



Newsletter 22/12/2016

Attendance and punctuality

Our attendance for this term is 92% which has been recorded as our lowest till date. This is mainly due to children having had started the new school year late.

Lunch

Recently, we have had an influx in parents contacting the office regarding their child not eating/finishing their lunch. We have noticed that the majority of the children, who don't finish their lunch, are the ones who dislike the food which they have been given. We would like to request parents to allow their children to prepare their lunch with them, as this will hopefully encourage your child to eat all of their lunch.

New Reading Book Scheme

This year we are having a huge focus on improving children's reading across the school. We have invested over £700 on a new reading scheme, which will Insh_Allah benefit the children immensely. We would like to request parents to encourage their children to look after the new books.

Book Fair

Alhamdulillah, the book fair was a great success. We sold £694 worth of books from which we received 20% to spend on books for the school library. Jazakallah for your continuous support!

Reading

We would once again like to request parents to listen to their child read every day for at least 10 minutes. As a school, we can't stress enough on the importance of your child reading daily. This will not only improve their fluency, but will also enable them to become good writers.

Tuck Shop

Our tuck shop is continuing to be a phenomenal success. Alhamdulillah, we have made **£434** from which £400 was kindly donated towards purchasing the new reading scheme.

Cold Weather.

As we have now entered the Winter season, we kindly request parents to dress their children appropriately for the weather.

All children **MUST** come to school wearing a coat.

Parent workshop

Alhamdulillah, we held our first parent workshop on Friday 9th December for the parents of year 5&6 children. The feedback we were given was positive and parents felt they benefited from what was delivered. We will upload the PowerPoint to the parents section on the school website soon. Inshall_h we will be holding more workshops in the New Year.

Spelling Bee competition

Following last year's huge Spelling Bee success, we are proud to announce that we will be holding another competition on the 25th January 2017 for the ks2 children (years 3-6). A preliminary test will be on 18th of January to determine who will be taking part in the competition.

To enter this competition your child will need to learn all the spellings from the spelling lists provided. Your child will then be tested on the spellings by their class teacher. Children who achieve 100% will participate in the competition.

School bags

We now have new more durable school bags which can be purchased from the office for £6.

Open door policy

We take great pride in having an open door policy which enables parents to speak to class teachers regarding their child before or after school. However, we would appreciate parents ringing the school office to arrange an appointment for a suitable time if they wish to speak to the class teacher during school hours, instead of coming to the school door and requesting to speak with the teacher there and then.

Homework

Homework is issued every Thursday and is expected to be handed in the following Monday. This gives the children 3 days to complete their homework which we feel is sufficient. Unfortunately, we have a majority of children rushing their homework and returning it incomplete or completed to an inadequate standard.

We would like to request parents to encourage their children to complete their homework to a good standard.



Our wonderful work

Reception



This half term, the reception children were learning about the four different seasons. They went on an autumn walk to see the leaves falling from the tree and they learnt about how All_h changes the seasons.

Year two



The Year 2 class have been learning about animals in science. We have created a 3D display about hibernation and have made homes for hedgehogs out of leaves and twigs we collected.

Can you spot the hedgehogs we made that are hiding under the leaves?



Year one



The year one class have been learning all about transport. They looked at different types of transport through time. To further enrich the children's learning, we visited the 'Transport Museum' in Bury. The children had a brilliant experience and learnt so much about how transport has changed through time.





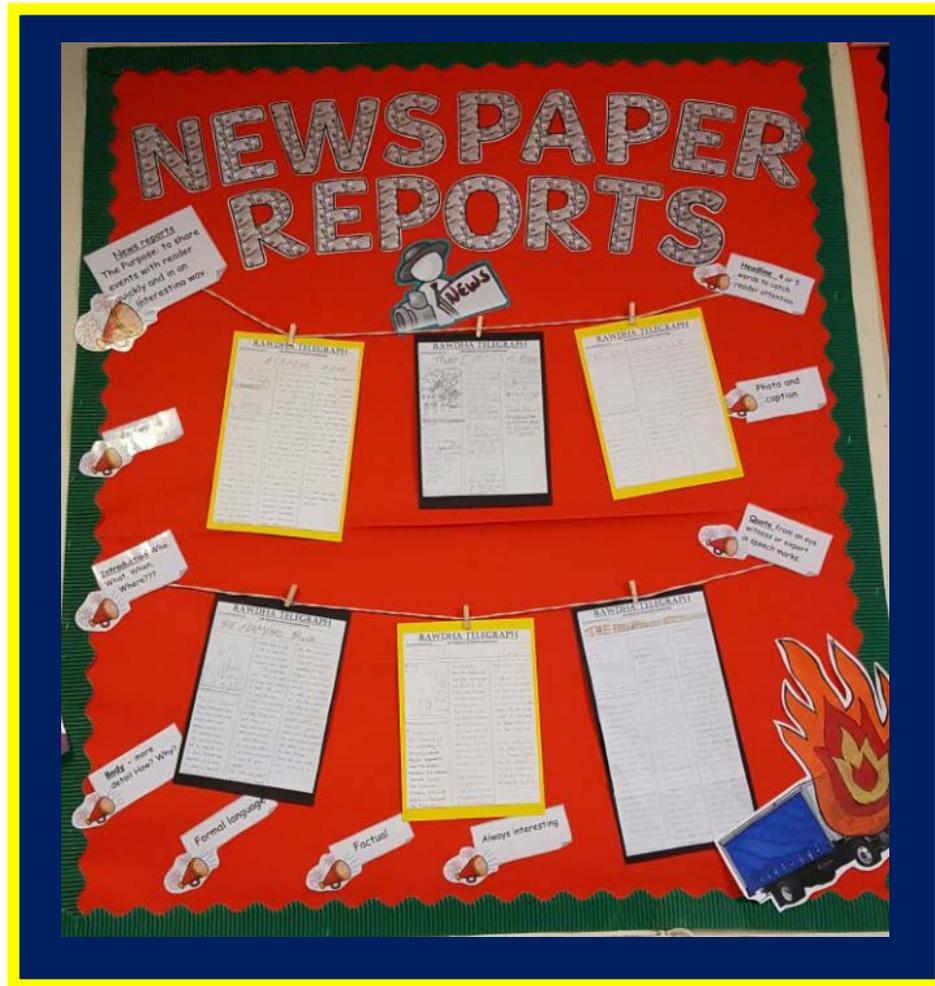
In art the children designed their own negative art. They used masking tape to create a pattern and then painted between the lines. What an amazing result!



The year 3 class had a great time writing shapes poems using Catherine wheels. They used a range of poetic features such as alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia! A beautiful display year 3s, well done!



Year 4



Year 4 class have been looking at recounts and newspaper articles. They studied the features of newspaper articles and then independently wrote their own reports.

Year 5

This half term the year 5 children have been learning about the history of WW2. Children studied the life of an evacuee and wrote letters in role as an evacuee child.



This display showcases the letters children wrote



Year 6



In English this term, the children have been reading the novel 'Street Child' which is set in the Victorian Era. The children used the text as a stimulus to write for a range of genres. This display shows the fantastic newspaper articles the children wrote reporting the escape of a child from the workhouse.



This display depicts crime and punishment and life in the workhouse.

Our topic this term has been about the Victorian Era. Children learnt about the social and economical aspects of the Victorian age, specifically during the reign of Queen Victoria. Children also compared the life of the rich and poor children; including jobs and lifestyle.