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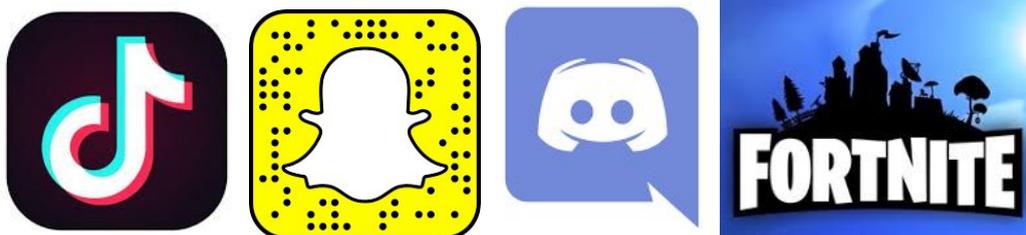
## Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

**18th January 2019**

### Welcome back

We have had a busy and exciting first two weeks back since the Christmas break. It is brilliant to see children so refreshed and engaged in their learning at the start of this exciting term!

### Online Safety



We understand that children have new devices from Christmas but are you aware of some Apps and games which can be dangerous if not used correctly? There will be a parent workshop on **6th February at 9:00 am** to inform you of the security risks of these apps and how to ensure your children are safe online. In the meantime, are your children using any of these apps and games and have you had a discussion with your child about them? Please be aware that the children are also using these Apps to send messages to each other which are causing problems within school.

### Author Visit - David Lawrence

Incredibly lucky... we have the author David Lawrence Jones visiting us this week and talking about his collection of books. He books have been available for purchase and have been signed by the author himself. The children loved the engaging assembly and we are growing a love for reading here at Roughwood.



Keep up to date with what's happening in school on the website: [www.roughwoodprimary.org](http://www.roughwoodprimary.org)

On the website is an online calendar where we post all events.

## Outdoor Maths

Class 2 have been learning all about capacity and comparing different containers. A task was set... Which team could move water from one container to another the quickest? Knowing this the children chose the container they would like to use.



## Year 5 Civic Theatre

We could not be more proud our Year 5 children! The children in Year 5 at Willow Tree Academy performed 7 different scenes from 7 different Shakespeare plays and performed them to a public audience as part of their REAL Project. Children also met the Mayor of Rotherham who came to watch the performance on the opening night.



## Young Voices

Wow! What an amazing evening we all had. Our talented pupils attended the Young Voices concert held at the Motor Point Arena last night (8th January) and became part of a choir made up of 5000 children! The children joined together to sing a number of songs and were the stars of the show. Well done everyone who attended and a huge thank you to parents for coming to watch the event.



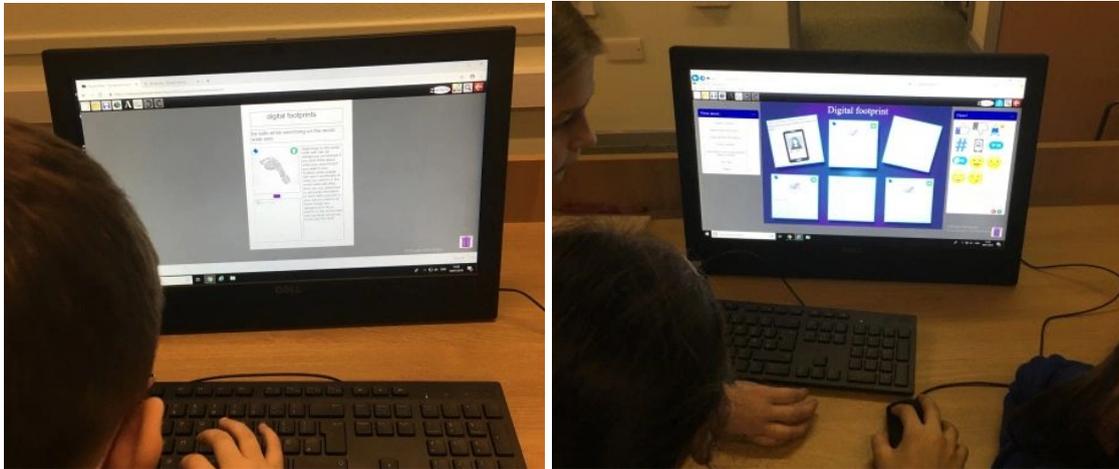
## Fractions Fun

Over the next few weeks, Class 5 are exploring fractions. We began by recognising that a fraction is a part of a whole and that they must always have equal parts; numicon helped us with this. We used strawberry laces to divide the whole into specific fractions and even got to eat them after!



