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**Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter**  
**Friday 10 January 2025**

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**Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A belated Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful break and were able to spend some valuable time with friends and family.

We have had a positive start to the term and the children have been working hard and as always, learning has been fun, inspiring and challenging. If you would like to explore the topics that your child is learning this term, you can find this information on our website under the 'Classes' section. All classes have now uploaded their Spring 1 Curriculum Overviews. You can also read about your child's learning on the following page of the newsletter.

Our Studybugs system is now live and you may have received alerts regarding your child's absence. If you have not done so already, please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). You can also notify us of your child's absence on Studybugs via our school website.

If you have not already, please take the time to read through your child's Learning Plan (previously called IEP), using the new online system called Provision Map. If you have any queries around this, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance.

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming class assemblies. We have made a slight change to the year 6 assemblies. William and Charles classes will be presenting one assembly as a year group and this will be on Thursday 30 January at 2:45pm.

A reminder that we are a nut-free school. This week, we have had some children bringing in foods which contain nuts, such as chocolates and breakfast bars. Please ensure children are not sent to school with any foods containing nuts as we have children with allergies. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Next week, clubs will be restarting. Your child will receive a letter today if they have been accepted into football after school club. Please note that due to high demand, spaces have been allocated on a first come first served basis. Children who have not been allocated a space will be placed on a reserve list and will be notified if a space becomes available. Children who have been offered a place in netball club will be informed on Monday.

If your child is in year 5 and you would like them to attend the residential trip in October, please return your forms to indicate your interest by next week. If you require further information, please speak to Miss Naisby.

Have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

**Mrs R Parmar**

**VALUE OF THE MONTH**  
**FOR JANUARY:**

**Determination**  
the ability to continue trying to do something, even if it is difficult.



**Kidz Zone Before and After School Club Information**

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on [www.kidzzoneclub.com](http://www.kidzzoneclub.com).

**Football Tournament Update**

We are very pleased to have been informed that following our results and placement in last term's Dunstable and Houghton Regis School League, our Boys' Football team have qualified for the Quarter-Finals of the Boys' Cup. Our Girls' Football team have qualified for the Quarter-Finals of the Girls' Plate.

**School Dinners**

The cost of school dinners is £2.20 for Nursery and £2.40 for Reception-Year 6 children. This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

**Attendance Winners**

**EYFS/KS1: Gold with 97.31%**

**KS2: Blue with 96.1%**

**Whole School Attendance: 95.1%**

**Housepoint Winners**

**EYFS/KS1: Sandringham— 199 points**

**KS2: Balmoral—664**

**Overall Winning House: Balmoral—805**

# EARLY YEARS

## Nursery

Over the next two weeks the children will be learning about the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. The role play areas are set up as a construction site and we will be looking into the materials required for building a good strong house. The Three Little Pigs story teaches the children about determination, bravery and the importance of working as a team.



## Reception

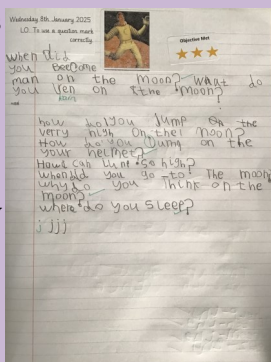
This week in Reception we have been learning about Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have enjoyed listening to the story, we have looked at structures of bridges and sequenced the pictures of the story. On the creative table we have used different 3D materials to make scary trolls and goats. We had great fun changing our voices to be the three goats and used a troll voice to retell the story.



# KEY STAGE 1

## Year 1

Year 1 children have had a marvellous week back after the Christmas break. They began by listening to a story all about a man on the moon. In maths, the children were given lots of opportunities to master their ability to use different strategies for adding and calculating number bonds to 20. They used representations of ten frames, bead strings and number lines to explain different methods for adding number up to 20.



## Year 2

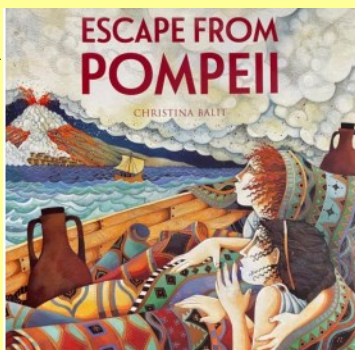
This week we have started our new maths topic of money! We have enjoyed exploring different coin and note values as well as making different amounts. We have also begun exploring the life of Florence Nightingale and the work she did to reform nursing.



