

**HALF TERM:** Monday, 31st May 2021—Friday, 4th June 2021.

Children to return to school on Tuesday, 8th June 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your support this half term. As always the children have been a credit to you and us.

The focus for this term has been Wellbeing and getting back to learning. The focus on pupil well being has worked very well, as we know how important mental health is. The themes for this term have been: BELIEVEING in YOURSELF, HOPE, KINDESS, GRATITUDE & PHYSICAL HEALTH V MENTAL HEALTH. The well being recovery curriculum has been a core part of us all integrating back together as a school.

In our school the policy on behaviour is to focus on the behaviour we want to see in class and around school and not the behaviour we don't. Each class has a 'Recognition Board' where we celebrate and recognise the positive learning behaviours we want to see in class.

Learn more about our core learning values here: <https://rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/core-learning-values>

The Junior Leadership team have reviewed the behaviour policy recently and have suggested we share with all of your their views for behaviour in our school.

**We do not tolerate bullying in our school, we are a diverse school and we celebrate our unique qualities.**

Inline with our behaviour policy if your child is reported to be unkind in any way either verbally or physically towards another child you will be called to a meeting to discuss how we can support you and your children to meet our schools expectations. If any parents are concerned about any relationships with children in school or out of hours, please let a member of the senior leadership team know so we can deal with it as any matters arise.

You will already know from the consultation in the Autumn term the Department for Education has reviewed the **Relationships & Sex Education (RSE)** curriculum we as a school have adapted our curriculum to meet the requirement and have taken on board any views shared during the consultation.

**There are four main aims of teaching RSE:**

- To enable children to understand and respect their body
- To help children develop positive and healthy relationships appropriate to their age and development
- To support children to have positive self-esteem and body image
- To empower them to be safe and safeguarded.

Each year group will be taught appropriate to their age and developmental stage. At no point will a child be taught something that is inappropriate. You can learn more about our PHSE and RSE curriculum on our website: [https://files.schudio.com/rushey-green-primary/files/documents/JIGSAW\\_PSHE\\_Newsletter.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/rushey-green-primary/files/documents/JIGSAW_PSHE_Newsletter.pdf)

If any parents would like to discuss the RSE curriculum further please do make an appointment to see a senior member of staff.

### **Next term:**

- Over the half term, teachers will be busy writing the end of year progress reports, we will confirm a date to meet before the end of the year to share these with you.
- Year 6 are busy preparing for an end of year performance.
- Mrs Tyler has begun a new school orchestra and virtual choir. If any children are interested in learning to play and interest next academic year please let us know as soon as possible as places are going fast!
- Jeremiah our sports coach will be planning the summer term sports day, dates to be confirmed.
- Transition to secondary school for year 6.
- Reception induction for new intake

Transition to new classed for all other classes, July 2021.

**RGSA events:** Parents coffee morning : Summer Faye dates to be confirmed : Old for new uniform sale : School Garden cleaning and development

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Monday 7th June staff training focus:

**Racism and Anti-Racism & Decolonizing the curriculum**

Have a wonderful half term break - we look forward to seeing you after half term.

## **RAINFOREST PROJECTS**

I feel so blessed to have a class of artistic children. Move over Monet, step back, Kandinsky, watch out, 3B is about!

Feast your eyes upon the work of my inventive, imaginative, expressive and productive class. Our Design model for a garden school:



Our topic in Geography, this term was the rainforest. The children were given a project to create their own mini-rainforest.



### **Art**

The children have produced amazing artwork this term. They created wire and card sculpture on a foam base.



Using clay, the children made decorative pots by rolling a ball for a base and squashing it flat. They shaped it into a circle to complete it.

### **Science**

We are studying plants and what they need to survive. The children have planted their own sunflower seeds, as part of an investigation.



## **RGSA**

Thank you to all the parents who have helped out with the gardening. Have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you after the holiday for fun activities and fundraising. Thank you for your continued support. RGSA Team [c.obi@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:c.obi@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk) and [l.brooks@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:l.brooks@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

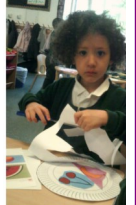
## NURSERY

This half term in Nursery we've been looking at the natural world. For the first week in Nursery we were looking at Minibeasts, using our magnifying glasses to look for worms, ants and other creepy crawlies. Joanna was even brave enough to hold one herself!



We've also been looking at natural food that comes from the ground. We've been looking closely at fruits, drawing and painting them in the art area.

Some of us have been practising our fine motor skills by cutting out pictures of our favourite fruits and sticking them onto her plate.



For a more sensory experience, we've been exploring different fruits in our investigation area. We've been exploring the scent, feel and texture of a variety of fruits.

This half term we're also happy to say that some of our children have begun exploring their letters and sounds. We're starting with the letter S, exploring as many words as we can starting with the S sound and practicing our writing on the class whiteboard.



## MESSAGE FROM LEWISHAM COUNCIL

### Half-term entertainment

Staying local this half term? There are lots of local options to keep your family entertained next week. [Find out more about these and other half-term activities on our website.](#)

## TERM DATES 2020-2021

**Summer Term 1 2021:** 20 Apr—28 May

**Half Term:** 31 May—4 Jun

**Summer Term 2 2021:** 8 June—23 Jul

**INSET Days:** 7th June

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE COMMUNITY WITH SEND

Find things to do for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/find-things-to-do>

## INDIA CLASS

The odyssey  
Aegean Sea  
Greece  
17th May 480 Bc  
Zeus Castle  
Mount Olympus  
Greece

Dear supreme god Zeus,

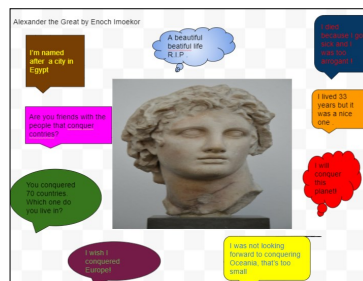
I am writing to implore you that I have struck the Cyclops and his father is coming for me and I can't get back to rocky Ithaca. Also I want to see my son and my wife so we can unite but I can't get home to my people and I'm stranded.

I have 3 reasons why I want to go home. I need to see my people and I need to see my wife and son and I need to see my mum. She is ill and I need to say goodbye because I'm the reason she is still here for me so I need to say bye before she passes away.

Please you are the only one that can convince your brother you are the best. I'm your servant for life.

Yours Odysseus

By Mason



Please have a look at some examples of work that the students in India class did this week.

