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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all our families! It is wonderful to see the children returning with such refreshed energy, ready to take on all the exciting challenges this new term has to offer.

Heavy or Light?

In maths this week, Chestnuts have been using a special measuring tool called a balance scale. We learnt that if the scale goes down, the item is heavy and if the side of the scale goes up, the item is lighter.



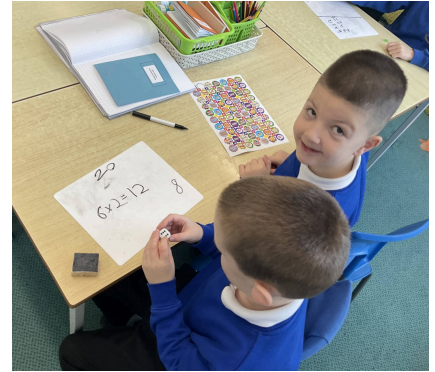
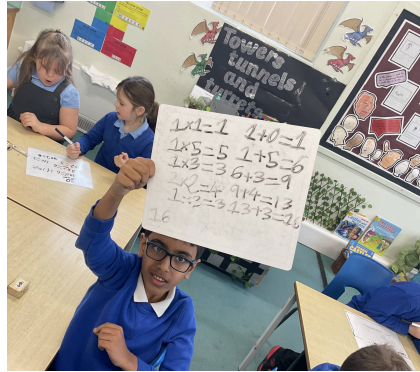
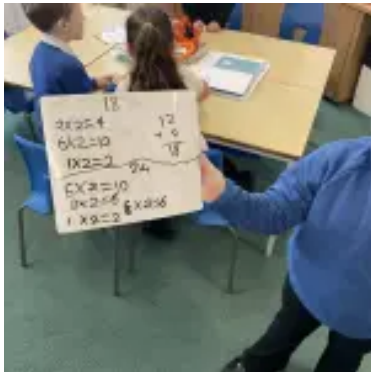
Singing, Listening and Learning in Little Acorns!

In Little Acorns, our morning children enjoyed their very first music session with Mr Kinmans. We had so much fun joining in with singing, developing our listening and attention skills, and learning through music. It was a lovely experience for everyone, and the children were fully engaged throughout.



NRICH maths challenge in Class 2

In maths we have been learning about dividing by 2. Our learning progressed on doubling and halving. The NRICH challenge we played involved rolling dice and either doubling or halving the number on the dice. In pairs, the children decided the total they would like to reach. Using their addition skills they added their totals until they reached their target. The children showed their working out throughout and used their reasoning skills! It was a great investigation.



Ice investigators!

This week we found lots of ice in our outdoor provision. We have loved spotting it and using it in different ways!

We know water makes ice when it gets really cold so we have put water in buckets to see if we can make more ice overnight! It has been so cold the ice has not melted.

We had to make sure we were warm in our outdoor gear. Our hands were cold from touching the ice and we drew snowmen on the floor hoping it would make it snow. Fingers crossed!



Clay snowmen in Nature Club

In Nature Club we have embraced our seasonal changes. We spoke about the different weathers we have experienced recently and the children told Miss Whittington all about the snow they'd seen last week. We came up with names for our snowmen that we made and put them to dry ready to take home!



Number Hunt

In Acorns, we are learning all about the number 3. We are recognising it and counting out objects and even subitising. Number 3's had been hidden around the classroom and we had to find them - it was really exciting. Next week we are going to try to write the number 3.



Little Pigs, Big Smiles

In Little Acorns, we have been enjoying reading *The Three Little Pigs* this week. We got creative by decorating biscuits to look like the pigs from the story. We used pink icing to cover the biscuit and then added a snout, eyes and ears to bring them to life. The biscuits looked fantastic and tasted great too.



Quick Brainteasers!

Early Years

Can you look around the room right now and find **three things** that are the colour **blue**?
(Parents: Help your child count them out loud!)

Key Stage 1

I have a face but no eyes. I have hands but no arms. I keep moving, but I don't have legs. **What am I?** Answer: A clock!

Key Stage 2

Which is heavier: A **kilogram of gold** or a **kilogram of feathers**? Answer: The same! They both weigh exactly a kilo.

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NOTICES/UPDATES:

As we returned after Christmas break, the school office felt a little different! At the end of last term, we said a very fond goodbye to Mrs Jones, who has moved on to a new chapter. We want to thank her for her years of kindness and hard work keeping our school running smoothly; she will be greatly missed. However, we are thrilled to welcome Mrs d'Arras to the team! Mrs d'Arras has already hit the ground running, and we know you will give her a warm welcome when you pop into the office.

Starting this new term, we also prepare to say a temporary and very fond farewell to Mrs Streets, who starts her maternity leave this week. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication, and I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her and her family the very best of luck as they prepare for their new arrival.

School mini bus - We are incredibly proud to start our morning bus service, designed to help families have a calm and stress-free start to the day. This is an invite only service to ensure we provide targeted support where it is most needed.

Friday 23rd January - Class 1 and Class 2 are taking an exciting trip to Conisbrough Castle!

Thursday 29th January - Our Gymnastics Showcase Performance! Our children have been practising very hard and are really looking forward to showing off their talents.

Friday 30th January - Some of our students are participating in Young Voices at Sheffield Utilita Arena. We wish them lots of luck and hope they have great fun.

Final Thoughts

We are so glad to have our school family back. Let's make this term one of our best yet.

"Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can." Charlie Mackesy

Your Class Attendance



Our Target is **96%**. Remember everyday matters at school.

We always call if we have no reason why children are not in school. Please inform the office if your child is not able to attend.

Please be aware that we cannot release children early from school without seeing an appointment letter or card.