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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter Friday 28th March 2025

**Acting Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a great week with fantastic learning and enjoyable activities taking place. Children have been excited to share their work - it is lovely to see them show passion about their learning and keenness to talk about it too!

The children in Gold class prepared and presented an enjoyable assembly based on The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They shared some great artwork and sang beautifully. Well done to all adults and children involved for your contributions to this assembly.

We hosted a group of trainee teachers from the Chiltern Training Group on Wednesday and Thursday. The trainees worked in specific classes to observe our teachers and then had the opportunity to plan and deliver lessons to the children. It is a great experience for all involved and as always, the trainees observed excellent practice across our school—we are proud of all our children and staff.

Next week, we have another busy week with our years 3 and 4 Easter performances taking place on Wednesday and Thursday. You can register for your place at one of these performances with your child's class teacher.

There will be no after school clubs next week—football, netball, street dance and boosters. We have had a great response to our clubs being offered in the summer term. If you have any queries about these, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

A reminder that our Parent Consultation Evenings are being held next week. Entrance to the school for these appointments will be via the side door next to the bike shed. Please see details below:

Day	Date	Time	Classes & Location of meetings:
Monday	31st March	3:45-6:15pm	Silver (Mrs White) & Platinum Jubilee (Mrs Gammon)— Platinum Classroom Gold (Mrs Green) & Platinum (Mrs Baldwin)— Gold Classroom Orange (Miss Bhadresa) & Green (Miss Hayat)— Orange Classroom Purple (Miss Davidson), Charlotte (Mrs Scott-Hyde), Blue (Mrs March), Amber (Miss Rogers), Emerald (Mrs Jenkins), William (Miss Naisby) & Charles (Miss Coleman) - Hall
Thursday	3rd April	4:00-7:00pm	Silver (Mrs White) & Platinum Jubilee (Mrs Gammon)— Platinum Classroom Gold (Mrs Green) & Platinum (Mrs Baldwin)— Gold Classroom Orange (Miss Bhadresa) & Green (Miss Hayat)— Orange Classroom Purple (Miss Davidson), Charlotte (Mrs Scott-Hyde), Blue (Mrs March), Amber (Miss Rogers), Emerald (Mrs Jenkins), William (Miss Naisby) & Charles (Miss Coleman) - Hall

PTA Updates

Thank you to members of the PTA who have been selling raffle tickets this week ahead of the Easter raffle, which will be drawn Thursday. You can still purchase raffle tickets next week. All children will be given one free raffle ticket, which will be handed out next week.

Next Friday, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for our PTA. We ask for a contribution of £1 and all proceedings will go towards our PTA fund. We are grateful for the work the members of the PTA to support the children and our school. There are upcoming events planned and we would appreciate any support from parents who are able to volunteer. If you are able to support, please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides at: ptahrps@gmail.com.

The last day of term is next Friday—school closes at 2pm and there will be no after school club on this day.

A reminder that the clocks will be going forward this weekend. Enjoy the lovely weather over the weekend - I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH:

Resilience

the ability to be happy, and successful again after facing a challenge



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.

Years 5 & 6 Careers' Morning

In the summer term, we are planning to host a careers' morning for years 5 and 6 children.

We are looking for careers in any sector, such as: retail, hospitality, education, computing, engineering, medicine and healthcare, construction, media or performance of the arts, accountancy, banking and finance, law enforcement and security, leisure and tourism and more.

If you are able to support us with this event, please email the school office by Friday 28th March to express your interest at office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

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.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Gold with 99.1%

KS2: William with 98.8%

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1: Sandringham—79 points

KS2: Buckingham—108 points

Overall Winning House: Sandringham—181 points

EARLY YEARS

Nursery

This week, we have been exploring the story of What The Ladybird Heard. We have been inspired to learn new things about minibeasts, especially ladybirds. We have used this to help us with our subitising for maths. Subitising is the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them - this is an important part of early development to support number sense.



Reception

This week, we have been continuing our theme of Growth and Change. We read The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have produced some amazing art work, such as butterfly collages and painted caterpillars. In maths, we have counted to and from using ten frames and compared numbers. In music, we listened to some great music, you can't beat some, Ain't No Mountain High Enough, sung by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell. A very full on busy week.



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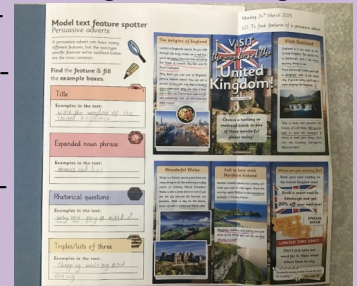
Year 1

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring art in the style of Eric Carle. They explored ways in which Eric Carle has used colour, tone, pattern and texture to illustrate parts of a butterfly. The children took inspiration from his work by re-creating a symmetrical butterfly.



Year 2

In English this week we started a new genre of writing - persuasion. We enjoyed practising our persuasion skills verbally and have begun planning our writing. In computing we have enjoyed reading and creating pictograms using the chrome-books.



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

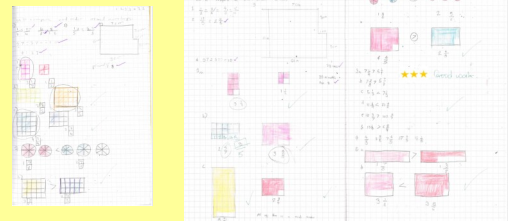
Year 3

This week, we have been exploring world biomes. A biome is a natural area of plants and animals. The world is divided into many different biomes and they all vary depending on their climate. In addition to their investigation, the children will be creating a model of a specific biome.



