

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## **RGS Dates For Your Diary**

**Tuesday 19th October 2021**  
**Last Day of Term 1.1**  
**(normal finish time)**

**Wednesday 20th October to**  
**Thursday 28th October 2021**  
**Half Term Holiday**

**Sunday 31st October 2021**  
**First day of Term 1.2**

## **News from Early Years**

In Nursery and Reception, our youngest pupils have made such a positive start to the school Year. They have really enjoyed making new friends, exploring the classroom and outdoor play area.

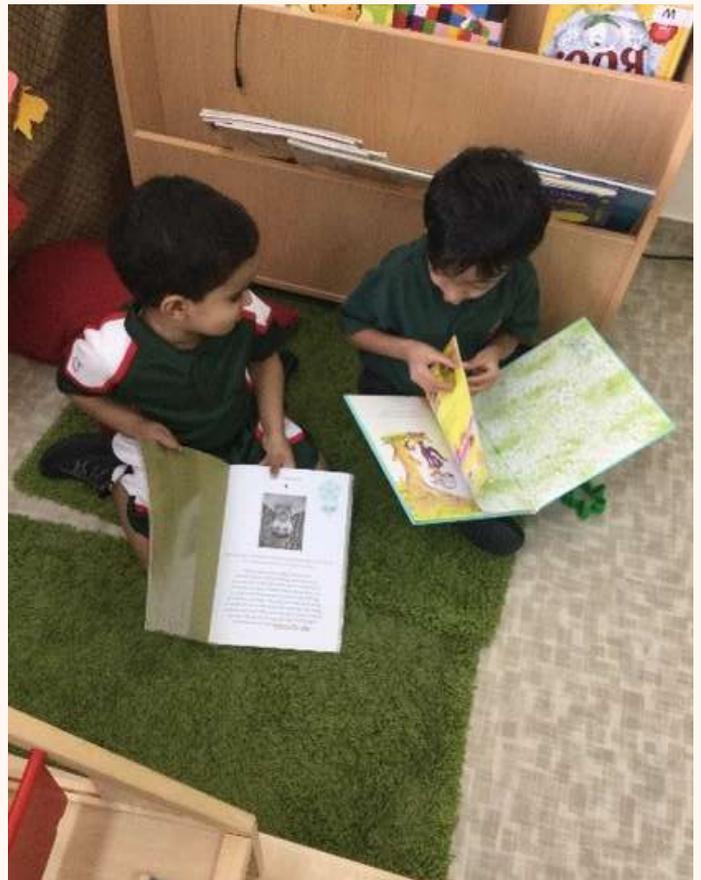
This week in Nursery children have had lots of fun with the beebots and looking after the dolls in the home corner. In Literacy, we have read the story 'Kippers Birthday' and have spoken about our own birthday celebrations. In Maths, we have been busy counting and have even learnt a new counting dance. We are very proud of all that Nursery have achieved in their first couple of weeks at school.

In Reception children have been off to a flying start with their Topic 'All about me', children have been talking about how they are different they look from their peers, the different things they like to do and eat. Children used a selection of materials to make a paper plate collage of themselves. They painted the plate, added features using wool, paper and felt. They have made some super creative faces. In Maths children have been learning about numbers and counting objects.

All in all a great start to school life!

