

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## THIS WEEK...

### RECEPTION

Reception classes were delighted to receive a donation of pumpkins from Priory Farm. They explored their weight, size and what was inside. They even had pumpkin races using their wheelbarrow! Mrs Young in the kitchen helped children to make pumpkin soup and then it was eaten as a starter at lunch. It was very tasty! They also observed the signs of autumn on their Autumn walk and collected leaves and twigs to use in their play. Children have been creating their own habitats for woodland creatures and counting using autumn leaves.



### YEAR 1

Children have been exploring repeated patterns in nature. They discussed that patterns can be found on ladybirds, butterflies and bees. They then went outside and created their own repeated patterns using materials they found in our natural environment!



### YEAR 3

In their science lessons this week, Year 3 explored how different types of surfaces make things travel. They found that smoother surfaces allowed their toy car to travel further as there was less friction whereas rougher surfaces prevented the car from travelling as far due to there being more friction.



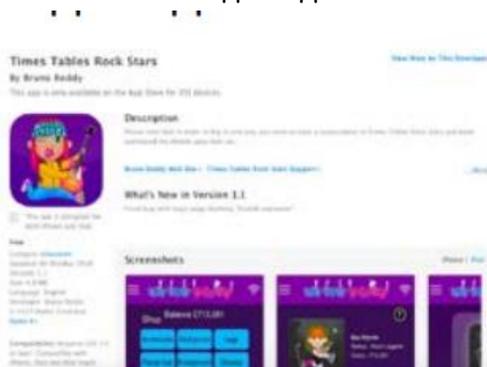
# Don't forget about...

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

To continue to support children with their home learning, in particular, their times tables, we would like to remind parents and carers about **Times Table Rock Stars** which supports fluency, accuracy and quick recall of times tables. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge with Rock Stars being a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master this knowledge.

You will find your **child's login and password inside their Home Learning Journal**. The programme can be accessed online via <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> or may be downloaded from the Iphone/Ipad or Android App Store through which your child may practice. When they first login, your child will choose their own rock star name and design their own avatar before starting to practise.

Apple App



Android App



There are two single player modes to play:

**Garage** - This is the main mode the children should play. The questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. As children start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer.

**Studio** - the questions in the Studio can be anything from  $2 \times 2$  up to  $12 \times 12$ . TT Rock Stars calculates each the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status.

There are also multi-player modes:

**Rock Arena** - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band/Class (their Band mates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

**Rock Festival** - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. The questions are selected at random from  $2 \times 2$  to  $12 \times 12$ .

It is recommended that that your child does **a little bit of times table practice every night**. Short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.

To make a success of this programme and ensure that your child follows the programme of practising and remains motivated we need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child. Thank you for your support and I am sure your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact and continue to make them a Times Table Rock Star!

## HONOUR BOOK

1P	Tegan	For fantastic perseverance in maths!
1W	Kaspian	For super inferring during our reading of Bog Baby!
2B	Louie	For focusing longer and working harder, especially in maths.
2S	Jessica	For super punctuation when writing about the Redhill Ridgeback. I loved your use of commas!
3B	Alby	For nailing his 8 times table and independently choosing to practise this during his Brain Break.
3F	Ayden	For experimenting with great adjectives to create his own expanded noun phrases in his writing.
3R	Johnny	For outstanding engagement and participation in geography this week. You are a volcano expert!
4F	Henry	For outstanding use of the tension toolkit in his writing this week.
	Rayyan	For bringing humour and individuality to his writing this week. I very much enjoyed reading your work.
4P	Lucas B	For demonstrating fantastic problem solving skills in science when working out how to make a working switch using cardboard, split pins and a paperclip.
5B	Emma	For amazing contributions in all her lessons, and especially for sharing some great insights into the Wind in the Willows characters.
	Ryan	For some great vocabulary choices to describe the "delinquent" eels in our class reading book, Floodland.
5G	Harry	For showing excellent perseverance with the formal method for multiplication. Realising and correcting your marvellous mistakes has allowed you to become a 2 digit x 2 digit expert!
5SE	Grace & Roxy	For writing a range of different ENPs about the Wind in the Willows characters, including exciting vocabulary.
6C	Jack	For aspiring to be the best he can be and working really hard to improve his handwriting and presentation.
6E	Lola	For her very careful observation and precise colour mixing and blending when recreating the "San Giorgio Maggiore at Dusk" by Monet.



Well Done!

## School Dinners

As part of their food development and menu planning, our caterers Twelve15 would like to gain feedback from their customers regarding the current menu offer. With that in mind, please may we ask all parents and carers to respond to a short survey which can be accessed by clicking the link below, by Friday 20th November. Thank you.

[Twelve15 School Lunch Survey](#)

## ARE YOU HANDY WITH A SEWING MACHINE? DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE MATERIAL?

As part of our Covid risk assessment, to minimise the sharing of resources within bubbles, children currently have trays under their desks to keep their own learning resources in. This is proving to be untidy and not very practical. Mrs Ellis has come up with an ingenious, alternative idea of attaching pouches to the end of desks (please see example in photo) and we would like to implement this in all of our classes from Year 2 upwards.



However, we need the material and volunteers with sewing machines to make them for us, hence this request. If you have any spare material (could be old curtains) you would be willing for us to use or you are a dab hand on the sewing machine with some time to spare, we would love to hear from you. The design of the pouch is very simple I'm told. Please ring the office as soon as possible if you are able to help us.

## REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

Please would all parents take care that children are NOT playing on the playground equipment before or after school. Once you have collected your child, please keep him/her with you and leave the playground by the exit without stopping. If you need to wait to collect another child in a separate year group, you must keep your child with you while you wait.

We also ask that only **one** parent/carer does drop off and pick up to avoid congestion and help to keep everyone in our school community as safe and Covid free as possible.

## FoWC Prize Winners!

Congratulations to Jack Twort-Barrett, Livia Hurdle and Max Read who were randomly selected as our 3 winners for successfully completing the Spooky Halloween Pumpkin Trail during the Half Term Holidays. Please contact the Friends team to arrange collection if you haven't already done so. We hope you enjoy your prizes!





## PRE-ORDER YOUR QUALITY CHRISTMAS TREE & HELP RAISE MONEY FOR WRAY COMMON SCHOOL

We're offering Premium Grade Nordmann Fir non-drop Christmas Trees cheaper than you can buy locally...and even better, **all profits go to the school!**



Once ordered and paid for, your tree can be collected from School on Saturday 5th December \* between 10 –10.30am.

\* We appreciate this date may be too early for some but trees can be kept outside / in a shed until you need them. Occasional watering is required.

**ORDER ONLINE NOW AT THE LINK BELOW**

[bit.ly/FWCtrees](http://bit.ly/FWCtrees)

*All orders must be received before 10am Friday 27th November*

SIZE	3 - 4ft 100/125cm	5 - 6ft 150/175cm	6 - 7ft 175/200cm	7- 8ft 200/250cm
PRICE	£22	£32	£42	£52

If you require any further info please contact Rebecca on 07855 387170

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