



Riverside News



Respect Resilience Responsibility Resourcefulness Reflection Reciprocity

8th April 2022

8th Edition



Well that's the Spring term done and dusted! I can't believe how quickly the time is flying!

What a busy term it has been with all our Riverside superstars working their socks off in class. I have been so impressed with their commitment to learning and the vast amounts of progress we have seen across the school during the Spring term.

We have welcomed a return to some more 'normal' events this term including assemblies back in the school halls, school dinners all being eaten in the halls, open classrooms, volunteers back in school and children beginning to mix again on our playgrounds and field.

We hope you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom and looking at their books, we will be organising another open classroom event after the May half term (see dates page).

Other important dates for your diary include: sports days, PTA Summer Disco's for all year groups, and Y6 leavers assemblies – these can all be found on our diary dates page.

As always, we are incredibly grateful at Riverside for your support and as I said in my recent letter we have worked hard in response to your survey responses to ensure we are communicating your child's learning with you. As such you will be receiving a more comprehensive curriculum map detailing your child's summer term learning, their end of year report will be with you in June and next academic year we will be moving to three times a year reporting system. This will enable you to gain an insight into their progress and attainment at the end of each school term. We are also looking forward to being able to offer face to face parents' evenings alongside our virtual offer.

If you have any queries or questions regarding your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or contact myself via the school office.

I wish you all a very happy Easter break and look forward to seeing all our superstars back in school on Monday 25th April!

Mrs Williams



Ukraine Crisis



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We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all our parents/cares for the kind donation you have given to support the Ukraine Crisis. The School Ambassadors worked hard to load all the items in the cars and they have been sent to the Ukraine Centre in Leicester. They were very grateful for the donations.





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The Bears and the Eagles have been very busy practising all of our sounds in phonics, we have moved into our new phonics groups where we have lots of opportunities to read and



write. The teachers are so impressed with the number of children who now read regularly at home, it's great to see our new phonics reading books being used so that children can practise blending. Thank you to the grown-ups who put this effort in every day it makes such a positive impact on your child's learning.

In maths we have had a number focus. We have been using the Numicon and finding out which numbers go together to make five. We have also been looking at different patterns and creating our own patterns by using different equipment in the classroom. We sat with the children individually and worked through some maths challenges together and we were super impressed with their knowledge and skills, we have some marvellous mathematicians in Foundation Stage!

We really enjoyed the warmer weather last week! It has been nice to get outside and explore the new things in our outdoor area such as the climbing frame and the book corner. When it is a warm day please could grown-ups send their children to school with a sun hat, we all want to stay sun safe in school and this will help us to do so. We hope it is warm for our trip to the farm!

As always, we have been focussing on how we can use our 6R's in school every day. We encourage the children to show [respect](#) to everything and everyone in the classroom, to take [responsibility](#) for themselves and their actions and to try hard to be [resilient](#) when solving their problems. We are so proud of them for this and we know it is being encouraged at home too!





Year One



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The children in Year 1 have been busy bees this term and have adapted to a continuous provision style of learning. We have been completing a wide range of activities over the last few weeks that have focused on areas such as History, Science, Art and DT. We have learnt all about the past and how transport has changed.

We learnt all about Florence Nightingale and even discussed real life heroes today such as Nurses, Scientists, Firemen and Police officers! We all met a real Police officer and asked him questions about his job and had a look at his uniform and equipment.

We have also been continuously using our metacognition to retrieve everything we had learnt on classifying animals and developed our understanding further by learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. As you can see, we have been working super hard to build our brains full of so much exciting knowledge and skills!

Well done Year 1 superstars!





Year Two

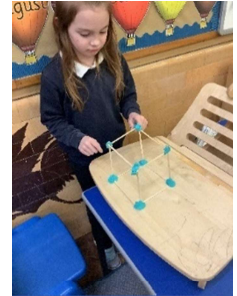


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Year 2 have had a very busy term! We have been exploring lots of new and exciting concepts and taking in lots of new knowledge.



In maths, fractions and shapes have been our focus and we have produced some fantastic work in our books and through practical activities such as using playdoh to build a variety of 3-D shapes!



We are all trying to improve our writing here in year 2, so we have been writing our own poem inspired by "There's a rang-tan in my room" and our own short story based on the book "Somebody Swallowed Stanley". We absolutely loved learning how features such as similes and adventurous vocabulary can make our writing so much more exciting! We all performed our poems to each other when they were complete.