# LOWER KEY STAGE 2

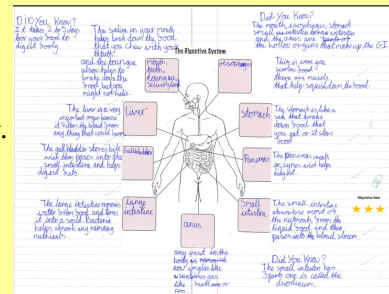
## Year 3

Year 3 children have all settled in well and all the children have been fully engaged in our new scheme of work. They have enjoyed the introduction of our new English book, 'Escape from Pompeii' and its link to Romans, being covered in our History lessons.



## Year 4

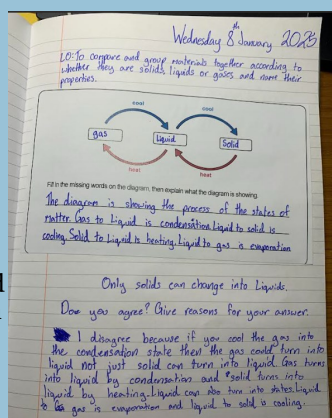
Year 4 children have settled back well and have had an exciting week learning about our digestive system and how food travels through our body. We have learnt about the five main components of our digestive system and are now beginning to write our own explanation texts. We have enjoyed starting to read the hilarious book, 'Kay's Anatomy,' a guide to the human body.



# UPPER KEY STAGE 2

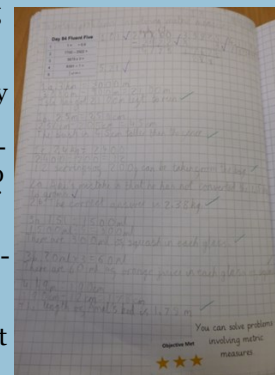
## Year 5

This week, we have been adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. In English, we have started reading our new book 'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, closely exploring the author's style of writing and making predictions about the book. This links closely to our history topic, Ancient Greece. In science, we are studying the properties and changes of materials. The children compared and grouped materials according to whether they were solids, liquids, or gases, and named their properties.



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been converting between metric units of measure in maths. In English, we started reading our class book 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll, which is linked to our history topic of Ancient Egypt. The children enjoyed using their imagination to write a letter based on a package one of the characters received. In history, the children have been learning about the different job roles during Ancient Egyptian times. We have also started to draw our own pyramids in art concentrating on shading.



## STAR AWARDS

			
<b>Danny DETERMINATION</b> says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	<b>Colin CURIOSITY</b> says, "THINK FOR YOUR-SELF."	<b>Chloe COMMUNICATION</b> says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	<b>Izzy INDEPENDENCE</b> says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Arthur R	Sarah B	Nikodem B	Riley T
Jake	Victoria S	Teddy	Ash H
Harrison B	Ciara M	Lilly S	Ayla R
Arian F	Alfie B	Sofia Y	Paul DJ
		Liam T	Imogen H
		Elijah O	Theodore R-S
			George T
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## Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Wednesday	15 January		Nursery	Deadline for Reception Applications Online
Wednesday	22 January		Year 5	Greek Wow Day
Thursday	23 January	9:00-10:00am		SEND Information morning for parents - invited parents
Wednesday	29 January		Year 4 - selected children	A.I.M. High Maths Day at Chantry Primary Academy
Thursday	30 January	2:45-3:10pm	Year 6 - William & Charles Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Friday	31 January		Year 1	Trip to the post office
Monday-Thursday	3-6 February		Year 6	Mock SATs week
Tuesday	4 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 5 - Elizabeth Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Tuesday	4 February	3:45-4:15pm	Year 1 & invited Year 2 parents	Phonics Screening Check workshop for parents
Thursday	6 February	All day	Year 2	Wow day
Thursday	6 February	All day	Year 4	DT Wow day
Thursday	6 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 5 - Sapphire Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	6 February		Reception	Once Upon a Time Wow Day
Friday	7 February		Year 6	Ancient Egyptians Wow Day
Monday- Friday	10-14 February		All children	Cultural Week
Tuesday	11 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 4 - Amber Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	13 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 4 - Emerald Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Monday-Friday	17-21 February		All children	Half-Term
Monday	24 February		All children	Return to school
Thursday	27 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 3 - Yellow Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Monday	3 March		Year 6	National Offer Day - Secondary School
Tuesday	4 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 3 - Blue Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	6 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 2 - Purple Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	6 March		All children	World Book Day
Tuesday	11 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 2 - Charlotte Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	13 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 1 -Orange Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Friday	14 March		Year 1	Trip to the library
Tuesday	18 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 1 - Green Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	20 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Platinum Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Tuesday	25 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Gold Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Monday	31 March	3:45-6:15pm	All children	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday	1 April	9:30-10:00am	Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - parents invited
Wednesday	2 April	2:45-3:15pm	Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - parents invited
Thursday	3 April	4:00-7:00pm	All children	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday	4 April		All children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.00pm, no clubs or after school club on this day