

Term 4:

24th November 2023

What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School
Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tues 28th Nov -
Foundation 2024
Transition 9-11am

Fri 1st Dec -
Assembly 2:45pm

Thurs 7th Dec -
Year 2 Sleepover

Student arrival
time at school

8:40am onwards
-staff supervision
starts at this time

Morning bell is
at 9am.

Every day
COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

Congratulations to our Senior Chess Team who took out the overall win at the recent chess competition at Rutherglen High School. Team Captain, Max.P also took out first place in what is sure to be the first of many future battles. Our thanks to Rutherglen High for organising the event and for providing everyone with a delicious lunch, which was very much appreciated by our boys.



Our transition program is under way with our Foundation students for 2024 attending their first session with great success. They attend their second session on Tuesday 28th Nov, and the following two weeks will see all students across the school partaking in transition to their next year level. Parent requests for 2024 have now closed, and staff have collectively been using their knowledge of students to place them into the class they feel best meets their needs and is the best fit for them. We have almost finalised all staffing for 2024 and will announce this prior to our whole school transition sessions.

A special thanks to **Uncle Toby's** for donating some oats for our girls - chooks that is! Thanks to John Pitcher and Renee Chandler for organising this and John for delivering to us.

If you can help, we are looking for a few bales of straw for our vege gardens - we don't mind if they are already starting to break down. We also are in need of mulch for our school gardens, so if you are, or you know someone who is having some trees tidied up/chopped and mulched and don't want this, we would really love for you to have it dropped off to us. Thanks!



Regards, Karryn Williams - Principal

Respect

Responsibility

Integrity

Empathy

RPS Values Awards acknowledges students who display our school values and expectations by the choices they make in their daily actions - **Weeks 6 & 7**

Foundation

Abbey M - for your awesome writing efforts! You are staying on topic and paying attention to the type of sentences you are using throughout your writing. We can't wait to read what happens next! Well done Abbey!

Jack H - for making great progress with your skills as a writer. You are beginning to sound out unfamiliar words and use our classroom word walls and table charts for spelling familiar words. Well done Jack!

Year 1-2

Orin F - showing great focus in your reading conference this week. You read with great accuracy, paying careful attention to each word you read and remembering to self correct when words didn't make sense or look right. Great job Orin!

Jack F - improving his attitude so much over the course of the year. It is a pleasure to see you being a happy, responsible learner. Well done!

Hunter M - helping others in the classroom and persevering when things feel difficult. Well done!

Year 3-4

Kailen M - demonstrating great integrity in taking on feedback to improve your writing. I love the way you came looking for additional conferencing to make sure you were on the right track with your goals, Kailen, keep it up!

Amelia K - showing responsibility and integrity by consistently putting in your best effort to achieve your writing goals. You have shown a huge improvement in your sentence structure Amelia, and you should be very proud of yourself!

Poppy W - showing responsibility and integrity as a learner to take on feedback and mini lesson focus to improve your writing. You are showing some fantastic growth in applying knowledge to your sentences, punctuation and spelling to become a highly efficient writer. Great work Poppy!

Phoenix S - showing responsibility and integrity as a learner to take on feedback and mini lesson focus to improve your writing. You are showing some fantastic growth in applying knowledge to your sentences, vocabulary and punctuation choices to become a highly accomplished writer. Great work Phoenix!

Year 5-6

Charli C - for your caring nature towards your peers. You knew that one of them was struggling to meet a deadline, and you very willingly gave up your own play time to help them complete their task. Thanks Charli, you are a wonderful role model and friend!

Brayden M - for the increased leadership you have displayed throughout this term. You are often the first to offer your assistance to everyone, you encourage and support others and display the qualities of a great learner. Top job, Brayden!

Savannah B - always being a kind, considerate and inclusive member of our classroom. It is great to see how you are always willing to work with and include everyone in our class. Well done Sav!

Imogen J - being a responsible learner by giving your best in every task. It is great to see how far you have come, especially with how you tackle challenging tasks. Well done Imo!

Jake P-H - for being focused on your learning and trying hard to lift the standard of your responses in your readers notebook, ignoring distractions and contributing actively to class discussions. A great effort Jake!

Dusty S - for being a reflective learner and always striving for excellence in all aspects of your learning. Well done Dusty, you model the qualities of a great learner!

ART

Sparrow E - showing enormous responsibility by working quietly to complete the decoration of a fish, using your initiative to clean up, helping your peers as needed and taking your turn to share your ideas. Congratulations, Sparrow!

STEM

James D - using your initiative to answer questions in detail during your investigations about electricity and in particular, how to make a light shine bright. Congratulations on your fantastic effort!