Year 2 have also been enjoying exploring different mediums in art. They used clay to make turtles to link to our topic 'Protecting Planet Earth'

The children reflected on the clay 'dragon eyes' from our Autumn Term and learned a new skill of using clay slip and scoring to stick the pieces to the body of the turtle.



Our walk around the village was great fun. Everyone was so well behaved and we managed to spot lots of changes to Birstall over time. Have you ever noticed the years in bricks on some of the buildings? We found some!

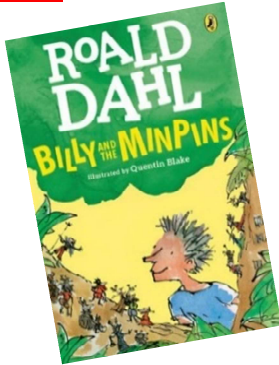




Year Three



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In English this half-term, we have been looking at a variety of different texts. We have been focusing on the Roald Dahl book, 'Billy and the Minpins'. The children have completed a lot of work based around this story and ended the unit by creating their own story using the story line that they have read.

In Maths, we have been working on fractions. Children have been developing their understanding that fractions have equal parts, the difference between unit and non-unit fractions and how to find a fraction of a number. They have also developed their knowledge of what numerators and denominators represent.

In Science, we have been investigating plants. We have been able to plant peas in the garden outside of our classroom which was a lovely activity for the children to engage in. We have looked at the different parts of plants, what their functions are and what a plant needs in order to survive.



In Music, the children have continued to develop their understanding of the Steel Pan Drums and have been learning a song from memory. The children have really been enjoying these sessions which have been delivered by a professional music teacher. The children from both classes will have the opportunity to showcase their newly learnt music skills to children from KS1 which will no doubt be an enjoyable experience for them!



Within PE, children have been developing their fine motor skills and learning the rules and skills of tennis. Children have just started 'Character Award' with Miss Burton and will be developing teamwork, resilience and perseverance skills.

Finally, in Design Technology, the children have been working on creating a patchwork quilt and learning new sewing skills. These are not quite finished yet, but we will love being able to show you our results when we have completed them.



Year Four



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Year 4 have had another amazing term, learning lots of new things across the curriculum.

In English, we spent a lot of time perfecting our instruction writing skills. This including making our very own pizzas (from scratch) and then writing a set of instructions on how others can do the same. This involved measuring ingredients, cutting and preparing toppings, following instructions carefully as well as a wealth of other skills. Each child made their own pizza to take home.



In science, we have completed our topic on forces, learning about frictions and the way different materials impact some forces. We have also studied magnets, and investigated which materials are magnetic. As part of science week, we went down to our forest school area and planted onion seeds. This involved turning the soil, preparing the area by removing branches and weeds and then planting and watering these seeds.

Year 4 have continued to do very well with computing this term, learning more about how the internet works. We have been studying Christianity, and looking specifically at key days for Christians leading up to and including Easter in R.E.

Character Award is something we are loving in Year 4, where we have continued our knowledge of first aid, as well as developed a range of character muscles. This links closely with our PSHE topic, where we have also looked at first aid, as well as other important areas like feelings and how to manage and express our emotions.

The Spring term has been a fun and successful term for Year 4 and we are equally looking forward to the Summer term.





Year Five



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Year 5 have been working like scientists and investigating craters! The aim of our experiment was to find out whether the size of a meteorite would have an impact on the size of a crater.



WE LOVED DRESSING UP AS OUR FAVOURITE CHARACTERS FOR WORLD BOOK DAY! CAN YOU RECOGNISE ANY?



In gymnastics, over the last few weeks, we have been practicing our balances and smooth transitions. We have applied some of our character muscles (co-operation, teamwork, problem solving and metacognition) to achieve our mini sequences.



WE ALSO ENJOYED OUR DAY AT THE CEDARS WHERE WE TOOK PART IN DRAMA, SCIENCE AND D.T CLASSES!