**Early Years Teachers**





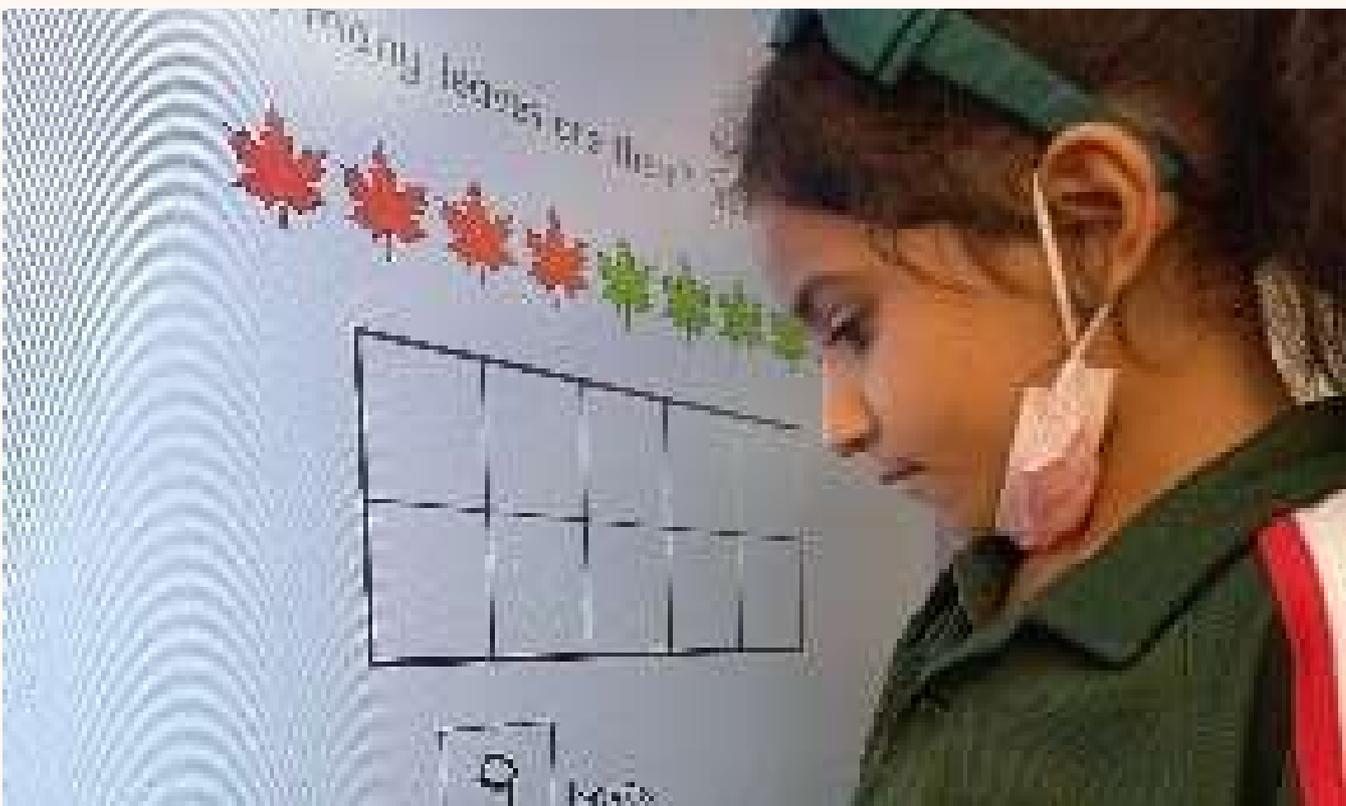
## News from Key Stage 1

This week has been an exciting week for the children in Year 1. The children made salt dough gingerbread men but first they had to read the instructions with the help of their teachers and their phonic sounds. However, the next day the gingerbread men had gone missing! The children searched the school and thought about what they could do to find them. Together, the children realised they should let the school know that the gingerbread men were missing by describing the gingerbread men in a LOST poster.

The children were also introduced to a series of Talk for Writing actions for new vocabulary used throughout the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The actions linked to the words often help children remember new vocabulary to familiar stories and re-tell stories from beginning to end. In math, the children have been using ten frames to represent objects. They have also been counting forwards and backwards to 10.

In other subjects, children were introduced to the Islamic calendar in Qatar History. In Year 2 this week the children have been working incredibly hard across all their subjects. The children are enjoying our book Katie Morag and were excited to receive the (wrong) parcel in the classrooms. In math this week we have been exploring place value and adding tens. In our mental math we have been counting in two, five and ten and are starting to follow a great rhythm. In our topic we have been learning all about the five different oceans. In science we have been explaining everything we know about animals!