SWPBS

Positive Behaviour in the Playground

WE SHOW RESPONSIBILITY



sois responsable

- Keeping body parts to ourselves
- Returning equipment
- Being sun smart

Anna. F - returning equipment

WE SHOW RESPECT



sois respectueux

- Valuing our equipment and the environment
- Keeping our school clean
- Speaking politely
- Listening to others

Amelia. K - valuing and caring for our school by picking up rubbish

WE SHOW INTEGRITY



sois vraie

- Playing in the correct spaces
- Playing fairly
- Being an upstander

Becca. S- playing fairly

WE SHOW EMPATHY



montre de l'empathie

- Being inclusive
- Taking care of others

Georgia. W, Rory. C, Jed. W - including others



Pride of RPS... James



BEING AT SCHOOL IS COOL

Why Attendance Matters - when your child misses school the miss opportunities to ...



Learn



Make Friends



Develop Life Skills

2023 CALENDAR

TERM 4 - 2023

Tues 28th Nov - Transition Day 2: 9am-11am

Tues 5th Dec - Transition Day 3: 9am-12:45pm

Tues 12th Dec - State-wide Transition Day for all students

Wed 13th Dec - Year 6 Graduation

Wed 13th Dec - Year 5 Windsurfing

Thurs 14th Dec - Year 6 Windsurfing

Mon 18th Dec - Presentation Assembly

Tues 19th Dec - Whole School Pool Fun Day

Wed 20th Dec - Last day of Term 4 - 1:00pm finish

2024

Mon 29th Jan - Book pack collection day + staff return

Tues 30th Jan - Curriculum Day

Wed 31st Jan - Term 1 commences for all students

Term 1: Tues 30th Jan - Thurs 28th March

Term 2: Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June

Term 3: Mon 15th July - Fri 20th Oct

Term 4: Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th Dec



Je joue! I play!



Ivy, Poppy & Stella
recite Je suis l'eau!



Camilla & Freddie
recite Am Stram Gram!



Chelsea & Charli recite
Et pourquoi pas?



Evie, Flynn & Lettie
recite Moi J'aime Papa!

BRAVO!

'Playing' in a second language is essential to the learning process, where students bring together the other learning intentions of reading /writing /speaking /listening to practise their French skills. In *Je joue! / I play!*, students partake in real-life experiences to practise, experiment and share their knowledge. Such an occasion was this year's French Poetry Recital on 14 November. Well done / Bravo to RPS students for taking up the challenge to 'play' with French, and learn their poem by heart, reciting it before the whole school.

Je joue! I play!



BRAVO!



Emily & Amelia recite
Le Bon roi Dagobert!



Mabel & Becca recite
Am Stram Gram!



Casey & Leah recite
Les Beaux Yeux!



Piper & Ashlyn recite
Voici ma main!



Elke recites
Les Parfums de glace!



Flick & Zara recite
Les Beaux Yeux!



How do horses move their tails?

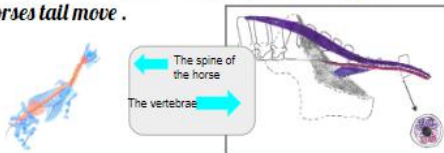
By Alcei



What did the horses say to her foal at dinner time? Use your stable manners! Now that your done laughing at my hilarious joke, say you're brushing your horse's tail and you wonder wait how do horses move their tails? Well i'm going to tell you that now



Well the tail is a part of the horse's vertebrae (the end of the horse's spine!). It's made of 18 vertebrae and there are muscles that surround the vertebrae, the vertebrae then continues into the tail just a bit and helps the horse to move the tail. So one muscle will tighten and the other will soften making the horses tail move.



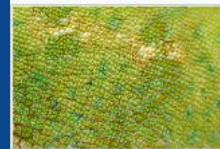
Why do most fish like morning?

Imagine waking up at crack sparrow in the morning. At 4.00 you're unloading a tinnie putting rods and tackle and gear in the boat. You probably wonder why people fish in the morning. Well you'll find out now.

Fish like trout and yellow belly wake up naturally starving so people race to get ready early. Cod like to eat in the evening. Unlike cod most fish like breakfast more in the morning like people. They come to the shallower spots where its warmer and come to eat small fish. That's why you see people fishing early.

By Tyler

You usually catch yellow belly on plastics and lures.



FUN FACT
LIZARDS USE THEIR COLORS TO COMMUNICATE EACH OTHER.

How do lizards get their colors?

If you have ever seen a lizard and wondered how a lizard gets cool colors. well, you're reading the right text because I'm going to tell you what I know.

Lizards get their colors from pigments (colored cells) under their skin. They also have melanin (say like mel - ah - nin) under their scales too. The pigment's color varies between yellow, blue, red, green and many other colors. Some lizards have pigments that change color depending on if they feel threatened, scared, angry or calm. So now you know how lizards get their colors.

BY LUCAS



How Fruit Bats Eat By Olli

Fruit bats eat with the top of their jaw. They use their specialised teeth to puncture the fruit.