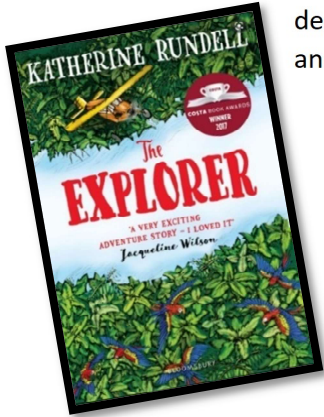


Year Six



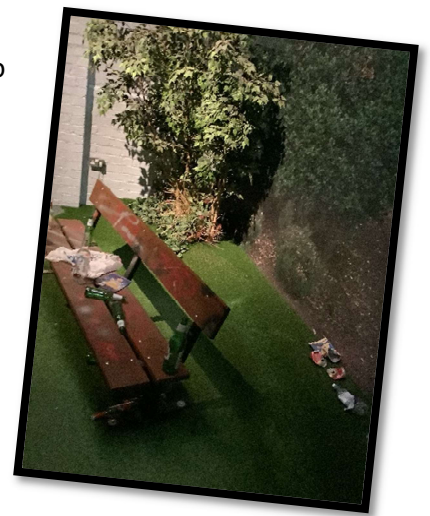
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Year 6 have had a brilliant Spring term and an amazing start to 2022! They have worked incredibly hard in all subjects, especially with their English work based on 'The Explorer' inspired by their Geography work learning about South America. They have fully emerged themselves into native South American life by researching and designing traditional South American food, which they will be cooking over the next few weeks, and by imitating art work in the style of Henry Rousseau!



Our Year 6 children have also thrown themselves into additional, educational workshops and visits such as our trip to the Warning Zone which taught them all about realistic, real-life scenarios through special-effect, interactive equipment. They also

touched on E-Safety, how to stay safe on the internet and how to manage risks. Recently, the children were also visited by Beth from Developing Dignity who ran workshops looking at how human bodies develop during puberty and answering any questions the children had with her expert knowledge. All of our Year 6's were incredibly mature during all of these educational events and made us exceptionally proud of their behaviour, engagement and attitude!



Our most up to date photos of all our fabulous Year 6's from Red Nose Day 2022



Year 5 Go into Space!



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YEAR 5 HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPLORE SPACE THIS HALF TERM AND THOROUGH ENJOYED THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THE SPACE CENTRE. WHILST AT THE SPACE CENTRE, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN LOTS OF FACTS ABOUT LIFE AND TRAVELLING IN SPACE, ENJOYED AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE PLANETARIUM AND LEARNT ALL ABOUT HOW ROCKETS ARE CREATED (WE EVEN SAW A FEW EXPLOSIONS).





Sports



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Sportability Festival

Recently, a group of children went to participate in a Sportability Festival at Wreake Valley. During the festival, children got to take part in a variety of different challenges that set to improve a range of different skills. The children enjoyed their visit and worked as a team to score lots of points. They did exceptionally well and got the highest points in Boccia. Boccia is very similar to bowls. The team go through to the finals at Loughborough University in April.



Futsal

During the Spring term, a group went to a Futsal tournament (indoor football). We had a mix of year 5 and 6 children. They showed great teamwork, resilience and perseverance. The children really enjoyed themselves and they should be proud of how well they did.



Swimming

Well done to the Swimming team who competed against other schools at the swimming festival. They took part in individual races and a team race. It was a fantastic effort from all of them. They did the school proud.



Basketball

Year 6, got a chance to put their basketball skills that they had learnt in PE into practise as they kitted up to take part in the South Charnwood Basketball Tournament. The children got a chance to compete against different schools and show off the skills that they had practised in lessons.





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Football league

Congratulations to the boys' football team for finishing top of the league. The football team have been competing against five other teams in the bid to be champions of the league. With resilience, teamwork and determination, the team secured the top spot. As a result, the team go through to the finals on Tuesday 14th June to compete for the title of Primary School league Champions. A big well done and full congratulations to all the squad members.



League 1

School	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	F	A	GD	Points
Riverside	20	12	4	4	26	6	20	48
St Pauls	20	9	3	8	21	6	15	46

Active Travel Month

This month children have been encouraged to run, walk or scoot to school as the School takes part in Active Travel Month. Actively travelling to school has many benefits for your child: it helps keep them fit and healthy, can increase concentration levels in class, helps to develop road safety skills and is fun. Reducing the number of cars around the school will also help to make the area quieter, safer and less congested. Well done to all the children who participated in this.



