

Even better if ...



We still need to work hard on improving learning and preparing our children for lifelong learning. Please support us by reading regularly with your child and encouraging children to write at home. We also need children to practise their multiplication facts daily. You can also support your child to apply what they have learnt in maths to real life contexts. For example: you can encourage children to pay for items when out shopping and calculate change, use a TV programme listing to calculate duration of programmes and the interval between their two favourite programmes or assist you with cooking by measuring ingredients accurately.



Key Diary Dates / Events



If you are planning a family holiday, please make sure that the dates are during the school holidays. Children who have miss school are not able to recover the lost learning time. Please return to school on the first day back!

Thursday 5th January 2017	Start of Spring term
February 13th – February 17th 2017	Half term
Friday 7th April 2017	Last day of Spring term

There are no additional planned closures during the Spring term.

Please remember to visit our school website and school blog to see further information about events past and present.

<http://rippleprimaryschool.blogspot.co.uk>

<http://ripple.bardaglea.org.uk>

Please remember that school finishes for Christmas break at 3:10pm on Tuesday 20th December 2016.



Ripple Primary School

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our Autumn term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!). We've had a busy and productive term with lots to tell you about and a few reminders to give too.

As part of their learning about the Roman invasion of Britain, Year 4 took part in an interactive drama workshop at All Hallows and also visited the British Museum. Year 3 took part in a workshop at Valence House as part of their learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age. Both year groups had a theme day to celebrate their learning in history.

Children are currently preparing for and participating in an end of term spelling competition and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of all the children. In the last full week of term, all children on 5 or 4 stars will be going to the Broadway Theatre to watch Aladdin

In the Spring term, Mr Marsden will be returning to join the Year 4 team. We are delighted to welcome Mr Marsden back.

We look forward to working with you again when we all return in January.

Rabeya Ali

(Assistant Headteacher LKS2)

General Information

Attendance

Our current attendance for Year 3 and Year 4 is 97%.

Currently the class with the highest attendance is 3RB with 98%, well done to them! We really do need to see a big improvement in attendance next year. Good attendance contributes to good learning. Please do everything you can to make sure your child comes to school ready to learn every day and on time.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to speak with me or another member of the team.

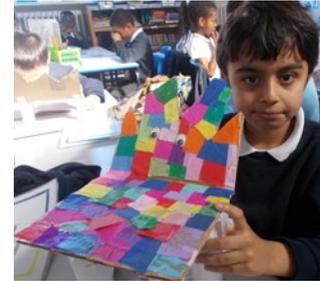
Year 3 and Year 4



At Valence House, children learnt about the customs and practices of people during the Stone Age to Iron Age. They even managed to find time to play a giant board game!



Children made clay pots using the techniques used by the hunter-gatherers.



In D&T, children designed and created their own chairs.



In science, children went pond dipping to classify pond inhabitants.



At the park, children used their senses to collect vocabulary to write a descriptive park setting.



At All Hallows, children went back in time to understand how the Roman invasion affected the lives of the Celts. They also became time detectives and explored various artefacts.



All children have completed their end of term assessments. In order for all children to fulfil their potential, it is of paramount importance that we continue to build on our home school partnership in ensuring that we work together to maximise all learning opportunities at home and at school. In the spring term, all parents will be invited to meet with class teachers to discuss progress and attainment.