

# REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Term 4 2022



#### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL .....

We hope that you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed some much needed family time. We are very excited to have the children back in school and ready to begin Term 4. As we are sure you may have seen from the class newsletters, we have some very exciting learning opportunities planned for your children this term, with just a snapshot below:

- Reception Bedtime story event—look out for more information and get your PJs and favourite book ready!
- The Year 1 Courtyards have been re-developed and the teachers have some exciting provision planned for the children.
- Starting the term with a Superhero dress up day, Year 2 have lots of Superhero fun ahead of them this term.
- Year 3 are continuing with their swimming lessons, in which we hear they are doing very well. They are also continuing their Godinton House Outdoor Learning project and they have a Science Workshop booked for this term.
- Year 4 have an exciting Viking trip planned and we mustn't forget that we have their wonderful production to look forward to.
- Year 5 have some amazing graffiti art learning planned—the results of which we are sure they will enjoy sharing with you.
- Year 6 have some great plans to design, build and programme their own electronic toy.

As well as all of the excitement above, we also have World Book Day and Science Week to look forward to this term. We are sure that your children will enjoy telling you all about this learning as the term progresses.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,  
Mrs Chambers and Mrs Summers

#### Opal Play Project—Project Launch in Term 5

We are extremely excited to be launching a wonderful new play project in Term 5 to improve children's physical activity, socialisation, co-operation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment during playtimes.

This is something which we feel our children will really thrive from and you will be hearing more from us about this during the term. We will be sending out surveys for you to complete and giving you more information about Opal as we plan this exciting project for our children this term. If you would like to find out more in the meantime, please feel free to visit the Opal website: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>. We hope that you will be as excited about this project as we are.



#### Donations Reminder:

We are looking for donations of the following items. If you have any of these items and you are happy to donate them to the school, please do bring them into the school office, for the attention of Mrs Chambers. Thank you in advance.

Old wellies to fit children aged 5+.

Any potting plants or seeds for our vegetable plot.

Any sturdy, wooden or plastic sandpit toys.

Wildflower seeds.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday, 21 Feb 2022 - Friday, 1 Apr 2022**

Term 4 Starts - Monday, 21 February

**Parent Focus Group:**

Friday, 25 February

**World Book Day:**

Thursday 3rd March

**Year 4 Production:**

Tuesday, 22 March @2pm

Wednesday, 23 March @ 5pm

**Classroom Open Afternoon:**

Wednesday, 23 March @ 2:30  
—2:50 pm

Interim Reports—Friday, 25 March

Medal Assembly—Friday, 25 March

Term 4 Ends—Friday, 1 April

#### Class Assemblies this term

We look forward to seeing the families of our Key Stage 1 and Early Years children this term as the children share with us their class assembly and teach us all about the hero of whom their class is named. We are anticipating being able to hold whole school assemblies again this term, but we ask families to please bear with us if guidance suddenly changes.

- ◆ Year 2: Mr Page and Mrs Smith (Marie Curie class): Friday 25th February
- ◆ Year 2, Miss Brading (Albert Einstein class): Friday 4th March
- ◆ Year 1, Mrs Johnson (Mary Seacole class): Friday 11th March
- ◆ Year 1, Miss King (Florence Nightingale class): Friday 18th March
- ◆ Year R, Mrs Boatfield (Jane Goodall class): Friday 1st April

## School Environment Area Family Working Day— Huge Thanks

We cannot thank enough the staff, children, parents and grandparents who joined us for our Family Working Day in the half term to help to develop our school environment area ready for outdoor learning this term. We had a very successful, and fun, day and we are sure you will agree from the photos that the day was a huge success. We cannot wait to begin working with the children in the area again.



Unfortunately, Storm Eunice had other ideas for our gazebo and the roof is no longer attached to the structure, so if anyone can offer any help with building us a new roof which may withstand the winds a little better, please do get in touch with Mrs Chambers ([jackie.chambers@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jackie.chambers@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk)).

### Outdoor Learning Reminder

We are very excited to be having regular Outdoor Learning sessions in school again every Monday throughout Term 4. Please do remember to send your child into school with a change of clothes (or warm clothes to go over their uniform), a warm waterproof coat and wellies or outdoor boots (separate to their usual school shoes) on the date that their year group will be outside.

<b>Week 1 (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February)</b> Year R	<b>Week 2 (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February)</b> Year 1
<b>Week 3 (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March)</b> Year 2	<b>Week 4 (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March)</b> Year 3 Year 4 – Miss Kemp and Mrs Jakeman's class
<b>Week 5 (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March)</b> Year 6 – Mr Jobber and Mrs Fishers class Year 4 – Mrs Hughes class	<b>Week 6 (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March)</b> Year 6 – Mr Hathaway-Batts class Year 4 – Mrs Taylors class

### Parent Focus Group

Parent Focus Groups run on the first Friday of each new term after the morning assembly (approx. 9:45am). We welcome as many parents as are able to join us—just turn up.

### New School Website

Please do keep an eye out for the launch of our new school website this term.



### Reminder—World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters for the day and they will take part in book related activities during the day. Please do not feel that you have to buy a new outfit for your child, many costumes can be homemade fairly easily.

A reminder also for the Story map competition which is being judged on the day. Your children are asked to design a story map which should be all picture based with no more than 12 pictures to show their chosen story. They can present their map as elaborately as they choose, using colour, paint etc. We would love for your children to be able to tell us the story from their pictures.



### Reminder: Outdoor Shoes for playtimes

Please be reminded to send your child in with a pair of wellies or a pair of outdoor shoes suitable for our muddy field. We are trying to open up the space that the children have to play in this term, following their feedback, but in order for them to access the field they will need a spare pair of shoes. Spare outdoor shoes or wellies can be stored in school, please ensure that these are clearly named.