



A message from Mrs Chambers

Dear Families,

I cannot quite believe that we are in Term 2 of the new school year already. The days and weeks seem to be whizzing by and before we know it, we will be celebrating Christmas.

We have a busy term ahead of us...

I am very pleased with how our children have returned from half term – I have seen lots of great learning this week and heard lots from our children already about their Topics. The staff have been exploring new and exciting ways of teaching Maths this year and I have been really pleased to hear from the children how much they are enjoying this. Please see the year group paragraphs below for details of your child’s curriculum this term.

Tapestry:

Thank you to everyone who has sent me their permission to access their child’s Tapestry account. We are working very hard behind the scenes to get the roll-out ready for families who have given consent and we are hopeful that you will be sent your log-in details in the next few weeks.

Trips and Visits:

Following parental feedback, we have collated an overview of expected Trips and Visits this academic year for each year group. We have tried to gather an estimated cost for each trip or visit and have included an estimated overall cost for each year group too. We hope that this will help families to plan in advance for upcoming expenses. Please note that the overview is a guide only - costs may vary slightly and trips / visits may be slightly different if new opportunities arise. We will do all that we can to ensure that the approximate total in the left-hand column is not exceeded for any year group. To see the overview, please visit our website here:

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/trips-and-visits/>

Fund raising

Our travelling book fair raised £367.07

Our OPAL Halloween disco raised £1,592.63 (A special thank you to Xavier’s mum for the costumes and decorations!)

Reminders:

✂ We are really excited for our team GB athlete visit on **Monday 13th November**. Please be reminded that due to the work and administration that is involved in collecting and counting the money, we would kindly ask that children bring in their completed sponsor forms and money in a **named envelope by Monday 6th November**. We can accept sponsor money before this date if you are able to collect it earlier.

✂ All children will be offered a free Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 13th December**. If you would like for your child to have a Christmas dinner on this day, please select your child’s choices in the survey link provided below before Friday 1st December (We will not be able to accept any choices after this time). <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DSYMQ7K>

Reception

❖ What an amazing start the children in Early Years have got off to during term one, they’ve settled into Repton Manor so well and we are incredibly proud of how well they have established relationships with both adults and children. The children have been demonstrating how curious and creative they are whilst we have been learning about colours, seasons and emotions. During term 2 we will be centering much of our learning around the topic lets party! We will be learning about how people in the UK and abroad celebrate Diwali, Bonfire Night and



	<p>Christmas. We will use music, art, drama, artefacts, stories and non-fiction texts to explore how these festivals are celebrated. We will cook and eat a range of food and use technology to represent our experiences. We will observe the changing of the season from Autumn to Winter and the impact this has on people and the environment. What an exciting term it will be!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Year R first class photos will be published W/E 10th Nov ❖ NCMP screening – 9th November ❖ Diwali Dancing workshop 14th Nov – signup closes 6th Nov ❖ Story Teller visit 27th Nov – Closes 13th Nov
<p>Year 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ In English this term, will be learning a story called 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We will begin story mapping the main events in the story and stepping out the story using drama. We will innovate the characters and setting ready to write our own versions of the story. We will also be choosing our favourite animal from our trip to Wingham Wildlife Park to plan, write and type a poem about. <p>In Maths this term, we will focus on securing numbers to 20 and consolidate our understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction. We will continue to practice using our problem solving and reasoning skills involving larger numbers. We will also be learning to confidently name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>In our topic lessons, we will be learning about different animal classes and learning how to sort them into different groups. We will be learning and exploring a variety of art and design skills this term through creating an animal painting and a clay sculpture of an animal. We will also be consolidating our animal learning through Dance in our P.E. lessons and will be celebrating our music learning through an animal songs performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ In term 2, we will not be completing outdoor learning every week like we did in term 1. Therefore, your child will no longer need to wear their outdoor learning clothes every Friday. If we do any outdoor learning sessions next term we will let you know prior if your child will need outdoor clothes. Please continue to send in outdoor shoes and a warm waterproof coat for OPAL playtimes. ❖ PE days are on a Monday and Tuesday. ❖ Wingham Wildlife Park Trip on 9th Nov ❖ Story Teller visit 27th Nov – Closes 13th Nov
<p>Year 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This term, our topic will be called 'Staying Alive'. We will be learning about how to look after a range of animals, what they need to survive and the habitats that they live in. We are very fortunate to have a local petting farm visiting us to help us with our learning and show us some of their animals! We will also look at how we can look after ourselves as humans and what we need to keep ourselves healthy. We will then write instructions, connected to our Topic learning about how to look after an animal of the children's choice. We will focus on letter formation and consistently using the correct punctuation to punctate a range of sentence types. We will also explore the animal expert, David Attenborough to help us learn new facts! ❖ We are very excited to be performing our school production Aladdin to you all. Your child should now be aware of their role in the school. Look out for tickets details nearer the time! ❖ PE days will now be Tuesday and FRIDAY. Please no football kits to be worn on these days. ❖ Please send your child in with their 2 RWI books every Monday for changing. ❖ Story Teller visit 27th Nov – Closes 13th Nov
<p>Year 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Our Topic for Term 2 and 3 is Stone, Fire, Ice. In Term 2, we will be focusing on life in the Stone Age exploring the big question 'How did people survive in the Stone Age?'. We will be using our historical enquiry skills to explore the evidence as well as carrying out many practical tasks to deepen our understanding of what life might have been like during this time period. As we get nearer to Christmas, we will also be learning about the meaning of Christmas for Christians, comparing and contrasting the Christian viewpoint to our own views on Christmas.



