



RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 Week 5
Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting term it has been so far! There has been lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school and it has been wonderful to see the children engaged, enthusiastic and developing their skills in so many different ways. Here are just some of the highlights from this week:

Year 6 have been busy writing playscripts based on Shackleton's Journey. They have been developing their understanding of character and dialogue while bringing this incredible story to life.

Year 5 have been writing biographies about the inspirational mathematician and NASA scientist Katherine Johnson. They have been researching her life and achievements and using this information to create informative and engaging biographies.

Year 4 have been developing their persuasive writing skills by writing letters inspired by their book, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. They have been thinking carefully about how to present convincing arguments and persuade their readers.

Year 3 have been creating some amazing setting descriptions. They have been using ambitious vocabulary and descriptive techniques to help their readers imagine and experience the settings they have created.

Year 2 have been taking inspiration from the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, creating imaginative faces using everyday objects. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and imagination shine through their artwork.

Year 1 have been developing their science skills through a senses experiment. They have been exploring their senses by smelling different items and tasting a variety of things. There were certainly some interesting reactions and some fantastic pictures were captured along the way!

In Reception, the children have been embracing the season by making delicious autumn biscuits. What a lovely way to combine creativity, practical skills and a little bit of baking!

In Nursery, our focus has been on being kind. The children have been thinking about how their hands can be used to do kind things and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference to others.

OPAL

It was also lovely to welcome our Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers into school this afternoon to join us for an OPAL session. It was fantastic to see families getting involved, exploring and playing alongside the children. We have OPAL sessions planned for all year groups throughout the year, and we are really looking forward to welcoming more of you into school to experience OPAL with your children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a real pleasure to see the children learning, growing in confidence and enjoying their time at school. We are very proud of all they are achieving.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Robson
Headteacher

REMINDERS...

PE Shorts

Please can we remind everyone that PE shorts should be a sensible length for school and not too short.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6.10 Hockey Mini Youth Games
- 8.10 Year 1 Arctic Workshop
- 9.10 Harvest Festival (school only)
- 9.10 Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
- 12.10-14.10 Year 6 Residential
- 15.10 Last day of Term
- 16.10 Staff Development Day (school closed to children)
- 2.11 Start of Term 2 (children back to school)

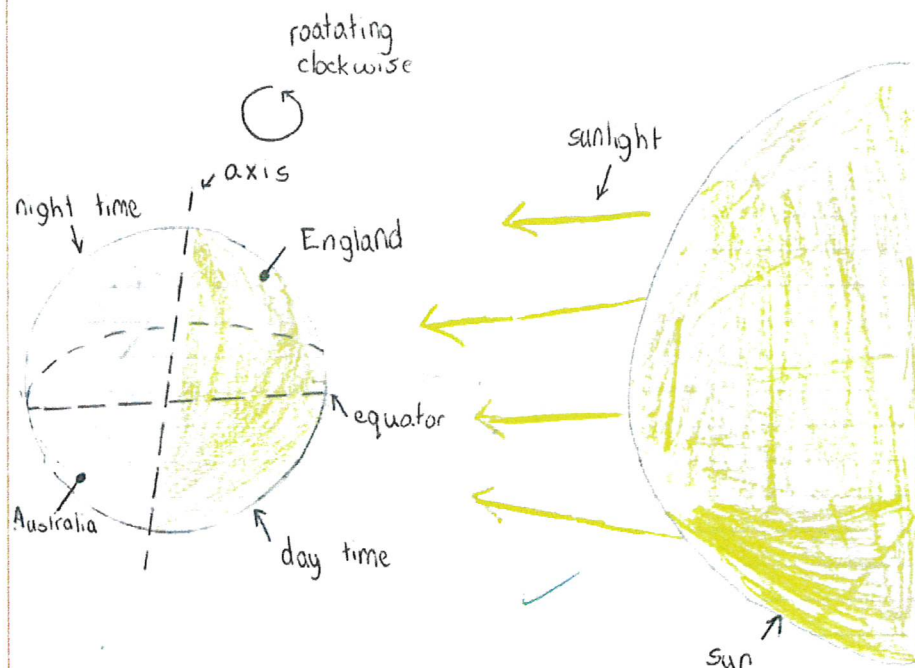
This week we are celebrating...

Matilda - Kestrels

Tuesday 29th September

WALT: Describe the rotation of the Earth on its axis.

WALT: Record data using scientific diagrams and labels.



The Earth rotates on its axis causing us to have day and night. One side of the Earth will have sun on for 12 hours while the other side is in darkness but then the Earth rotates away from so the other side is facing ~~@~~ towards the sun. It takes the Earth 24 hours to do a full rotation and it takes earth 8760 hours to do 365 rotations.

Fantastic explanation! Well done!

Great work!