Fruit bats eat their food upside down, and they mainly eat at night.



YEAR 3-4C EXPLANATION WRITING

Learning Intention: To create an explanation text so that we can explain how or why something occurs.

Success Criteria:

1. Ideas Trait - what are you curious about? Narrowing down the topic to something tight and manageable.
2. Writing an introduction to capture the reader's attention.
3. Writing an explanation that thoroughly explains how or why something occurs.
4. Revising - creating a rubric to analyse:
 - a. Was the explanation effective?
 - b. Sentence fluency - have you used a mixture of simple and compound/complex sentences & conjunctions?

How do people make crayons?

By Ivy



Imagine you are drawing with crayons.

Once you had finished, you wonder how are crayons made?

Well guess what,

You're about to find out.



It all starts with plain blocks of wax.

At once the blocks of wax go into a big steaming kettle where it melts. After the blocks of wax are melted they put a colourful powder into the melted wax and stir it all up. Now they pour the colourful liquid into molds (the shape of crayons). After the liquid is dried, they take the dried crayons out of their molds and the last thing to do (so they're not naked) is to put their labels on and then send them off.



How do our tummies rumble?

By Lachie

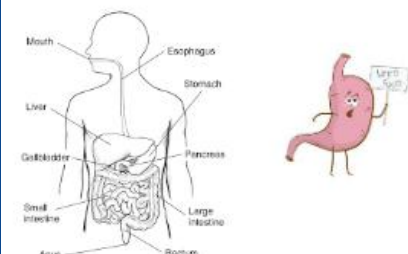
Intro

RUMBLE RUMBLE! Oh I'm hungry, I need something to eat. Or maybe I've eaten too much. I don't know. I need a text, like this one. Here is how your tummy rumbles

Explanation

Did you know, the scientific word for rumble is "Borborygmi," which is a greek word. Now, back to how our tummies rumble. Our tummies tend to rumble when the muscles in your digestive system transport food or liquid and body gas, through your intestines. On the way past, it rubs up against the intestines and make a rumbling sound.

The rumbling can also happen when you eat too fast, or too much and your body can't digest it all at once.



How did the continents split?

By Will

Have you ever wondered how all the countries split up? Could you imagine all the countries stuck together? If all the countries were joined, would we all speak one language or not and would there be any wars? Well keep reading and you won't find out but you will find out how the continents split up.

Continental Drift

A long, long time ago, the earth's continents were all joined t made one whole continent like a jigsaw puzzle but much bigger, continent was called Pangaea. But over millions of years, the continents started moving away from each other and moved to today's spots.



How did it happen?

There's something called tectonic plates that broke and caused Pangaea to break apart so all the continents drifted away to where they are today. Lots of continents broke apart such as Africa, Asia and lots more.

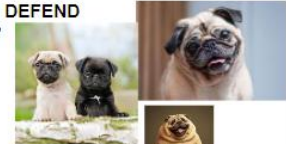


Evidence

Some continents went thousands of kilometres away from where it originally was. Scientist strongly believe that all the continents did split up thousands of years ago. Although some countries split up and then lots of years later, split again.

HOW DO PUGS DEFEND THEIR HOUSE?

By Blair



Did you know pugs have very good hearing so if you try to break into a house with a pug look out!

Pugs normally sit at the main door in the house ready to bark their head off and call for help!

When they see people try to break into the house, they jump up onto the door to try to scare them away.

Pugs love their owners so they want to defend their house.

Fun Fact
Did you know when pugs smell toxic on you they know you are naughty.

What happened when the pug went to the flea circus?

HE STOLE THE SHOW

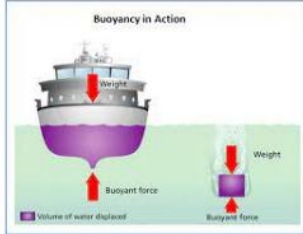
How boats float?

Have you ever wondered how boats float? Read this to find out. A boat is a machine that floats on water. Boats are very important because all the toys and clothes you have are probably from boats. You can also have a heap of fun on boats like fishing, skiing and partying. You also use boats to go on holiday.

Displacement is when an object pushes stuff out of the road to make room for itself. If you are in a boat and you see the wake behind the boat that is from displacement. When you are in a boat and you see the wake that is from displacement under the boat. That is why when you are in a small boat there is a smaller wake and in a big boat there is a bigger wake because in a small boat there is not as much displacement as a big boat.

When an object enters the water two forces act upon it. There is a downward force gravity. Gravity is the force that pulls things down to the ground. That is determined by the object's weight there is also an upward force buoyancy.

Now you know how boats float. So when you are in a boat you know how it floats. It is from the displacement and buoyancy.