	<p>In Maths, we will be starting by extending our learning on addition and subtraction to adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers. Afterwards we will be exploring multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8.</p> <p>In Reading, we will start off the term by looking at parts of Stig of the Dump before moving on to Stone Age Boy. We will be continuing to use all the skills of V.I.P.E.R.S to develop our reading skills. In Writing, we will begin with a character description of a Stone Age man before moving onto writing fictional recounts based on the Stone Age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. ❖ Please ensure you sign your child's reading record daily. ❖ Tuesday 7th November - Please send children in clothes suitable for outdoor learning as we will be using the woodland area of Repton Connect as well our parts of our school's outdoor learning areas for our learning. Children will need a waterproof coat and wellies in school.
<p>Year 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ In Year 4 this term we will be continuing our learning about the Romans. We will begin by learning all about the beliefs the Romans had. In our writing we will be creating a character description about an invented Roman god. We will be focusing on up levelling our vocabulary in all areas of our learning this term. In Reading, we will continue to read our class reader 'The Queen of Darkness' which is a story about Boudica, Queen of the Iceni tribe. The children have really enjoyed it so far! A fantastic way of linking fact and fiction. In Maths, we will begin by focusing on finding the area of a shape and then move on to multiplication and division. We will be exposing the children to a variety of ways of representing this and will have a big push on TTRS. ❖ Year 4 swimming will commence week beginning 31st October. This will be every Tuesday morning and will run through term 2 ❖ Reminders: Our PE days will be on Tuesdays (Swimming) and Wednesdays. When swimming, as in Year 3, children should come to school in their PE kit with their swimming clothes on underneath. This makes for a quick entrance into the pool and easier changing afterwards. The children will be reassessed when they get there and sorted into groups.
<p>Year 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Welcome back to Term 2 of Year 5! This term, we will continue to explore the Journey Across the Americas for the first part of the term where we will compare modern, Northern American culture to our own cultures, exploring how they differ but also building on last term's knowledge of how both cultures differ to Ancient American Civilisations. Towards the second half of the term we will begin the highly anticipated exploration of not only Earth, but everything that lies beyond Earth in our very own solar system and galaxies far, far away. We will confirm dates in the coming weeks for the stargazing experience and will communicate that via a letter or email. We will also have an amazing opportunity this term to be building robots using Crumbl Kits this term which we are all very excited about learning how to code and programme them. We will continue to have swimming, every Wednesday, until 28th November 2023. ❖ Every week, the children will be lucky enough to have trumpet lessons with a specialist on <u>Tuesdays</u> ❖ Year 5 swimming will be every Wednesday morning and will run through term 2. ❖ PE is on Monday and Wednesday ❖ Ready, steady...cook sign up closes 22nd November
<p>Year 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This term, Year Six are continuing their exploration of the Victorian Era focusing on the Industrial Revolution as they contemplate if this time period was truly the Golden Age of British history. We will research trade routes in Geography and assess how goods and services were distributed throughout the growing British Empire. In Reading and Writing lessons, we will enjoy the spooky side of Victorian literature by using A Christmas Carol, as well as a short film called



	<p>Alma, to inspire the children to create their own suspenseful tales. At the close of term, we will celebrate our learning by recreating our own Victorian Christmas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Victorian Day 30th November - Children are invited to dress in Victorian clothing on this day as they experience a range of true-to-life workshop events - Sign up closes Friday 17th November ❖ PE days remain Tuesdays and Fridays. ❖ Y6 NCMP screening – 9th November
<p>Whole school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Flu immunisations for all children will be held on Wednesday 29th November – To opt out/in please access this link: https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/support/health-services-for-families-with-school-aged-children/school-aged-immunisation-service/ 📌 Please be reminded that the front car park is for badge holders only 📌 The school opens in the morning for children at 8.30am and the gate closes at 8.45am. In the afternoon the gate will open at 15.15pm for home-time (with the exception of extended care and clubs). 📌 Please allow 2 working days for email responses. Should your query be of an urgent nature please do call the office. 📌 Please ensure that you sign up for trips <i>before</i> the deadline. 📌 ALL medications must be bought directly to the office. We ask the children do not come into school with medications in their bag please ✕ <p>Useful contacts: For attendance and absences email: attendance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk For finance related queries email: finance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk for all other queries email: office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk</p>

Pastoral and Inclusion

We are always here to help with any support you may need - Just pop in and speak with Miss Crook, our Family Liaison officer or send us over an email at: office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk

New Ways November 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel		
6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea		
11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."		
16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before		
21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way		
26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**



Week ahead:

Repton Reminders for W/B 06.11.23

Community

Rotary The Rotary Club of Repton
The Charity & Craft Christmas Fair
Repton Community Centre
Saturday 11th November 2pm to 5 pm
Come and support us and get ahead with your Christmas Gifts
Free Entry Free Parking Refreshments

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A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER
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Independent SCHOOLS Show
11-12 NOVEMBER
BATTERSEA PARK
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