

Rusper Primary School Newsletter 07.11.25

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great half term!

Children in Need

To help celebrate and support **Children in Need**, we're encouraging all children to come to school on **Friday 14th November** wearing something fun, bright, or spotty! Whether it's Pudsey-themed, colourful clothes, or a favourite accessory, it's all about joining in and showing support. We kindly ask that children bring in a **small donation** to contribute to this wonderful cause. Thank you for helping us make a difference!



Remembrance Sunday



We will be marking **Remembrance Sunday** on **9th November** and **Remembrance Day** on **Tuesday 11th November**.

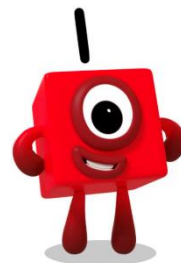
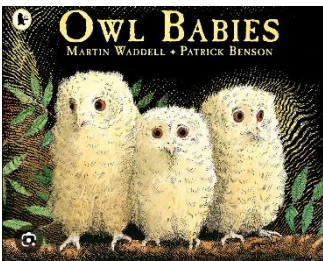
To support the Royal British Legion, **poppies** and related items will be available in school until Tuesday 11th.

Blossom Class – Mrs Green

What a wonderful first week back! The children have been amazing and have all settled back into school life well.

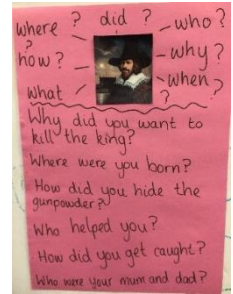
Our topic this term is 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be celebrating the love of our families, friends, and of course, Christmas! We started this topic with the story 'Owl Babies' and our love for mummies. The Blossoms have enjoyed story telling using the Owl Baby puppets. This week in phonics, we have been learning the new sounds: h, b, f, ff, l and ll. We have also been working hard on sounding out and blending the green words.

Finally, in Maths, the children have been Number One Detectives! They have hunted for the number one and have been working on representing number one in a range of ways.



Willow Class – Bonfire Night Learning - Miss Jones

To launch our exciting new topic, *Let's Celebrate*, Willow Class have been finding out all about Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes. The children were fascinated to learn why we celebrate the 5th of November and enjoyed discovering the story of the Gunpowder Plot. Using a range of non-fiction books and online sources, they asked brilliant questions and found some amazing facts about Guy Fawkes and his friends. The class have loved linking their history learning to their reading, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the week!



Maple Class – Mr Snook

This week, the children in Maple Class have embarked on an exciting new History topic, diving into the fascinating world of children's lives throughout history! We will be focusing on three exciting periods: the Romans, the Tudors, and the Victorians, exploring how life was different for children in the past—from their homes and schools to, most excitingly, their games and toys!

To bring this topic to life, we would love for you to get involved at home. Please take some time to talk with your child about the games and toys *you* played with when *you* were their age, or even when you were in primary school. Sharing your memories, stories, and perhaps even showing a favourite old toy (if you still have it!) will make this learning experience incredibly rich and meaningful. We can't wait to hear all the wonderful things they learn from you!

Redwood Class Enjoy a Sporty Wednesday Afternoon – Mr Rogers

On Wednesday, Redwood Class had an action-packed afternoon filled with sport and teamwork. A group of pupils represented the school at the ASSH Football Tournament held at The Forest School, where they competed in a series of exciting matches against other small schools in the local area and did extremely well! More importantly, they had a fantastic time. Staff from The Forest School commented on how happy and enthusiastic our pupils were throughout the event, which made us all very proud.



Meanwhile, the rest of Redwood Class headed to Bohunt School in Horsham, where they enjoyed a dynamic sports session led by the secondary school's PE teachers. It was a fantastic afternoon of physical activity, skill-building, and fun for all involved!

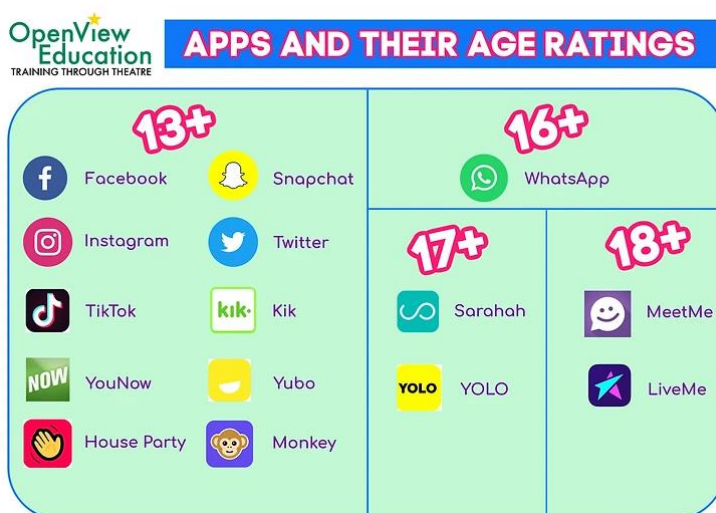
Online Safety Reminder – Age Restrictions on Games

It has come to our attention that some children are playing online games that are not age-appropriate. We would like to remind families of the age ratings set to help keep children safe from unsuitable content. Some popular games include:

- **Fortnite – PEGI 12**
- **Among Us – PEGI 10+**
- **Minecraft – PEGI 7**
- **Roblox – PEGI 7** (*content may vary depending on the games played*)

Research has shown that exposure to violent or fast-paced online games at a young age can affect a child's developing brain. It can increase impulsivity, make it harder for children to manage emotions, and in some cases lead to sleep problems or changes in behaviour such as frustration or aggression. Children under the recommended age may also struggle to differentiate fantasy from reality and can become desensitised to violence or inappropriate language.

We kindly ask parents and carers to check age ratings carefully, monitor playtime, and talk with children about how to stay safe online. Working together helps us keep all our pupils happy, healthy, and ready to learn.



Website Calendar

Don't forget to use this very useful tool. This will help you keep up to date with all that is happening in our busy school. To view the calendar you can use the QR code below.



<https://www.rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/2916>

Rocketeers Wraparound Care

Don't forget Rocketeers are available for ad hoc sessions. If you would like further information about their services please visit www.rocketeerschildcare.co.uk or contact enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk.

Amazon Wish List

We're incredibly grateful for your generous purchases over the last half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the deliveries at school and have already been making great use of the new items. Your support truly makes a difference! 😊



And finally... from Mr Rogers, RSE/PSHE Lead

Game Changer in Focus...

Kelvin Okafor

This week's Game Changer is the incredible artist Kelvin Okafor, whose pencil portraits are not only breath-taking but also deeply meaningful. His latest exhibition celebrates people with visible differences—like scars, vitiligo, and hair loss—showing the beauty in every face. Through his art, Kelvin helps us understand that our differences make us unique, and that everyone deserves to be seen and celebrated. He's changing the game by using creativity to promote kindness, confidence, and inclusion.