By Jensen Molinnes

YEAR 3-4 Z EXPLANATION WRITING

Snake Senses By Chloe 3/4Z



So do you want to learn about snakes? If yes then this is the book for you! Have you ever wondered about how snakes use their senses in danger? Because I sure have! So sit back and relax while I tell you how snakes use their senses in danger.

Snakes are fascinating reptiles with outstanding senses but do you know how they use their incredible senses? Well, snakes unfortunately have terrible eyesight but they can smell really well! Did you know that snakes smell with their tongues? This helps snakes if there is food, danger or prey nearby!

Did you know, there are more than 3,000 different species of snakes in the world? That's a lot of snakes! All types of snakes have forked tongues that they flick in the air in different directions to smell food, prey and predators! Did you know that snakes have something called venom stored in the roof of their mouth? If the snake is in danger it will spray venom out of its mouth on its predator so it can escape.

And that comes to the end of my book. I hope you enjoyed it!



GLOSSARY

SPECIES: DIFFERENT TYPES

DANGER: NOT SAFE

SENSES: SEE FEEL TASTE HEAR SMELL



What did the snake order at the bar? A



Fun fact: snakes don't



How do butterflies go from a liquid to a butterfly!

Poppy W

Hey you, yes you! Do you want to know how butterflies go from a liquid to a butterfly? Now I know some of you probably did not know that a butterfly turns into a liquid before it is a butterfly! Now we have all learnt something today! A butterfly is an insect that has wings (insects are a type of bug that can fly).

How it happens?

Did you know a cocoon is called a chrysalis! Inside a chrysalis the caterpillars body softens and turns into a liquid after. The liquid forms into the caterpillars body parts. All the body parts start appearing. A caterpillar hatches from an egg eats leaves molts about 4 or 5 times it makes a cocoon and it is a butterfly! The caterpillar starts to digest! That's right it releases enzymes and starts to liquify!

A caterpillar hangs upside down and starts turning into a pupa (a pupa is the stage of life between being a caterpillar and being a butterfly also called a chrysalis.) the pupa barely moves, day after day. But in side, the caterpillar's body is becoming a butterfly.

A butterfly goes through many stages of life! It is an egg, that hatches into a caterpillar. The caterpillar becomes a chrysalis. Hatches in 5 to a butterfly. Lays eggs and starts again!

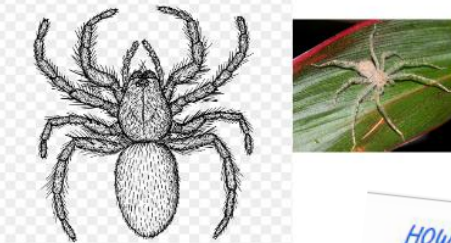


How do spiders help? By Liam H

People think spiders are the deadliest insect on the PLANET. But that isn't true. They are actually nice. The spiders are either scared or physically can't hurt you. Spiders have lots of uses, like spiders have a big thing on its back and it makes a sticky thing that people call the web.

Did you know that spider's venom can be used to be made into bullet proof clothes? A spider's web can be made into clothing using machines that make it with a sewing machine.

Spiders make sure the bugs are in check and spiders are a key in the food chain for birds/prey and predators.



HOW TO EXTRACT LAVENDER OIL?

By Bonnie E

Lavender is a purple flower that smells nice. Oil is used for ice cream, soap and other things. If lavender buds are falling or dry the buds are just beginning to drop from the plant. It may seem weird but actually it is the seed. As well as the beautiful smell of the oil.



Lavender oil is so expensive because it takes two to three hours to harvest (get the lavender flowers off the plant). After the harvest the harvesters tighten the pack of lavender so they don't lose them in hard wind or storms.

Then you need to boil the flowers, it takes about five hours to boil and the lavender oil to vaporize. After the boiling process the lavender water needs to cool in the condenser tub so the stream of oil can vaporize (turn back into liquid).

The water and oil are mixed together and needs to be left for a while. Once it cools down the oil and liquid separate, leaving the oil on top. Once it's ready you scoop it out to use the oil.

Each run of lavender produces a different amount of oil. That is why most lavender oil is so expensive.



Glossary
Condenser by water: vaporizing in steam
Lavender: purple flower
Vaporize: steam, mist or fog

HOW DID DODOS GO EXTINCT? By phoenix

Hey you do you know how dodos went extinct because if you don't this is the book for you. This book is packed with information about dodos and especially how dodos went extinct. So if your interested read on.

What is a dodo?

A dodo is a type of bird that has soft feathers that don't cover its face. Ortha dodos are birds that can't fly.

How dodos went extinct

The dodos were found by Dutch soldiers in 1681 on an island in the Indian ocean. The dodos went extinct less than 80 years later the reason for this was because of deforestation, hunting and destruction of their nests from animals brought by the Dutch.

FUN FACT dodos didn't have their nests in trees like most birds this is probably because they can't fly so instead they laid their eggs in a nest on the ground.

