

News Update

Achievement Award Winners

Reception: Jacob, Stevie-Anna, Bella, Michele

Year 1: George, Zoe

Year 2: Emma, Jasmine, Reagan

Year 3: Matthew, Nathan

Year 4: Ava, Heath

Year 5: Kayden, Daisy, Mason

Year 6: Eddine, Richard

**Attendance Award Winners:
Woodpeckers 96.7%**



Beech class have been getting comfortable during their reading sessions. They are enjoying escaping into their books as well as sharing what they have read with their peers.



A gentle reminder to parents and carers that Year 4's 'fun swim' session is rescheduled for Wednesday 16th January. Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit at the beginning of the week to be checked.

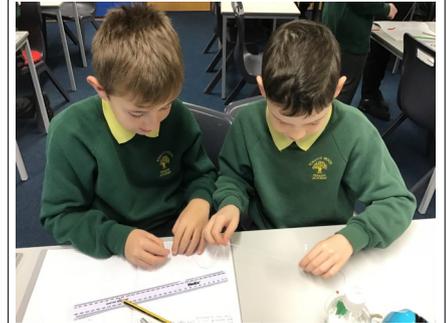


Spotlight on Safeguarding

Over 72% of parents will have purchased their child a tech gift for Christmas, but the Information Commissioner has warned that net-connected toys and gadgets bought as Christmas gifts could put the privacy and safety of children at risk. Parents have been asked to look carefully at toys containing sensors, microphones, cameras, data storage and other multi-media capabilities. Popular products, including Furby-Connect, i-Que Intelligent Robot, Toy-Fi Teddy and CloudPets all offer Bluetooth connectivity and companion apps; home speakers with integrated smart assistants, including Amazon's Echo and Google's Home, allow children to instantly find information through simple voice commands; however, these products could also put child's privacy and safety at risk. Here are some tips for keeping your child safe:

- Always research the security of a product that your child has access.
- Always read the manual and get to grips with security and privacy options.
- Change passwords and usernames on new devices from defaults.

Rowan class worked hard to create their bead strings that helped them to identify equivalent fractions. They have been getting stuck in to their maths learning and making great progress with their understanding of fractions.



Dates for the Diary

Dewberry Assembly 2:40pm	16th January
Year 2—Year 6 Parent Consultations	23rd January
EYFS and Year 1 Parent Consultations	30th January
Rowan Assembly 2.40pm	31st January
Yellow Week for St. Michael's Hospice	4th February
Young Voices @ O2	5th February
Time to Dance - White Rock Theatre	12th February
Last day of term	15th February
First day of Term 4	26th February

Spelling

Spelling is a key focus this term at Robsack Wood. Please check your child's list of spellings and support them with their spelling learning at home. Each week, we will share a spelling strategy in the newsletter that you can practice with your child.

Pyramid words

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Building up a word pyramid letter by letter can help pupils with a good visual memory and encourages all pupils to think of each letter separately. You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.

Attendance Reminder

Unauthorised term time holidays still account for most of our absences at Robsack Wood Primary Academy. Please do remember that school absence has a significant impact on your child's ability to thrive at school. Your child may miss out on valuable group work with peers or miss key topics or themes that cannot be repeated. This could lead to gaps in learning. It may also be disruptive for other pupils in lessons, when your child needs extra help to catch up. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Pupils who fall behind at primary age are much less likely to succeed at GCSE and this has a profound effect of a child's life chances. Before choosing to take your child out of school during term time parent/carers are asked to consider the effect this will have on your child's education and on their future.