



# The Riverside Review

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come into the summer term, we hope you enjoyed a well-deserved, restful break and some special time together at easter.

The last few terms have been filled with wonderful moments, and it has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Easter bonnet parades, Rocksteady concert, and Mother's Day assemblies—your support and enthusiasm make these events truly special for the children.

Thank you to all the parents who attend the Relationship and Sex education workshop. Information will be coming to you soon regarding what lesson are being taught and what language will be used, if you are in years 4, 5 or 6 then you will receive the opt out message from the school.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kinnaird

## World Book Day

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading across the school. Pupils enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and taking part in a range of engaging activities, including story sharing, creative writing, and book discussions. The day inspired a love of reading and highlighted the joy that books can bring to our learning and imagination.



## Spring Art Week



This month, our pupils have been celebrating Art Week, focusing on the beautiful delphinium. Across the school, children explored a range of creative techniques, from sketching and painting to collage and sculpture, using materials such as tissue paper, cotton buds, card, and even recycled items. Pupils showed great enthusiasm and independence as they experimented with different textures and styles, developing their artistic skills. The week culminated in stunning final pieces and thoughtful evaluations, where children reflected on their learning. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and teamwork, and we look forward to displaying their wonderful artwork around the school.



## Rock Steady Concert

Our Rock Steady concert was a fantastic celebration of musical talent and progress across the school. Pupils took to the stage with confidence, showcasing their newly developed skills in guitar, piano, drums, and singing. It was wonderful to see their hard work and dedication come to life in such energetic and enjoyable performances.

The audience was treated to a range of songs, with pupils demonstrating great teamwork, rhythm, and stage presence. For many, it was their first time performing in front of others, making the achievement even more special. We are incredibly proud of all the children involved and look forward to seeing their musical journeys continue to grow.



## Rocky's Animals

We were delighted to welcome Rocky's Animals into school for an exciting and educational animal encounter. Bringing a wide range of friendly and well-cared-for animals, their experienced handlers gave pupils the opportunity to meet, hold and learn about creatures from farm favourites to exotic reptiles.

The sessions were highly interactive and engaging, with children gaining fascinating insights into animal care, habitats and behaviour in a fun, hands-on way. It was a memorable experience for all involved, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm across the school.

## Congratulations

Well done to the year 6 football team on reaching the quarter finals of the Barking and Dagenham football competition.

A massive well done to Miss Milton who ran the London Marathon and completed it in just over 4 hours and 30 minutes.



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## Speech and Language Strategy of the Month: April

### Use Plenty of Repetition

**Why?** Lots of repetition makes words familiar for children. The more children hear a word, the easier it is for them to learn and remember it, and eventually use it. Repetition helps new words stick!

**How?** Say words again and again in different ways. If you're holding a ball, try: "Ball! Yep, a ball! A big, bouncy ball!" The more they hear it, the more it becomes part of their vocabulary.

**When?** Sprinkle repetition into your day—when playing, naming objects, or giving instructions. The more you repeat, the more those little brains soak it up!



## May Key Dates

4<sup>th</sup> May – School closed Bank Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Valley School trip

7<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed Polling Day

11<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATS week

14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Boosters end

20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 School trip

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Half term School finish at 3:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> June – Start of Summer 2