



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 12**

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This weekend marks the start of Advent, a time when Christians across the world prepare for Christmas. RTPS is preparing too and it's the last chance for families to buy wristbands for next Wednesday's Family Festive Fun Night via School Comms. Staff have worked hard behind the scenes getting everything ready for lots of fun festive activities. Classes have been busy making special decorations and we are looking forward to a special night. A reminder that Wednesday is also Christmas Lunch Day and Festive Dress day where children can wear Christmas jumpers or other festive clothes.



Festive Family Fun Night

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025
3.30pm - 5.30pm**

Wristbands £5 per child

Available to purchase via schoolcomms.

**Price includes lots of Festive games,
activities, and a very special visitor or two!**

Tombola, glitter tattoo's, hair tinsel,
refreshments and a sweetie/pocket
money stall at additional cost.

Reception

Building Relationships

Building positive relationships is a huge part of the Early Years curriculum. Look at how well we can play, learn, communicate and share!



Year 1

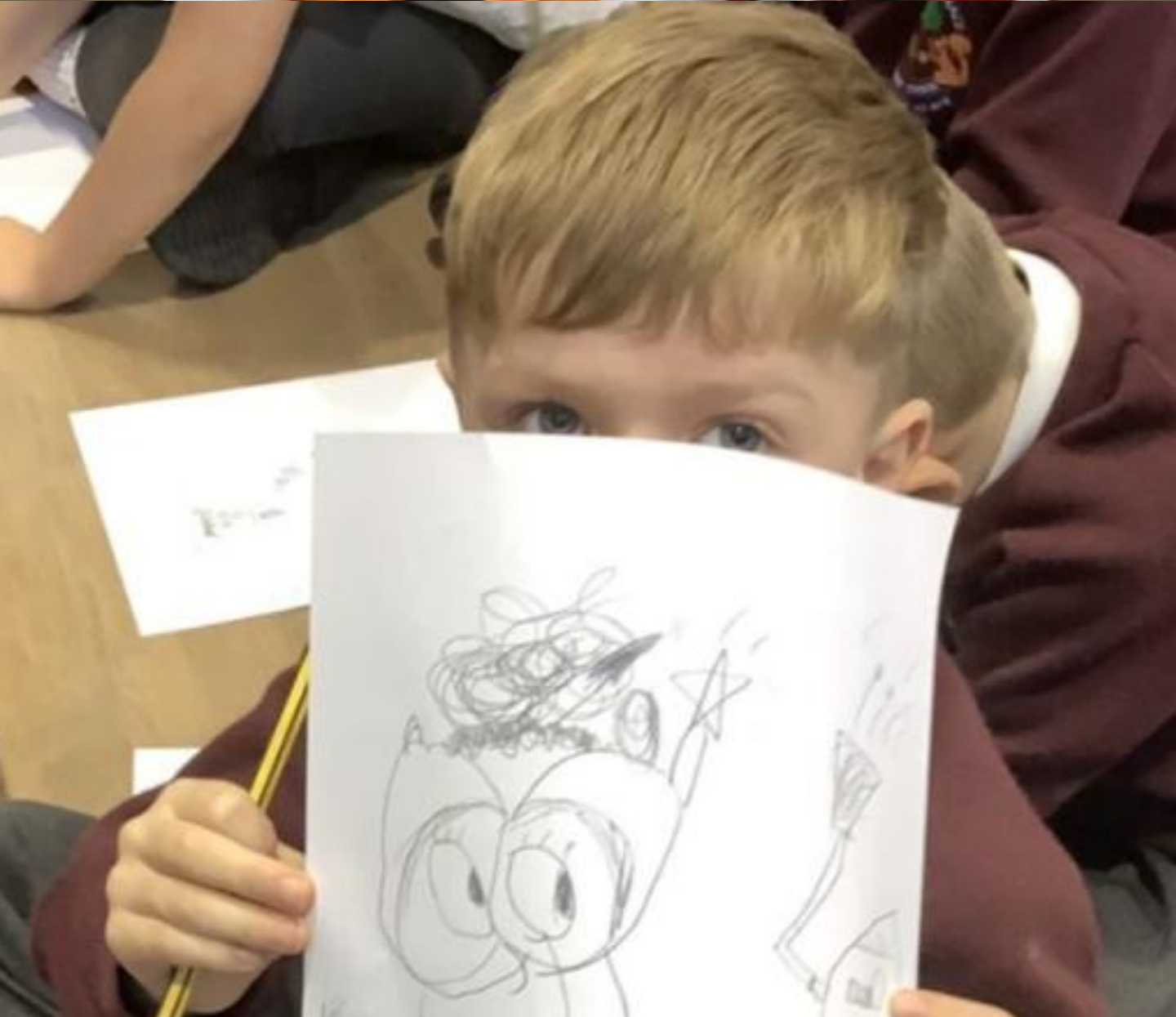
This week, Year 1 went on a visit to Birtley Library. We were excited to see the fabulous new facilities and choose some of our own books to bring back to school. We enjoyed spending time reading in the library and getting our books stamped!



