



Henbury View First School

Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts

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Headteacher's Update

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It feels that it has been an incredibly busy start to the term, I am so proud of how the children have settled into their new classes and adapted to new routines. Our Foundation and Year 2 pupils had a very exciting visit from the Fire Brigade, they learnt about fire safety, but I think the highlight for many of the children was being able to use the water hose. I am also delighted to share that we have successfully achieved the Music Mark award, this is the result of our continued engagement in promoting and improving music within our school. Having listened to the children rehearsing our Harvest assemblies I can honestly say that you are in for a wonderful treat.

Marvellous Me

We continue to use Marvellous me to share in the moment learning and celebrations. If you are not receiving the alerts, please contact the office who will be more than happy to help you.



Love of reading:

In school we are continually promoting the love of reading with the children, through the opportunities to share books and listen to stories each day. It is wonderful to see some of children engaging in reading at every opportunity through the baskets of books that we have around the school. Below is a link to monthly recommended reads which might inspire the young readers in your household. We are always keen to hear the latest books that the children have read.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/monthly-must-reads-september-2023>

Blue Peter book club and badges.

It would be wonderful if some of our Henbury children got involved and earned a Blue Peter badge. Please see the links below on how to get involved.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



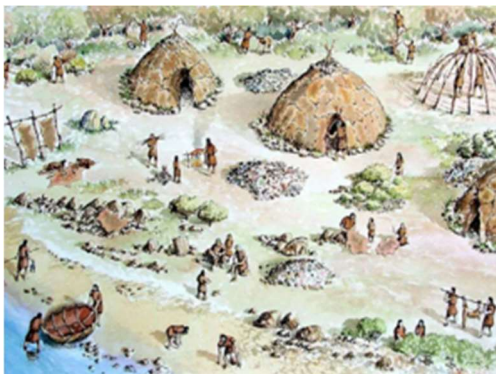
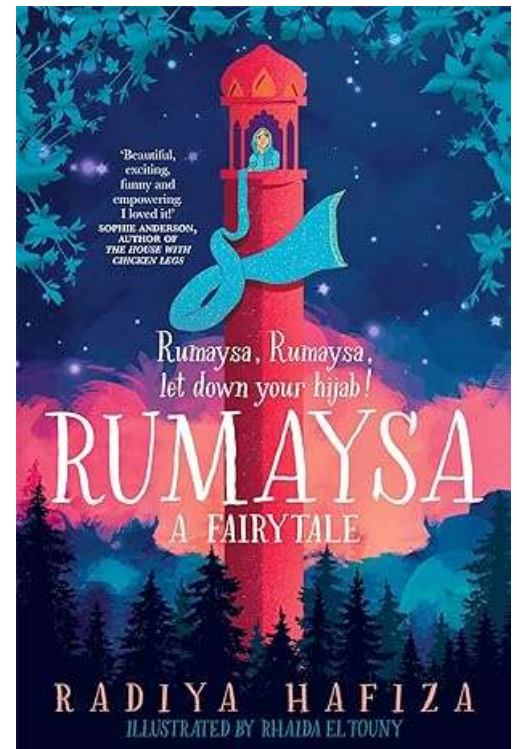
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn term dates:

11th October – Year 3 parent share
17th October-EYFS Harvest celebration.
18th October-KS1 Harvest celebration.
19th October-KS2 Harvest celebration.
19th October – Foundation, Years 1 and 2 book look 3.20 pm.
20th October-Last day of term.
30th October – Inset
3rd Nov – School disco
9th November- Year 3 trip Week beginning 13th
November – antibullying week.
14th and 16th November – parents evenings. Booking details to follow.
20th November – Year 2 Parent Share.
21st November – Flu vaccines
22nd November – Year 1 Parent Share.
23rd November – Years 3 & 4 Book Look.
6th December – Nativity evening performance.
7th December – Nativity morning performance.
8th December – Christmas Jumper day.
15th December – Last day of term.

Our Learning.

In Year 4 this half term, we have loved learning about Europe and are really excited about our upcoming Europe Day! So far, we have looked at continents of the world, focused on Europe and the capital cities and explored some key features of continents. We are also really enjoying our new class novel – Rumaysa: A Fairytale. We like to spot the similarities and differences in fairytales that we already know and discuss what's new.



Year 3 has been a hive of activity so far this year. The children have settled extremely well into new routines and are producing some AMAZING learning which we are so proud of them for!

In History, we have been exploring life in prehistoric Britain. We have followed life from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age and into the Iron Age. We have discovered how daily life changed between these periods, focusing on different types of houses and settlement.