Year 4

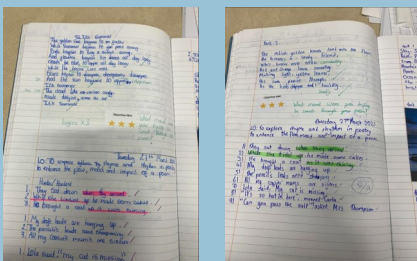
We have been continuing our learning of adding and subtracting fractions. We have been drawing pictorial diagrams to represent our work and have challenged ourselves with reasoning questions. We are looking forward to seeing parents at our Easter production next week.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

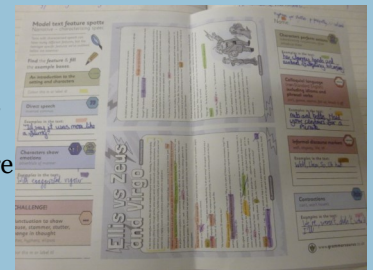
Year 5

This week, we have been focusing on poetry writing. We explored the key features of poetry and used them to write our own poems about different landscapes. In maths, we have been learning how to round decimal numbers to the nearest whole number, tenths, and thousandths.



Year 6

This week, we have been finding percentages of amounts in maths. We have also been recapping some skills so we are ready for SATs in May - this week we were looking at reflection. In English, we deconstructed a narrative and looked at the features that are required and why they are needed. In geography, we investigated the river Nile and included the effects on the environment and the landscape. In science, we looked at how we can see objects.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Elyanna N, Ana A, Jaden T, Tia J*
Years 1, 2 & 3 *Liliana P, Joshua P, Conor H, Anayah J, Hannah K, Violet H*
Years 4, 5 & 6 *Kira A, Yasmin L, Harry C, Annabelle L, Liam D, Arran G*



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	31 March		Reception	National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)
Monday	31 March	3:45-6:15pm	N, R, 1, 2, Blue Class, 4, 6	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday	1 April	9:30-10:00am	Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - parents invited
Tuesday	1 April	2:45-3:15pm	Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - parents invited
Wednesday	2 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	N, R, 1, 2, Blue Class, 4, 6	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday	4 April		All children	Non-uniform day to raise funds for PTA
Friday	4 April		All children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no clubs or after school clubs on this day

Summer Term

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday	22 April		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Wednesday	23 April		All children	Children return to school
Monday	5 May		All children	School closed—May Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6 May		Year 4	Trip to Tring Museum
Tuesday	6 May	3:45-6:15pm	Year 3—Yellow & Year 5	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	8 May	4:00-7:00pm	Year 3—Yellow & Year 5	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday-Thursday	12-15 May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Friday	16 May		Year 6	Bowling Trip
Monday-Friday	19-23 May		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Friday	23 May	1:45-2:30pm	Reception	PTA Disco
		2:30-3:30pm	Years 1 & 2	
		3:30-4:30pm	Years 3 & 4	
		4:30-5:30pm	Years 5 & 6	
Monday-Friday	26-30 May		All children	Half-Term
Monday	2 June		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Tuesday	3-6 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Maths
Monday	9 June		All children	School photographs - please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.
Monday-Friday	9-13 June		Year 1 & Year 2 resitting	Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
Tuesday	8 July		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs results
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term

What Is a PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. Volunteer organisations like this are usually composed of parents, class reps, teachers and other school staff who come together for regular meetings to discuss the school year and upcoming events.

PTAs bridge the gap between parents, teachers and pupils, helping to build productive relationships and further ensure the school is a place where pupils can thrive.

PTAs are now established in most schools and parents enjoy working closely with teachers, creating bonds with other parents, fundraising for events, working with the local community and learning more about the curriculum.

What Do PTAs Do?

These groups may aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn.

Members of a PTA are likely to work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

PTA Events at Houghton Regis Primary School

In previous years, the Houghton Regis PTA has organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why are PTAs Important?

PTAs give parents more of a voice and get them feeling involved. Parents can provide the school community with a fresh perspective and highlight any concerns in a supportive environment.

The organisations are also instrumental in providing additional opportunities for pupils by strengthening the overall school experience.

Why Should You Join a PTA?

Being a part of your child's school PTA has several benefits:

- Scheduled meetings allow parents to keep up to date with upcoming academic events and socials.
- It creates stronger relationships with staff members, where they can easily communicate expectations and standards of learning.
- It allows parents to establish relationships and network with other parents.
- Parents can support the school in creating the best environment possible for their child and other pupils, helping make a real difference.
- PTA members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of the PTA, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinos at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more information.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



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Houghton Regis Library
Saturday Opening hours:
9am - 4pm

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E G G S - T R A V A G A N Z A

Visit us at Houghton Regis Library as we host our very own Easter Scavenger Hunt along with other activities, in collaboration with the shops of Bedford Square!

Saturday
5th April
10am to 2pm

Easter Scavenger Hunt

Collect your Hunt sheet from the library, and then go explore Bedford Square for clues!
(library card required for entry, under 16s only)



Cheeky Chick Card

Decorate your own Easter Card to give to someone special, or keep it for yourself!

Bunny Headband

Craft a flowery bunny headband and wear it before, or after the Scavenger Hunt!




And more!
Whilst stocks last

The Library's Easter Scavenger Hunt has been sponsored by the following:

CLlr Chloe Alderman and Morrisons

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Inclusive Football Sessions

**Every Sunday at
Venue 360,
Gypsy Lane,
Luton, LU1 3JH**



£8
per session

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Beginner session, including basic ball skills, gross motor skills and small sided games.

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Intermediate session, including ball mastery, technical drills and small sided games.

**After 6 sessions you
will receive:**

Personalised training top including
your name and choice of number
on the back



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