Y4 Power Play



The year 4 Girls' got a chance to compete against other school in a Power Play session. During the football games, the children developed their football, teamwork and determinations skills. Within the games, there were the power play moments where music would play and goals would count as double. The girls even got to meet Leicester City Football Club legend Emile Heskey. Well done, girls!



This term, a selection of year 4 boys got the chance to compete for in the Boys Power Play session at Wreake Valley. It was a great afternoon and the children enjoyed representing the school and competing as a team. Riverside took two teams to compete in the games so as many children could be involved as possible. Well done, boys.



Y6 Sports Leaders



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The Sports Leaders have continued to develop their coaching skills.



COMIC RELIEF



A big Thank you to the Sport Leaders and 6 Santiago for their help on Comic Relief day. They helped organise and marshal each year group's fun run around the school to help raise funds for Comic Relief.

Thank you to all our school community for your donations helping raise **£310** this year which will go to help many good causes.

The Sport Leaders have also been helping the younger children complete the Riverside Mile on Friday lunchtimes to increase their 'Miles in March' totals.

As the weather improves the leaders are getting ready to organise activities for younger pupils out on the field as well as helping out at Sports Day – keep up the great work!





Student Ambassadors



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ECO WARRIORS



The eco warriors of Riverside Primary School have been busy this term with lots of litter picking. They have gone out onto the playground and school field during their lunch times to try to tidy up our lovely school grounds. We were all quite shocked at the amount of litter we found around the school, and the eco warriors quickly took action to try and improve our playground and outdoor areas. They have given up their free time to try to help the environment and stop the amount of litter.

They have also been raising awareness of what we are doing. They are in the process of creating posters to put around school, to highlight key environmental issues, and what children at Riverside can do to try and help. They have also done a fantastic job of spreading the word of what they are doing as they have been litter picking. There is lots more to come from the eco warriors in the Summer term!



SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

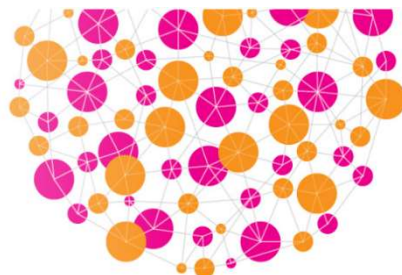


This term, our Crazy Scientists celebrated British Science Week by rolling out activities across the school focused on growth. They worked extremely hard bringing our school wildlife garden and allotment area back to life so that every class could plant their own vegetables ready to harvest before summer!

Keep your eye out for next term's newsletter where we will be able to show off our freshly grown produce!