KS1 Author Visit

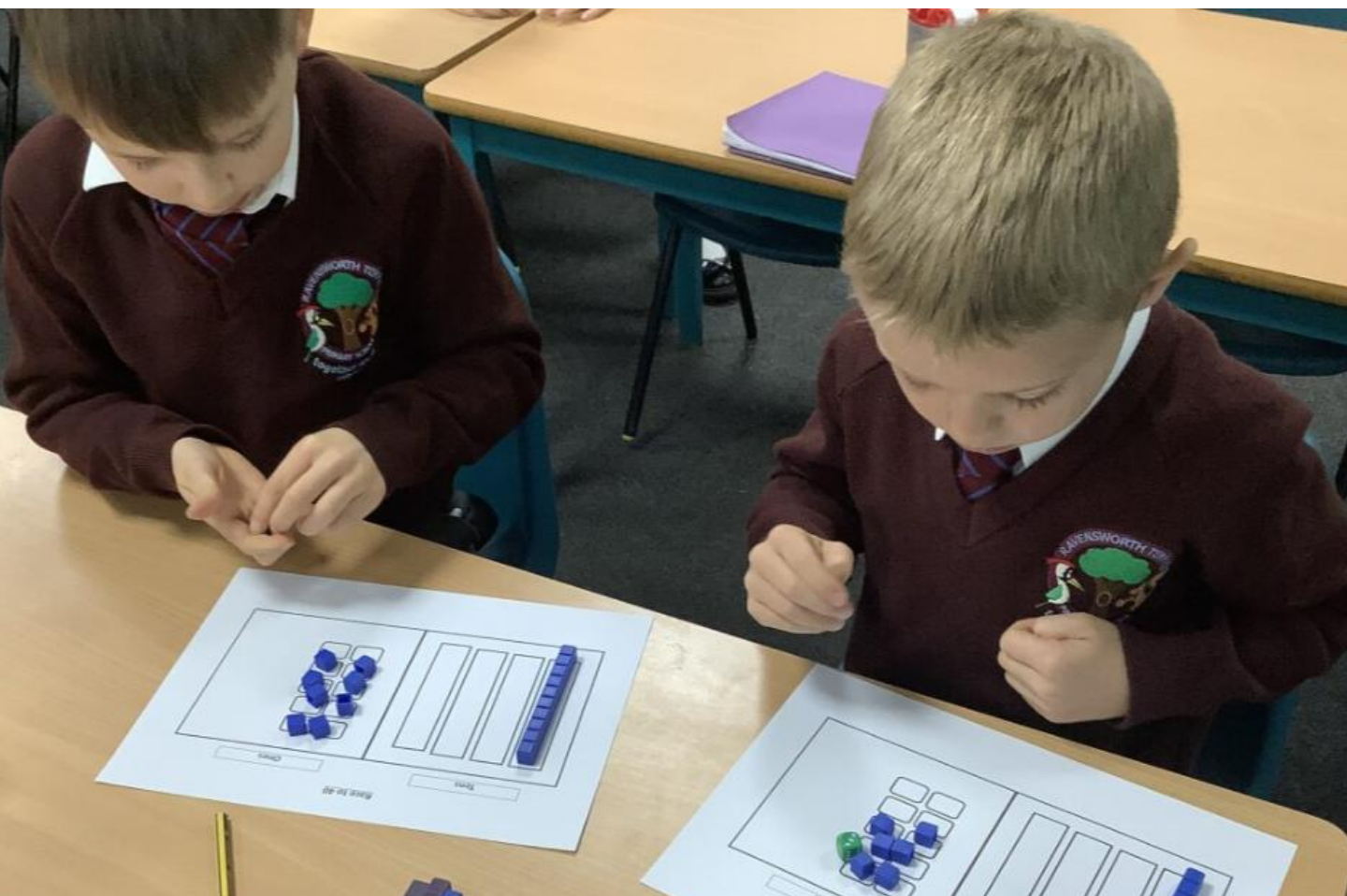
Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst. We loved finding out about her new book on inventions. She also showed us how to draw the main character from the book in a fantastic draw along!