During our science learning, we have investigated how our skeletons work! We have looked closely at why we need a skeleton and how some animals have different types of skeleton. We have also named bones using scientific names and investigated how joints and muscles work.

The children have really enjoyed being introduced to the French language this half term! They have fully immersed themselves in talking in French to each other- greeting each other, introducing themselves, asking (and answering) how each other are and saying goodbye. We have been particularly impressed with how well the children have begun to write in French too- writing down the French conversational phrases and sentences that they have learned.

In Year 2 this week, we had a visit from the fire service. The fire fighters showed us the inside of the fire engine and explained how to be 'fire safe '. They even let us use the fire hose and try on their equipment and uniforms! We all had a marvellous time learning about fire safety and fire engines. We learnt the invaluable lesson of STOP, DROP and ROLL, it is a simple fire safety technique.



This half term in year 1, we've embarked on a creative journey that has involved exploring shapes, experimenting with colour mixing, and the art of block colours and collage. Inspired by Henri Matisse's 'The Snail,' our young artists have been hard at work crafting their own abstract animals. Can you decipher the captivating creatures they've brought to life?

This half term in Foundation we have been settling into our classroom and learning school routines. We have enjoyed sharing stories like 'Not now Bernard' and 'We're going on a bear hunt' as well as starting our number journey with the help of the Numberblocks. We have talked about how special our family are to us and have enjoyed sharing pictures and stories about our loved ones.



Don't forget our Harvest assemblies next week. Doors will open at 2.30pm.

Foundation - 17th October – 2.45 pm

Year 1 & 2 - 18th October – 2.45 pm

Years 3 & 4 - 19th October – 2.45 pm.



Is my child too ill for school?



We are aware that there are lots of coughs and colds going round at the moment. The NHS have an excellent website which may help you when undecided about sending your child to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please be reassured that if your child is child becomes unwell during the school day that we will contact you.

Labelling clothes and water bottles.

Thank you for ensuring that clothes, lunch boxes and water bottles are named. We endeavour to return items to children each day.



World Mental Health Day

10th October 2023

This year the theme is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

To recognize this in school, we will be asking the children to take a few minutes to check in on how they are feeling. This embeds the importance of taking time to notice their emotional wellbeing and how that can impact on their day.



If your child is late.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in ensuring that our gates are closed on time. This does enable us to have a prompt start to the day.

We are now going to ask parents to sign their children in if they are late, this will ensure that our registers are accurate. Thank you for your support with this.

Henbury View First School Website

Our website contains lots of vital information for parents and carers. This includes information about events, clubs, term dates, newsletters, governance information, policies, curriculum information and more. There is a section specifically for parents and we would appreciate it if you could make yourself familiar with the website. Our website is a hub of knowledge about the school, and we hope you find it useful.

Please use the website to access information wherever possible and let us know if there is anything you wish to see on the website. [Henbury View First School - Home](#)

If you have any queries or questions?

We recognise that we all receive lots of messages and emails every day and at times this can be overwhelming. If you are concerned or worried about anything, eg you may have missed some information or not sure if you have the 'right' information – do not hesitate to speak with the class teacher or ring the office, we are more than happy to reassure you and provide you with the correct information.

Feedback requests

We welcome feedback from parents on any aspects of the school. We would love to hear more about successes as well as improvements we could make.

Staff work extremely hard and whilst we have had some verbal feedback since reports have gone out and after trips/events, we would appreciate your comments in writing. It also helps the Governing Body at Henbury to get a fuller picture of all the hard work happening around the school.

Please email office@henburyview.dorset.sch.uk

Healthy Snacks

We kindly request that the children only bring healthy snacks into school to have at breaktime, this might be a piece of fruit, vegetable, breadsticks, plain popcorn etc.. Please ensure that any food which is brought into school is nut free and sesame seed free as we have children with allergies. This does include products such as Nutella and humous.

Children who are in Foundation, Years 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable from the Government which is delivered directly to school. We are more than happy for you to provide an alternative healthy snack if you wish.



Important Reminders

We recognise that technology has so many benefits to our lives, and we all rely on it so much, however with the benefits there comes some risks. We are aware that some children do access material which is not appropriate to their age. The children at Henbury are fabulous and will share if they see something which makes them feel worried or upset, when this happens, we work with the children and families. Please take some time to look at this excellent NSPCC resource which provides invaluable advice and guidance on Keeping children safe online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Safeguarding/Child Protection Issues.

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Henbury View First School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:

The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Headteacher.

Our Family Support Worker is: Mrs Sharon Saunders