

Robert Miles Infants

April 2019



Dear Parents,

It has been a great term and has absolutely flown by. The children have been so enthused by their learning; I have had a constant stream of children visiting me every day to show me work they are proud of. This half term we have focused on determination and the children have really taken this on board, recognizing that things don't always come easily straight away.

We say goodbye this term to our Parent Governor Ross Morgan. We would like to say a big thank you to him for his support and for the commitment he has shown. We welcome Laura Collinson as our new Parent Governor. We are still searching for one more.

We would like to say "Congratulations" to Miss Littlewood who is getting married in the Easter holidays. Her new name will be Mrs Attwood.

As you will see from the back of the newsletter you have been amazing with fundraising; we are all very grateful for your support. All the staff wish you a peaceful 2 week holiday. See you on **Tuesday 23rd April**

Attitudes to Learning



Next half term our focus is on....

REFLECTION.

- I check my work carefully
- I respond well to feedback using it to improve my work
- I consider how my actions impact on other learners

We will be encouraging the children to think carefully about their own work and how they can improve it.

In the classroom they might...

- Use resources to support them
- Identify mistakes that they can put right
- Listen to and act on feedback

Certificates for 'Reflection' will be given out in assemblies.

Toys As we mentioned in last newsletter, more and more children are bringing in toys from home, which causes a lot of issues in school. Please make sure that children's toys are left at home.



Message from our new Parent Governor – Laura Collinson:

I'm a mum of 2, living in Bingham and a primary school teacher. My eldest daughter is currently in Year 1 and has had an amazing start to her education. From day one, she has felt safe and happy within the school and excited to attend everyday. This is something as a mum that makes me happy and want to support the school even more.

Whilst my daughter has been at RMI School, she has been given many exciting learning opportunities both within the classroom and extra-curricular clubs. I love to see the children come out of school excited to tell their parents what they've been learning about that day and with the introduction of 'Tapestry' it's great to be able to share their experiences. This is something I look forward to working with the school to continue.

With my background in education, I feel that being a Parent Governor would allow me to use my skills to communicate as a parent, understand the needs of the school whilst also having the children's positive school experience at the centre of all decisions.

Year 1: Year 1 have shown great enthusiasm towards their space invaders topic. They particularly enjoyed investigating the space ship that landed in our school and making links to their learning.

We have been looking at several texts over the course of this half term, in particular 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey and 'One Giant Leap' by Don Brown. The children have enjoyed creating their own alien characters, making them using clay, experimenting and investigating how parachutes work and over recent weeks looking at the significance of Neil Armstrong and why he is famous.

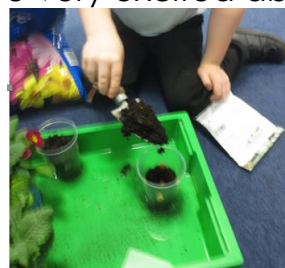
Our next topic will be '**Into the Woods**'. We will be looking at our local history around Bingham and linking this to other areas of the country. We will be focusing on Robin Hood and his adventures linking closely with traditional tales and the outdoors.



Year 2: We have been working hard to show determination. Children have been developing their resilience to complete tasks (even when they find them tricky) and challenge themselves further. In particular some children are showing real determination to receive their pen license – keep it up!

During this topic we have learnt about Tim Peake's mission to space and found out lots of interesting facts. We have carried out a science investigation: How does light and dark affect the growth of a plant or seed? It has been lovely to see children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning during this topic. We have especially enjoyed learning a range of new, exciting vocabulary through the teaching of our three main books: Beegu, Orion and the Dark and The Man on the Moon.

We are really looking forward to our next topic, '**Into the Woods**'. In this topic we will be using fairy tales to help us develop our creative writing and descriptions. This topic will complement our Camp trip which we are very excited about!



Attendance:

Our overall school attendance this year is **96.07%**. Well done everyone. This term Willow has the best attendance.

