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# The View Point



## Core Subject Update

This week, we are writing to you with an update on the core subjects: reading and phonics, writing, maths and science.

### Reading

As always, lots of reading has been happening at River View throughout the year! EYFS and Year 1 children have been working hard in Read Write Inc lessons to learn new sounds, blend sounds into words, and attempt to read more words by sight. Pupils in Years 2-6 have been improving their reading fluency and comprehension skills in Whole Class Reading lessons through a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts.

Back in January, Pep the Poet delivered workshops to each year group and lots of children took the opportunity to chat to him after school and buy some of his poetry books. In March, we celebrated World Book Day within our 'Endeavour to love reading' week. We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters and participating in a full day of activities linked to 'Alice in Wonderland', including attending the Mad Hatter's Tea Party! At the start of May, lots of people came to the Book Fair to make the most of the '3 for 2' offer on books, and also pick up a few extra goodies from the novelty stationery box! A big thank you to everyone who bought something - the more money collected, the more free books we can receive to top up our home reading crates or the library.

It is fantastic to see so many pupils receiving 'Rainbow Reader' certificates and badges for their regular reading at home. We are looking forward to taking all of those who have read 200 times on the reward trip to the cinema in July!

### Phonics

We have had an amazing year of Read Write Inc phonics in school and our children are so enthusiastic and determined to be incredible readers. Our Year One children have been working so hard to learn all their sounds and practise spotting and applying them when reading and decoding words. They are becoming more confident in reading longer words and they now know lots of words by sight. Year One sat their phonics screening check throughout last week with really pleasing results. The reception children have also been working hard to learn their sounds and perfect the skill of blending sounds into words. They have loved learning with Fred Frog. Our nursery children have also started their phonics journey and are starting to learn sounds and orally blend. Our children love to bring their phonics story books home to show their families all they have learned.

### Writing

In May, a member of the Endeavour MAT came to visit to look at writing whole-school. She conducted learning walks, looked at books and spoke to children throughout the day. She was very pleased with what she saw, especially from the boys—they were incredibly enthusiastic about their writing! The pupil voice meetings were also incredibly positive with lots of children clearly enjoying their writing more and taking more pride in their work.

Recently, West End in Schools joined us to complete Shakespeare-themed workshops with children in Years 1–6. Please look at your child's class webpage to see what they have been up to!

## Dates for your Diary

**Year 4 Trip**

**Bewilderwood**

**Friday 27th June**

**Year 3 Trip**

**Bewilderwood**

**Tuesday 1st July**

**Kingfisher Trip**

**Bluebell Farm**

**Thursday 3rd July**

**Year 2 Trip**

**Thomas Land**

**Wednesday 9th July**

**Year 6 Performance**

**Thursday 10th July**

**1.45pm**

**Inset Day**

**(Bar Kingfisher)**

**School Closed**

**Monday 14th July**

**Year 1 Trip**

**Twinlakes**

**Tuesday 15th July**



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## Maths

We've had an exciting time in maths across all year groups! In Reception, the children have been actively engaging with shapes, as well as counting to 20. They have also enjoyed exploring the concepts of doubling and halving.

In KS1, the children have made great strides in their knowledge of fractions, identifying halves, quarters, and thirds. They've also been gaining a deeper understanding of measurements through practical activities as well as developing their multiplication skills.

Moving into Key Stage 2, our pupils have been working hard to find equivalent fractions and link them to decimals. They've been estimating and converting units of length and mass, while also investigating shapes and angles.

Additionally, years 2 -6 have been engaged in friendly competitions through TTRS, competing in various battles both within their classes and across the school, as well as interschool competitions.

Year 4 have recently sat their Times Tables Check and again, the results were really pleasing—all that TT Rock Stars practice has really paid off!

It's wonderful to see all the children so engaged and enjoying their maths lessons!

## Science

What a busy year we have had! The children have had the opportunity to develop their curiosity and build their foundations for understanding the world around them through first hand experiences and investigations. Don't forget to check the class pages to see what they have been up to throughout the year.

This year, we have had a big focus on the children understanding what enquiry they are investigating and what scientific skills are needed to be successful. These skills have not only enhanced their understanding of scientific concepts but also encouraged critical thinking, collaborative work and problem-solving abilities.

Behind the scenes, the staff have had in depth training sessions too and have been eager to implement what they have learnt into their teaching. We have also made huge strides in sharing scientific vocabulary with the children and highlighting potential careers in the scientific field.

The children's enthusiasm for science had been so rewarding to see and we hope it continues into the next academic year. We have lots more wonderful experiences to enjoy.

## Dates for your Diary

**House Reward Day  
Thursday 17th July**

**Year 6 Leavers  
Assembly  
Friday 18th July**

**Last Day of Term  
Friday 18th July**

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