



A message from Mrs Chambers

Dear families,

A very Happy New Year to each and every one of you. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break with your families. Our children have certainly been telling us all about their adventures this Christmas. Although we have only been back four days, school is in full swing and the children are already getting stuck into their learning for their new topics. Please do read your child's year group section below to find out more about what they will be learning this term.

So far this term, in the four days that we have been back at school, we have already experienced torrential rain, blue skies, sunshine and wild winds! Quite a start to 2024! Thank you to everyone who has sent their child into school with full wet weather clothes. A reminder that children will need a waterproof coat and outdoor shoes / wellies this term, please. Thank you for your support with this.

A few additions to our school website:

Click the link to see Miss Kemp's class and Kelly sing and sign the Greatest Love of all...

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-school/our-vision/>

Click below to see new additions added to our Repton Photo Album:

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-school/school-events-photo-page/school-year-2023-2024/>

Reception starters 2024

Don't forget, if your child is starting Year R this year, the deadline for applications is Monday 15th January. https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/126774/Guide-to-applying-to-Primary-in-Kent.pdf

- ❖ Valentines disco – Friday 9th February (More details to follow)
- ❖ OPAL non-uniform day – Wednesday 24th January

Jackie Chambers
Head of School



Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ We had a wonderful term two together, the children were so engaged in their learning about cultures and celebrations. It was wonderful to see the children develop their understanding and appreciate differences as well as celebrate similarities between different festivals. The children became very engaged in music, dance and drama related to these events. The children developed a larger repertoire of phonic sounds which they are able to apply more readily to reading and writing, we are so proud of the progress they have made in this area of learning! It's been wonderful to see relationships between children continue to develop and strengthen. The topic for term three will see the children experiment and investigate different forms of transportation. The children will focus their learning on the text 'The One Hundred Decker Bus'. They will create their own buses using a range of materials, make bus tickets during role-play and travel on a local bus. The children will then learn about trains in the past and present and how they compare. The children will then make train journey maps and learn train related songs. Lastly, they will become mesmerised by space and rockets as we read the text 'Blast Off' and go on a trip to space in our class rocket. We will find out about real astronauts and design and take part in astronaut training❖ Next NCMP screening – 31st January❖ Bus journey trip on Friday 2nd February - This is now live on Arbor for sign up❖ Bedtime story event - Will be held Tuesday 6th February at 16:30-17:30❖ Drama4ALL workshop - Monday 15th January❖ Can all children please ensure they are reading their sounds blending/ ditty booklets/ RWI/ AR books daily and this be recorded by parents in their reading record (yellow book). This consistency has a huge impact on their reading progress!❖ Please can you ensure your child has a spare pair of socks in their bag at all times, it's soggy socks season and the puddles are far too tempting for our younger children!❖ Please can we have empty boxes and toilet roll tubes to junk model with please!❖ If you have any underwear, socks or nativity costumes your child has outgrown or you no longer want we'd be very appreciative of a donation as we are running low!❖ Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school from Week 2 of term 3 please. We'd be very grateful if you practice the skill of dressing and undressing independently in preparation for PE lessons.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ This term, we will be launching our new topic, Our Wonderful World by making our own Gingerbread men! We will be learning about the 7 continents of the World, looking in detail at each continent and thinking about what is the same or different in terms of animals, weather, plants, and landmarks. We will be learning about Christopher Columbus and find out all about his adventures while using our map skills. We will also learn about transport and look at the art work of Brian Pollard to help us create our own prints. In English this term, the children will be learning the story of the Gingerbread Girl. We will be innovating the setting and characters and write an alternate ending to the story. We will also write instructions on how to make gingerbread men! We will continue to develop our understanding of adjectives and nouns and use them in our writing to create a clearer picture in the reader's mind. We will continue to focus on punctuating our sentences correctly using capital letters and full stops, and will begin learning how to do so with question marks and exclamation marks too. In Maths this term, we will continue securing our understanding of place value to 20 as well as our addition and subtraction learning involving larger numbers. We will develop a good understanding of how we can represent numbers above 10 in different ways and how we use our knowledge of number bonds to help us answer tricky calculations as well as reasoning and problem-solving questions. We will also begin learning about doubling and strategies to answer missing number problems.