### Using Digital Technology to Educate Others

Year 6 have been using ICT to create educational resources to help people to keep a positive digital footprint. These will look great on display. Our new ICT suite is fantastic and we will be holding an official opening soon.



### Forever Fashion

Year 4 are part of a co creation lab which is focused on social innovation. If you have any nice bags, shoes or clothes that you have fallen out of love with, please consider bringing them into school for our Forever Fashion Event. We will be opening a boutique for clothes that deserve another chance on **Monday 28th January**, but would be grateful if you could let us have them sooner, so that we can organise them onto the rails.

**FOREVER FASHION**

### Attendance

It is important that we ensure children are in school as much as possible so that no important parts of your child's learning is missed. We understand that sometimes children are not well and it is not suitable to be in school. If you are unsure about whether your child is well enough for school or not, you can speak with school and we can support you. You can also speak with your local pharmacy for minor illnesses and advice rather than waiting for a doctor's appointment. Our whole school attendance target is 96% and we are currently below this. Please watch out for a letter which will explain attendance procedures and how fines could be issued for poor attendance. We strongly feel that every single day in school contributes to a child's success. ***To support parents and children we are now sending texts on Monday mornings if your child's attendance is at risk of becoming PA (Persistent Absence).***

***We hope to work with you to improve attendance at Roughwood.***

### Reminders

Extra Curricular activities start next week. Please make sure you have a confirmed place at your requested club.

KS1 Visit Magna next week.

School starts at 8:50 am. Please be punctual and on the yard for 8:45 am.

The school uniform policy requires children to wear black shoes for school.

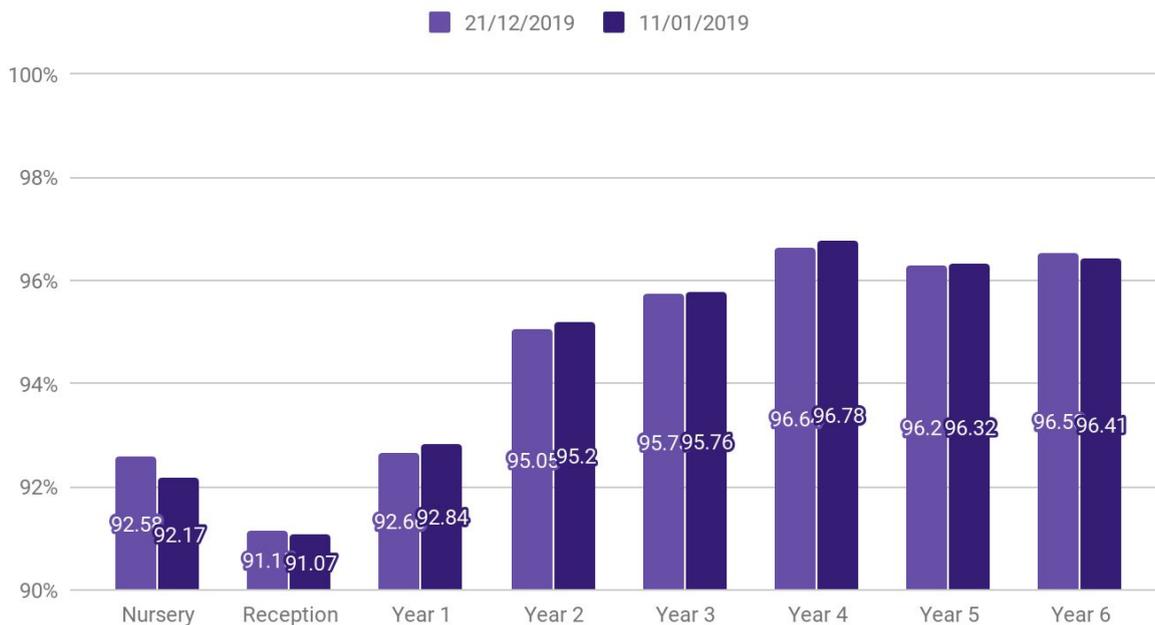
The school recommended reading with your children at least 5 times in a week.

Thank you for your continued support, please visit our  
Twitter page - <https://twitter.com/RoughwoodSchool>  
Website - <http://www.roughwoodprimary.org>  
Class Stories - [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)



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How do you feel about your attendance?

Our attendance is



Well done everyone.