Maple	96.41
Willow	97.95
Beech	96.22
Cedar	96.34
Oak	95.56
Sycamore	95.5

Dates to Remember

05.04.19	Class photographs.
23.04.19	Back to School
24.05.19	Break Up for Half Term
03.06.19	Back to School
30.04.19	Eco evening
08.05.19	School fair meeting
07.06.19	Year 2 Camp
26.06.19	Sports Day - pm
28.06.19	School Fair
03.07.19	Toot Hill Family Sports
11.07.19	Year 2 Play 6.30pm <i>revised date</i>
12.07.19	Reports go out to parents
18.07.19	Leavers' Assembly - 2pm
19.07.19	Break Up for Summer

Reception: The Reception children have had another wonderful term, where we have been exploring attitudes towards learning and learning behaviours, which are an important part of the Early Years curriculum. There is a big emphasis on how children learn as well as what they learn. To make this relevant to the children, we have introduced the characteristics of effective learning by using characters from the Mr Men and Little Miss books, which has been a great success! Listen out for your children talking about how they have been resilient like Mr Bump, or interested in finding out new things like Little Miss Curious!

Some of our favourite moments during the term have been ...

All our visitors

We have had visits from all different 'People who help us' - Mrs Cox, from the office, a veterinary nurse and a police officer who all answered questions that the children had prepared. The children were extremely excited to receive a visit from the firefighters at Bingham Fire Station. They had the opportunity to see the fire engine and try out the hose! The firefighters also talked about their job and spent time showing the children some of the uniform and specialist equipment they use.

Our visit to Bingham Library

During Book Week, we visited Bingham library, where the children listened to exciting stories and rhymes and found out more about how the library works.

The crime scene!

We don't think the children will ever forget about the day they walked into the classroom and found an awful mess, with fingerprints and footprints as their only clues! It sparked a wonderful afternoon of learning, where the children took on the role of detectives to investigate who had done it. In the end, they managed to solve it by matching the footprint from the crime scene photographs to the footprint on the bottom of Mrs Jacques' shoe!

Next term, our learning will be based on books by the famous children's author, Julia Donaldson. We have already read many of her stories in class and so the children were very excited to hear we will be exploring them further!



Eco evening

It is time for our 2nd Eco-evening of the year.

Tuesday 30th April 3.30-5pm

This time we would like to focus on tidying up the wildlife area so that children can use it in the summer term. No gardening experience necessary, just willing volunteers. Refreshments available during the event.



Fundraising

Thank you so much for all your efforts with fundraising so far this year. So far we have raised.... **£3033.00**.

Our recent Read-a-thon was spectacular raising **£1089.55**.

So far this has been spent on...

Charity:

- £500 for the Children's Bereavement Centre
- £259 for children in need
- £315 for the NSPCC

School

£350 on new books for the classrooms.



£320 for a story teller in World book week.



£685.45 on Numicon (Maths resources)



£50 Christmas parties.



We are now saving up for some new IT resources.

£3033.00

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School fair

The school fair is on **Friday 28th June**. We will be having a meeting on **Tuesday 7th May at 2.30pm**

If you are interested in helping at the event then please do come along... there will be biscuits! 🍪 If you cannot make the meeting but would like to support at the event please email the office:

office@rmischool.co.uk

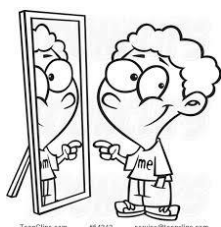
Things we need for the fair we will be looking for donations of bottles, tombolo prizes, books and toys so please keep this in mind and we will remind you all after the Easter holidays.

Milk

Please can you ask your child if they wish to continue having milk. Parents are paying for it but we seem to have a lot of cartons left over. You will need to contact Coolmilk if you wish to cancel – 0844 8542913

Class photos

On Friday 5th April children will be having their class photos taken. Don't forget to look smart.



Dinners

Changes as follows w/c 23rd April:
Tues – Pizza, chips + veg and mouse
Weds – Hot dog + diced potatoes and jelly
Thurs – Roast pork and lemon sponge
Fri – Fish nuggets + mash and marble cake