



Rusper Primary School

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Important Dates:

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 11 th May Thursday 14 th May	Y6	SATS WEEK
Tuesday 12 th May	All	Book Sale
	Y1	Forest Schools PM
Tuesday 19 th May	All	FORPS Father's Day Coffee Morning Book Sale PM
Wednesday 20 th May	Y5/6	Trip to Imperial War Museum
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May		HALF TERM
Friday 12 th June	All	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 rd June	All	INSET DAY
w/c 22 nd June	All	ERA Week
Friday 3 rd July	R, Y1 & Y2	Visit to Brighton Sealife Centre
Wednesday 8 th July	Y3 & Y4	Visit to Bignor Roman Villa
Tuesday 14 th July Thursday 16 th July	Y5/6	Peter Pan and Wendy
Monday 20 th July	All	Rusper Ramble
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y5&Y6	Leavers Assembly
	All	Last day of term

Blossom Class – Mrs Green

What a week we have had in Blossoms. Firstly, a big well done to all the blossoms children this week. I have carried out Phonics Assessments, and they have all made great progress.

This week in science we have finally used our science knowledge to make a boat. We began by exploring waterproof materials, next we tested out a range of materials to see if they float or sink. Then we designed our boats and thought about the materials each child wanted to use. Finally, we made our boats! The children constructed their boats, and we put them to the test. Once we had conducted our test each child reflected on their boats and thought about what they would do differently next time.

In literacy this week, our story is 'The Journey Home'. This is a wonderful story about some animals who need a new home, and they explore the world along the way. The children have done some writing inspired by the story expressing where they would like to go in the world.

Willow Class – Miss Jones

Willow Class have had another exciting week! Year 1 did an amazing job during their very first Forest School session. The children had lots of fun exploring our woodland area, learning about nature and enjoying a well-earned hot chocolate together afterwards! A gentle reminder please to ensure children bring a waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear for next week's Forest School session.

As a class, we also celebrated the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough by learning all about his life and incredible work with animals and the environment. The children wrote thoughtful thank you letters to him and also took part in a special online Picture News live assembly celebrating Sir David, with special guest Steve Backshall. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout and had lots of fun taking part!

Maple Class – Mr Snook

Measuring Up in Maple Class!

This week, Maple class has been getting hands-on with mass, focusing on the essential skill of reading scales accurately. The pupils have been practicing how to carefully observe both manual and digital scales, paying close attention to the intervals between the numbers to ensure their measurements are precise. We've been exploring how to identify the value of unlabelled "jump" marks on a scale and deciding whether to record our findings in grams (g) or kilograms (kg) based on the size of the object. It has been wonderful to see the children developing such a keen eye for detail and building their confidence in interpreting different mathematical increments!

Try it at home!

To help reinforce this learning, we encourage you to involve your child in any baking or kitchen prep this week, asking them to help you read the needle or display on the scales to ensure you have the exact amount of ingredients needed.

Recycling Poster Competition

This Thursday Maple class worked with Miss Kay to discuss the importance of recycling. We recognised that it is our responsibilities to encourage recycling to save our planet. Miss Kay has set an optional poster competition. See her message below:

Maple Class, let's get creative and help our school care for the planet by designing eye-catching recycling posters! Show us your best ideas to inspire everyone to reduce, reuse, and recycle around school. Every brilliant effort will earn Class Dojo points, so grab your pens and start designing!

Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

This week we were delighted to welcome Ms Dawson from Bohunt Horsham, who delivered a fun Mandarin taster session for the children. They were fantastic participants and really embraced the challenge of learning something new. The class practised saying the numbers 1–10 in Mandarin and even had a go at using chopsticks – which many discovered is much trickier than it looks!

Today the children also took part in a CPR training session delivered by Little Life Savers. Thank you very much to everyone who donated to support this wonderful organisation, which provides life-saving training for schools. The children were brilliant throughout the session and showed great maturity while learning these important skills.



And finally... Our Game Changer

This week's Game Changer is David Attenborough, who celebrates his **100th birthday today**. Sir David has spent more than 70 years helping people understand and care for our planet. Through amazing wildlife programmes such as *Planet Earth* and *Blue Planet*, he has shown millions of viewers the beauty of animals, oceans and forests. He has also used his voice to warn about climate change and the importance of protecting nature. David Attenborough is a game changer because he has inspired generations of children and adults to look after the Earth and appreciate the incredible wildlife we share it with.

