I also remind parents that if a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they are not able to return to school until they have stopped being sick or having diarrhoea for 48 hours. Thank you for your support with this.

After half term, please can the children bring a spare pair of old shoes or wellies in a separate bag so that they can access the field if it becomes muddy. It would be helpful if these shoes can stay in school during the half term.

After half term we will be supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, items from the British Legion will be available for children to buy at breaktimes from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Last year we managed to raise £171.15 for this very worthy cause.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Mrs Rebecca More  
Headteacher



## Your PTA Update

This week we held our Family Disco which was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who came along to support us. With your support we managed to raise an amazing £215.38!! Our October PTA Meeting was held at Rivenhall Oaks this week, minutes of this meeting will be available to view on the PTA section of our website. We are currently looking for helpers for our upcoming Christmas Fair, please contact one of the PTA if you would like to help. Thank you to all those parents and carers who ordered personalised Christmas gifts from the PTA, we will keep you updated on how much we raise from this. We hope that you all have a fun and safe half term break.

### Dates for your Diary

1st November Coffee Morning

1st December Christmas Fair, Rivenhall Village Hall

5th December Peter Pan in-house Pantomime

6th December Coffee Morning

### Key Dates

#### Oct

23<sup>rd</sup> – Half Term Commences

27<sup>th</sup> - Half Term Ends

30<sup>th</sup>- EYFS and KS 1 After School Multi Sport Club Commences

31<sup>st</sup>- KS 2 After School Multi Sport Club Commences

#### Nov

1<sup>st</sup>- PTA Coffee Morning

1<sup>st</sup>- Impresario Dance Club Commences

2<sup>nd</sup>- EP Coaching After School Football Club Commences

3<sup>rd</sup>- Flu Immunisations

15<sup>th</sup>- Parent Consultation

16<sup>th</sup>- Parent Consultation

17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Day

21<sup>st</sup>- Open Morning for Reception 2024 Intake

22<sup>nd</sup>- ProKick Event

#### Dec

1<sup>st</sup>- PTA Christmas Fair in Village Hall

5<sup>th</sup>- Peter Pan Pantomime

6<sup>th</sup>- PTA Coffee Morning

6<sup>th</sup>- EYFS Nativity in Village Church (this will be a ticket only event)

8<sup>th</sup> – Grotto Visit -Village Hall

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner

14<sup>th</sup>- PTA Roll a 10p

14<sup>th</sup>- PTA Christmas Disco

20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Autumn Term

#### Jan

4<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Spring Term

#### Feb

19<sup>th</sup> – Half Term Commences

23<sup>rd</sup> – End of Half Term

#### Successes

##### Gold Book

Leopards

Jake

Jaguars

Fred/Lydia

Tigers

Roman/Dylan

Lions

Thomas/Tommy

##### Perfect Presentation

Leopards

Holly

Tigers

Cooper

Lions

Miley



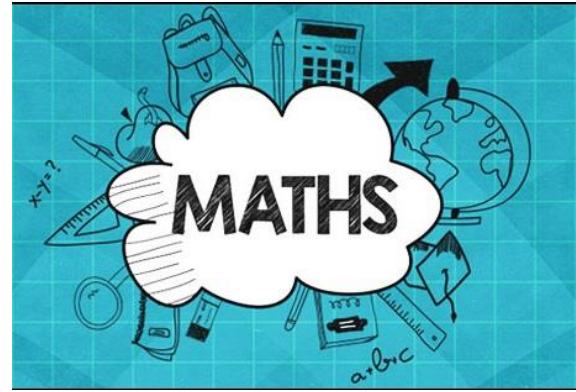
Attendance

Leopards	96.46%
Jaguars	97.88%
Tigers	94.39%
Lions	95.78%

**Jaguar Class end the term in the lead on attendance. Well done!**



Parents and Carers please note, the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibits Head Teachers granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.



Maths Problem of the Week.

Reasoning is a key part of Maths and is one of the main aims of the Maths National Curriculum. It helps us to develop a deeper understanding which we can apply to solving problems and use in different situations. This term we are focusing on helping the children to explain their reasoning clearly. Each week every class is going to have a special 'Problem of the Week'. Children will have the opportunity to try to solve this problem during the week. We are going to share some of these problems with you so you can try them for yourselves at home.

This week it is Year 5 and Year 6:

**1** Workers in a factory make toys.

- On Monday they make 2,350 toys.
- On Tuesday they make 235 more toys than they did on Monday.

By Wednesday they have to make 7,500 toys in total.

How many toys do they need to make on Wednesday to make 7,500 in total?

**2**



Carrots  
£1.80 per kg

How much does 250 g of carrots cost?

**3**



Parsnips  
£2.60 per kg

How much does 300 g of parsnips cost?



Rivenhall Rainbow Reading Challenge

**Congratulations to Todd for completing the Violet Rivenhall Reading Challenge**

**Congratulations to Lily-Rose for completing the Silver Rivenhall Reading Challenge**

**Congratulations to Florence T for completing the Gold Rivenhall Reading Challenge**