Week ahead:

Repton Reminders for W/B 08.01.24

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Please be aware there has been a change to the dates of the year 1 class assemblies next term. The new dates are below: Mary Seacole Class (Miss Hughes) - Friday 26th January Florence Nightingale class (Miss King) - Friday 2nd February You are invited into school to watch your child's class assembly being shared with the rest of the school on these dates. The assembly will start at 9am. ❖ PE Monday's and Tuesday's ❖ Drama4ALL workshop - Monday 15th January ❖ Can all children please ensure they are reading their sounds blending/ ditty booklets/ RWI/ AR books daily and this be recorded by parents in their reading record (yellow book). This consistency has a huge impact on their reading progress! ❖ Please can you ensure your child has a spare pair of socks in their bag at all times, it's soggy socks season and the puddles are far too tempting for our younger children!
<p>Year 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ In Maths, we have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm to participate in Numbots at home and we have seen great progress. This term, we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills before moving onto learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will learn to name, identify, classify and draw a range of shapes. In Reading, the children will continue to be sent home with 2 RWI books to read. For the children who have completed the RWI programme, they will bring a home a book of their choice that is matched to their reading ability age. They will complete a quiz in school each time they have read their book before moving onto a new one. We would like children to complete 15-20 minutes of reading at home every day and for parents to then sign their reading records so we can keep track in school. In Writing, we will be learning all about Samuel Pepys and writing our own diary entries to retell the Great Fire of London. We will experience a re-enactment of this event when we visit Kent Life for our school trip. We will be focusing on using a range of different sentence types with the correct punctuation and using apostrophes for possession and contractions. As part of our topic, 'Times of Change,' we will be planning and creating our own fire truck models. If you have any egg boxes, cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots and bottle tops, please can they be brought in after the Christmas holidays. ❖ PE days will be Tuesdays and Friday's ❖ Kent Life Trip on Monday 5th February – This closes on Friday 5th January 2024 ❖ Drama4ALL workshop - Monday 15th January ❖ Can all children please ensure they are reading their sounds blending/ ditty booklets/ RWI/ AR books daily and this be recorded by parents in their reading record (yellow book). This consistency has a huge impact on their reading progress! ❖ Please can you ensure your child has a spare pair of socks in their bag at all times, it's soggy socks season and the puddles are far too tempting for our younger children!
<p>Year 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ In Term 3, we will be continuing with our topic of Stone, Fire and Ice, moving on from the Stone Age to the Bronze and Iron Ages. We will be starting our topic with a visit from Maidstone Museum where they will share some more facts, artefacts and activities linked to The Stone Age. In Writing, we will focus on writing a set of instructions and a historical recount. Our grammar focus is still to add a range of sentence openers and subordinate clauses to our work. In Maths, we will be continuing with Multiplication and Division before moving on to Length and Perimeter. In Topic, we will be looking at rocks in Science and the historical and geographical changes from the Stone Age all the way up to the Iron Age. We are so excited to get started, Year 3 rocks! ❖ Please ensure you sign your child's reading record daily ❖ PE Wednesday's and Thursday's



<p>Year 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Please can all children be reading and parents ensuring that books are signed ❖ PE Wednesday's and Friday's
<p>Year 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Every week, the children will be lucky enough to have trumpet lessons with a specialist on <u>Tuesdays</u>. ❖ PE Monday's ONLY - this will be a double slot as we have our PE specialist and external specialists from Charlton Athletic coming in on this day.
<p>Year 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PE Tuesday's and Friday's ❖ TLM questionnaire – Monday 5th February
<p>Whole school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 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 <u>before</u> 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>
<p>Pastoral and Inclusion</p>	<p>As always, please do pop and see Miss Crook, our Family Liaison Officer should you need any support or advice or email sarah.crook@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk</p>
<p>Community</p>	