Year 2

In Maths, we enjoyed playing the game 'Race to 40'. It really helped us to understand when to exchange 10 ones for one ten. We are now going to use this knowledge to help us to add two 2-digit numbers!



Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 explored a range of gymnastics skills. The children practised pencil jumps, tuck jumps, pencil rolls and egg rolls, focusing on control and safe technique. They also worked on 1, 2 and 3 point balances. At the end of the lesson, the children combined their skills to create their own six-part gymnastics sequence, including jumps, rolls and balances. They then performed their routines for their peers, who gave thoughtful feedback - sharing something positive and offering one helpful suggestion for improvement. The children showed fantastic teamwork, creativity and confidence. Well done, Year 3!



Year 4

This week we used our printing blocks, which we had made out of cardboard, pipe cleaners and glue, to print colourful patterns of a butterfly wing. We used the same pattern and format that we used when drawing the other week. They turned out really well!



Meet the staff

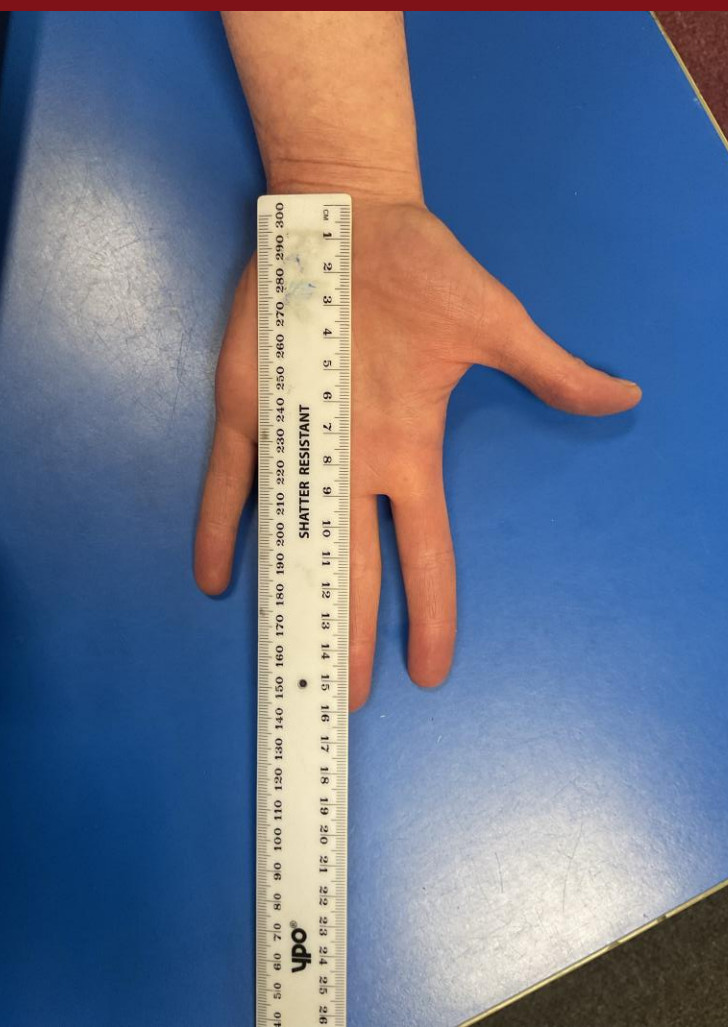
Hello, My name is Mrs Scott & I work in the school office. I have worked at Ravensworth Terrace Primary School for nearly 7 years



Outside of school I am mainly a taxi to my teenage daughter, but when I get time, I love to read. I also love going to concerts, theatre shows and going on holiday. My favourite thing to do is to spend time with my family. We are season ticket holders for Sunderland men and women. We spend most of our time travelling to away games, as we love ticking different grounds off our list. Ha'way the lads and lasses.