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READING AMBASSADORS



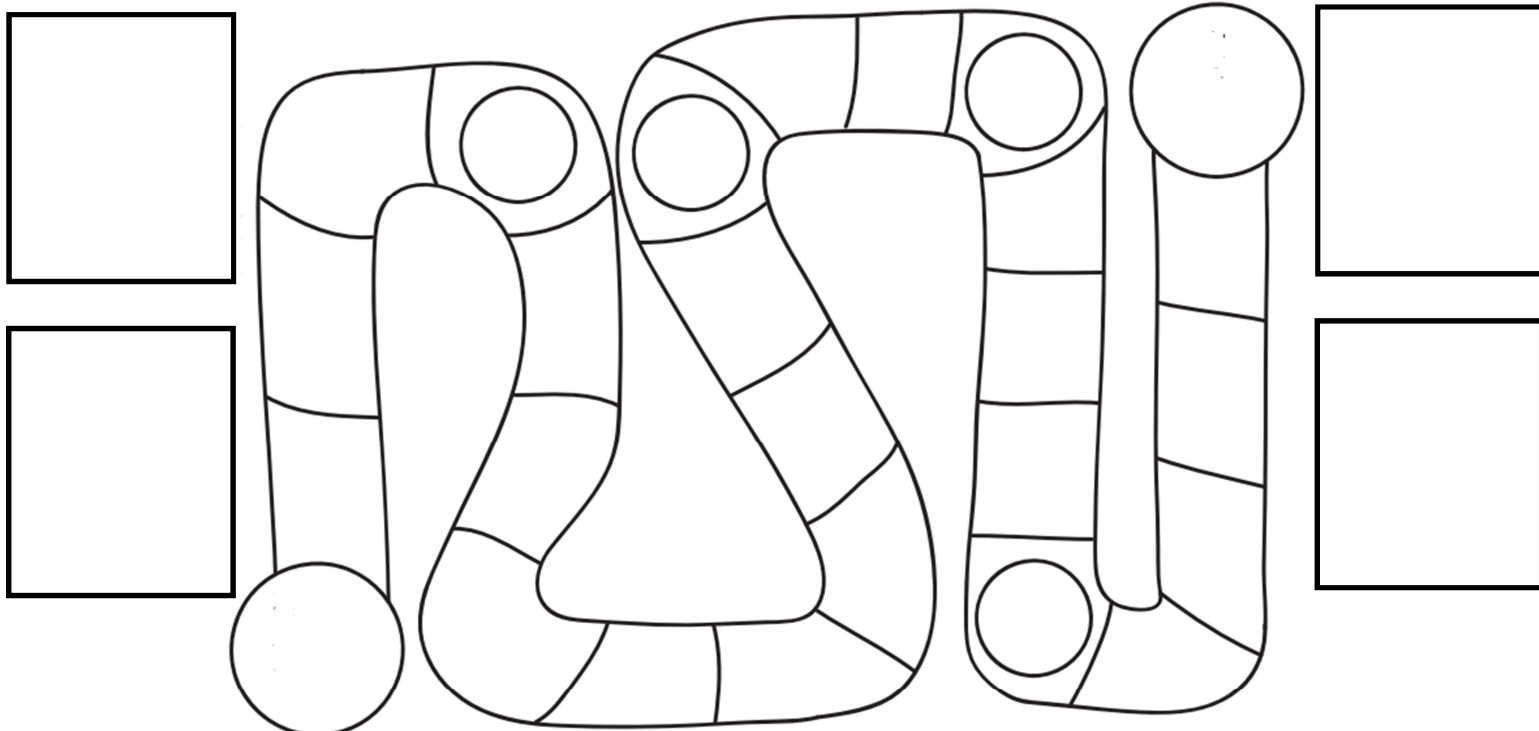
Our reading ambassadors have continued to do an amazing job promoting reading around Riverside. They can be spotted at lunch times reading to our younger pupils and making sure that our reading areas are tidy with books beautifully displayed. This term we have been lucky enough to purchase lots of new books that reflect the diversity of the society we live in and the reading ambassadors have helped to organise and display these for all children to access.



MATHS AMBASSADORS CHALLENGE

We have an Easter holiday challenge for you... Use the board game template below to create your own game. You'll need to decide which is the start and the end, you might want to number the spaces, there could be a colour code to determine what happens when you land in each space or even a theme for your game. The rectangles could be used as an additional twist or challenge card you might want to add when landing on the unusual spaces?

Bring your finished board game design along to lunchtime maths club in Mrs Greenaway's classroom on Tuesday next term and we'll laminate it for you so you can play with your friends. Have a great Easter everyone!





Diary Dates



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TERM DATES 2021/2022	
SUMMER TERM	
Term begins	Monday 25 April 2022
May Day	Monday 2 May 2022
Term ends	Friday 27 May 2022
Half term	Monday 30 May 2022 – Friday 3 June 2022
Term begins	Monday 6 June 2022
Term ends	Wednesday 13 July 2022

TERM DATES for 2022/2023	
AUTUMN TERM 2022	
Term begins	Wednesday 31 st August
Term ends	Friday 14 th October
Autumn Half Term	Monday 17 th October to Friday 21 st October
Term begins	Monday 24 th October
Term ends	Friday 16 th December

SPORTS DAY

EYFS Tuesday 28th June 1.30-2.30pm
Y1/Y2 Thursday 30th June 1.30-2.30pm
Y3/4 Thursday 30th June 9.30-11am
Y5/6 Tuesday 28th June 9.30-11am

PTA SUMMER DISCOS

EYFS/Y1 - Monday 4th July 3-4pm
Y2 - Monday 4th July 4:15-5:15pm
Y3/Y4 - Wednesday 6th July 5-6pm
Y5 - Monday 11th July 5-6pm
Y6 - Tuesday 12th July 5-6pm

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class photos day Thursday 9th June 2022

Wear purple for JIA day Friday 17th June

Y6 transition day Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July

EYFS to Y5 transition days Friday 1st July

Riverside Summer Fayre Saturday 2nd July