

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

End of Term 1

October 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL ...

Wow! What a wonderful term we have had. It is our first term as a part of the Lightyear Federation and we have so much to celebrate.

We couldn't be happier with how well our children have settled and with their efforts and outcomes with their learning. We have had many visitors to Repton Manor this term and all have commented on the children's excellent learning behaviours. It has been lovely to share in so much of the buzz around the school as the children have enjoyed their new topics—so much awe and wonder has been seen as our teachers have worked hard to make the children's learning meaningful.

I have shared some snippets of many of our successes this term on page 2 of this newsletter—please do have a little look at what we have been up to—our staff and children have been working incredibly hard and we are so proud of what they have achieved.

We hope that you have a wonderful half term break and enjoy some quality family time. We look forward to seeing your children back at school on Tuesday 1st November.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Mrs Chambers

Head of School

Term 2 Class Assemblies

We welcome family members to attend our Friday assemblies to see their children share their term's learning. Please wait outside the Out of Hours door and we will let you in ready for assembly to start at 9am.

Friday 11th November: Mr Hathaway-Batt's Class— Stephen Hawking (Year 5)

Friday 18th November: Miss Kemp's Class— Leonardo da Vinci (Year 4)

Friday 25th November: Miss Lynn's Class — Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (Year 4)

Friday 2nd December: Mrs Deacy and Mr Mulville's Class — William Harvey (Year 3)

Term 2 Opal Family Playtime

One family member per child will be invited to join in with our Opal playtimes each term. Term 2's Family playtime will be **30/11/22**.

There are many exciting events planned for Term 2—some of which you would have already received letters home about from your child's teaching team. Please remember that all letters home are also saved on our school website under the [Letters Home tab](#).

Other important dates for Term 2:

Individual Photos—Tuesday, 1 November 2022 - Friday, 4 November 2022

Christmas Fayre - Thursday, 8th December 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2

Monday, 31 Oct 2022 - Friday, 16 Dec 2022

INSET Day - Monday, 31 October 2022

Term Starts - Tuesday, 1 November 2022

Parent Focus Group - Thursday, 3 November 2022 @ 2pm

Year 2 Nativity—Tuesday, 6 December 2022 @ 2pm and Wednesday, 7 December 2022 @ 5pm

Classroom Open Afternoon—Wednesday, 7 December 2022 @ 2.30 - 2.50pm

Medal Assembly - Friday, 9 December 2022

Reception Christmas Show—Tuesday, 13 December 2022 @ 2pm and Wednesday, 14 December 2022 @ 5pm

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, 14 December 2022

Interim Reports - Thursday, 15 December 2022

Term Ends - Friday, 16 December 2022

For more important dates this term, please see our school website:

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-parents/term-dates/>

TERM 2 THEME: EQUALITY

Each term within our curriculum we have a whole school focus theme. Our theme for Term 1 was nurture and we focussed a lot on looking after each other and ourselves and on building relationships.

Our Term 2 theme is Equality. Our School Council will introduce us to this theme in our first Friday assembly on Friday 4th November and your children may mention to you some of the things that they are looking forward to learning about.

For more information about your child's curriculum please see your child's [Year Group Page](#) on our school website.

Term 1 Successes

EYFS children have settled into the Repton Manor Family superbly – they are happy, they enjoy learning and they have established excellent relationships with their teachers and with their peers.

Parent information sessions at the start of the term were informative and Parents Evening at the end of the term means parents know how well their child has settled.

Children have transitioned into their new classes really well. There is a real learning buzz around the school, the children are showing great pride in their learning and behaviour for learning is good.

Performance Management meetings with staff have shown us what we already knew – that we have a wonderful team of extremely dedicated staff.

Daily Move and Groove sessions are being led by our children to improve all our fitness levels.

Our focus on presentation and pride in learning this term has worked really well; learning shows real improvements in presentation and consistency and children are keen to share their learning with others because they are proud of it.

Our children have taken part in regular Outdoor Learning sessions.

Class Tutorials with our teachers show great teacher knowledge of classes and individual's strengths and areas of need.

The first Topic of our newly adapted curriculum has been very successful. We have seen evidence of deep, well-sequenced learning across a range of subject areas and children have expressed their enjoyment for their learning.

Our staff have taken part in some Storytelling CPD so that we can teach even better writing lessons now.

We celebrated Library Week and enjoyed spending time in our lovely library.

Our Harvest collection for Repton Connect showed how generous our school community is and how we care for our community. Our children shared some lovely Harvest learning in our assembly.

Term 1 clubs have been very popular. Our children have enjoyed a range of clubs on offer.

Our Reading Workshop for EYFS parents was very well attended – thank you.

Our School Councillors have been nominated and inducted by our School Governors. They have many plans to work together over the year to ensure that pupil voice is key to school development and improvement.

Many year groups have already experienced extra-curricular visits / visitors to enrich their curriculum.

Class assemblies for Y5 and Y6 have been great and taught us all a lot about their Topics.

Opal Play continues to go from strength-to-strength with several new builds this term. Parental feedback from our Parent Play Day was very positive with lots of parents saying how lucky their children are to have so much on offer at playtimes.

We have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month with some excellent story sessions.

Our TAs have all been allocated to Opal Zones and are planning ways to improve each of the areas.

Our new staff have undertaken a new and improved induction process. We have had lots of positive feedback about this and it has meant that new staff have settled in quickly and hit the ground running.

Other schools have visited us this term to see our wonderful Opal playtimes and to learn about our work on Diversity.

Our School Improvement Partner and Governor visits have been very positive – with both commenting on the great learning behaviours seen around the school. Our School Improvement Partner has asked if she can send other schools to see our good practice.

Some of our children have enjoyed wonderful Writing Workshop sessions at Godinton House.

Our Repton Boys Football Team was re-established with great success, winning their first tournament. Our girls were so inspired that they have asked for a girl's football club for Term 2 – watch this space!

We are working hard to evidence our children's learning across the entire curriculum. Tapestry is being used in EYFS and Y1, and trialled in Y3 and Y5, as an Online Learning Journey.

Our new Outdoor Learning classroom is close to completion now and we are excited to be able to show our children all that it has to offer.

Our House Captains have been voted in and will now work hard to support their House Teams during a range of activities throughout the year; ensuring that their House members work collaboratively.