Year 5

This week in Science, Year 5 have been investigating the growth of bones over time. We predicted that our hands would increase in size as we get older. We measured the hand length of children throughout the school. We found some anomalies and discussed what this could mean. Our predictions were correct, and we were then able to make informed predictions about what size hands a child in Nursery and a child in Year 7 would have. We enjoyed being scientists!



Results

	Hand length	
	cm	mm
Reception	11 cm	110 mm
Year 1	12 cm	120 mm
Year 2	12.5 cm	125 mm
Year 3	14 cm	140 mm
Year 4	13.5 cm	135 mm
Year 5	16 cm	160 mm
Year 6		

Answer the following questions in your books in full sentences.

1. How do the lengths of the hands change?
2. Were there any anomalies in your data? What were they?
3. How long do you predict the hand of a nursery child would be?
4. How long do you predict the hand of a Year 7 child would be?

1. The lengths of hands change by increasing over time.
2. There was one anomaly in Year 4.
3. I predict a nursery child's hand would measure 7cm.
4. I predict a Year 7 hand would measure 18cm.

Year 6 News

Year 6 have been learning about the importance of whole foods in our diet. They explored how whole foods help keep our bodies healthy and support overall wellbeing. They compared whole foods with processed foods and learned how to make healthier choices.

Whole Foods

- Whole foods have not been changed from their natural form.
- Examples of whole foods
 - Fruits.
 - Vegetables.
 - Legumes.
 - Nuts.
 - Seeds.
 - Fish and meat.
 - Beans

Whole Foods
Whole Foods have not been changed from their natural form. Organic Foods are grown without the use of man-made.

Whole Foods
Whole foods have not been changed from their natural form.

Whole Foods: pears, beans, nuts, blueberries, fruits, veggie, whole grains, legumes, fish, meat

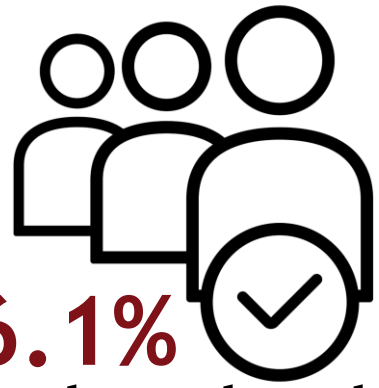
Whole Food

Advantages of eating whole food
They have received minimal processing.
They are free of chemical additives, added sugar and salt.

They are rich in nutrients.
They are higher in fibre than processed foods.
They lower the risk of a range of serious illnesses, such as heart disease.

Hand-drawn illustrations include a watermelon slice, an apple, a carrot, a green pepper, a broccoli, and a lemon.

Attendance



96.1%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.3
Rec B	Miss Phazey	97.1
1A	Mrs Johnson	95.6
1B	Mrs Linsley	96.0
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	94.3
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.2
3A	Mrs Shaw	96.9
3B	Ms Attwood & Miss Stafford	97.1
4A	Mrs Beard	96.3
4B	Miss Rooney	97.0
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	94.0
5B	Mrs Grieves & Miss Shepherdson	96.7
6A	Mr Catton	94.7
6B	Miss Iredale	96.3

Ready | Respectful | Safe

Coming up Week 13



PE



Mon	Y1
Tue	Y4
Wed	Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y6
Fri	Y2 & Y5



Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

Mon

Artventurers & Gymnastics

Tue

Forest School & Football

Wed

Multisport & Artventurers

Thu

Forest School & Football



Clubs

School menu

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

WEEK 1

Click on Week 1 for next week's menu

Coming soon...



Ravensworth Key Dates Terrace Primary School

Keeping families informed



An updated copy for the fridge was sent home last week. Click on the image above for a digital version.

Festive Dress Day



**Christmas Lunch
Wednesday
3rd December**

Coming this Christmas
**Festive Family
Fun Night**
3rd December
Save the date!



RTPS ANGLO SAXON DAY THURSDAY 4TH DEC

Oriental Museum Staff teaching Y4 how to be mini archaeologists, learn about life as a monk, look at the Lindisfarne Gospels and learn how to write with a quill.



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