### Key Stage 1 Teachers





## News from Key Stage 2

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful first full week of the 2021-2022 school year as the children are excited to be in school. We want to thank you for all your support with the home leaning process. We appreciate your commitment to your children's educational needs while balancing home and work commitments. Please read below to find out what your child has been learning this week.

### Year 3

This week year 3 have been settling back into the school routine after an amazing summer. The children have worked super hard this week both in school and at home and we have been very impressed with the effort and determination they have demonstrated. This week in English, the children have begun their new topic of setting descriptions. They have been developing their describing skills and expanding their vocabulary through discussion. In maths, we have been looking at the place value of numbers, specifically partitioning numbers and using a range of different apparatus to represent these numbers. We are thrilled to get start the science experiments next week, to develop the children's knowledge of plants and their main parts! We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend!

### Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent start to the year. We have been learning the routine of school and what it means to be a Year 4 student. Our topic is Romans and the children have been using their observation skills and common knowledge to make educated predictions on what life was like as a Roman. We are now beginning our first maths and English units where all students have already shown key understanding and eagerness to learn. It has been wonderful to get to know such lovely students and we look forward to teaching them this year. Every student has an excellent personality that can be utilised in their learning to create the best learning environment for them. Keep up the hard work this year everyone and it will be a fantastic year!

### Year 5

It has been a busy week in Year 5! The students have all settled into school with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. In maths this week, we have looked at the place value of numbers , focussing on recognising numbers up to ten thousand using different representations. They then moved onto rounding numbers up to the nearest 10 and 100. In English, pupils were introduced to our class book 'Christophes' Story'. They used their reading skills to summarise the text and make predictions and inferences using clues from the text. Both our science and topic are 'Earth and Space'. The students shared their prior knowledge on the subject, naming and identifying the order of the planets. We are pleased with the work the children have produced thus far, and we know it will be a great year!

## **Year 6**

Year 6 have been absolutely wonderful this week. The children have come back all excited from their holidays and have been enthusiastic about their learning, both in class and online. This week we have taken the time to get to know the children via some fantastic artwork that they have produced, along with getting them reacquainted with the classroom rules and safety procedures. We have also started looking at place value in maths and the children have had the opportunity to show us what they can do in terms of their writing. We (Mrs. Miller and Mr. Stafford) are so looking forward to the children's journey in year 6.

### **Key Stage 2 Teachers**



## Parents Association Corner

Dear families,

Trust you had an enjoyable week.

The PTA will be planning a few events this term - the first will be - as mentioned before - a pre-loved uniform sale. If you would like to donate any uniform, please be in contact with us.

We are also aiming to re-instate the coffee mornings in the near future , as an opportunity for parents to meet each other ( and the PTA). This event will be based on Covid Regulations – so need a bit more planning. Watch this space !

We would encourage you to be part of the dynamic PTA , be a supportive class rep for your child's class this year, or even both.

Contact details as follows [parentsassociation@rgsgq.com](mailto:parentsassociation@rgsgq.com) or follow us on ' Friends of RGS PTA' on Facebook.

Let's strengthen our community together.

Thanks,

**Your PTA.**



## House Points Update

Maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality at school are essential for pupils to ensure they maximise their learning time in school and reach their full potential; academically, socially and emotionally.

Each week Class of the Week trophies are awarded to the classes in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 who achieve the highest weekly attendance and who achieve the highest percentage of punctual pupils arriving by 7.45am. Pupils in these classes are also rewarded with an additional two House points each.

The winners this week can be seen below:

### Early Years

Attendance: **Reception Turtles**

Punctuality: **Nursery Seahorses**

### Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 2 Jaguars**

Punctuality: **Year 1 Elephants**

### Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 3A**

Punctuality: **Year 4D**

Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day and do not miss school unnecessarily.