



## Newsletter Term 1 2023/2024



### Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It has been a wonderful first few days, welcoming all our children and parents back to school to start the academic year of 2023-2024!

I would like to say a big welcome to our new Reception children and Nursery children. We always pride ourselves on being a community school and we are looking forward to us all working together and for you to play an active role in school life with us. Children from our other year groups have settled well and have come back with super smiles and great attitudes to their learning.

We have kickstarted our learning this week with the Take One Picture initiative from the National Art Gallery. The children are studying the painting by Henri Rousseau. All children across the school will produce a piece of art or English work based on his painting. We will submit the children's work to the National Gallery as part of a national competition. If your child's work gets selected, then it will be exhibited by the gallery. We will also be displaying the children's work around the school in our window galleries, whole school art displays, as well as on social media. Our children in our school are fabulous artists and always produce high quality learning. We are very excited to see what our children produce this year!

Please follow our school Twitter @Rodbournecheney and our Facebook page too. You can also find class Twitter pages on :

Nursery (2-3) - @NurseryRCPS

Preschool - @preschoolRCPS

Reception – @PeacocksRcps

Year 1 - @RCPSLinnetclass

Year 2 - @Robins\_RCPS

Year 3 - @BlackbirdsRCPS

Year 4 - @BuzzardsRcps

Year 5- @Year5RCPS

Year 6 - @RcpsSwans

After our Take One Picture art focus, we will start learning our history topics across the school. Our children are always very keen historians, and I am looking forward to them also delving into these topics too as they always talk about the past with so much enthusiasm!

In our assembly this week, we focused on the theme of new shoes and new beginnings. I know all the teachers are enthusiastic about getting to know their new class, forming excellent learning opportunities, and creating amazing, new memories together. The year has already started with a real buzz and I am very proud of all of the children on their return.

At the end of last academic year, we had our Ofsted inspection. Our report will be ready to share with you very soon.

Warm regards,

Miss Davies



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## Our Learning for Term 1

We will be starting the first week back with our art and creative writing ‘Take One Picture’ project. This is a great immersion focus for our children, and we look forward to looking at Henri Rousseau’s life and painting of ‘Tiger in Tropical Storm’ in more depth.

We will be using a key text / book to support our learning all the way from Nursery up to Year 6. We will choose a book every term and for some of our younger year groups may have two or three books that they will focus on. The books that we have carefully selected also supplement our topics well, so that children are able to really engross themselves into their topic.

We are very proud of our curriculum design at Rodbourne Cheney Primary, and we are all passionate about deep and rich learning in all subjects and more. Each term across the school, we will have a history or geography focus.

Term 1, we will be focusing on History (KS1 upwards).

Our children will be able to look at their chosen book in-depth and explore the language and themes within it. We hope that the children will enjoy their carefully selected books as much as we have planning them! Here is a list of the children’s books and topics:

Week 1 – Take One Picture				
Term 1 - Whole School Theme- Who Changed the World? (History focus)				
EYFS/KS1	Preschool	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Theme	Home from Home: All about me!	You and Me, and the Big, Big Sea	Explorers : Christopher Columbus	Black Death and The Great Fire of London
Book	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	Only One You Rainbow Fish	The Night Pirates and other pirate books	The Baker’s Boy
KS2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Theme	Henry V111 and his Six Wives	The Vikings	Elizabethan Times	WW2
Book	Henry VIII: Guilty or Innocent?	Odd and the Frost Giants	Romeo and Juliet and other Shakespeare stories	The Emergency Zoo

Our whole school values for Term 1 will be **RESPECT and COURAGE**. We will also explore our school rules of ‘Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful.’

We will also be continuing with our FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING curriculum and our first strand will be focusing on will be **KEEP LEARNING**.



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Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back (Reception children, please refer to your timetable)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Take One Picture Art Project starts for the week: Henri Rosseau
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Artwork will be displayed across the school.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Viking day for Year 4
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	School Class Council Elections
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council assembly
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Language Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 trip to Hampton Court Palace
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent event: Story and sharing of my work at 2.45pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School Council meeting
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Class assembly for Year 6
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2.15pm Harvest whole school concert (outside so weather permitting)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term