



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 16**

9.1.2026

Happy New Year



Everyone at RTPS hopes that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful break over the Christmas holidays. It has been lovely to welcome the children back in this new year and it is hard to believe that we are now in the second quarter of this century! New Year is always a time to think about the future, and I'd like to remind you that the deadline for places in Reception for September is next week. You can read more on the next two pages.

Raring to go?



Ready for RTPS?

Born between 1.9.21 & 31.8.22 ?

Due to start Reception in 2026?

Turning 5 between 1.9.26 & 31.8.27?

Want to join our lovely school?

5



Apply before 15.1.26

Reception 2026

Children born between 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 will be eligible to start school Reception in September 2026 and must apply for a school place by **15th January 2026**.

**DEADLINE
SOON**

Families need to apply for a place at RTPS via the council where they live.

Gateshead residents
**Admission to Primary
School**

Guide for Parents/Carers
2026/2027

APPLY HERE



 **Gateshead
Council**

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Durham residents

APPLY HERE



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Sunderland residents

APPLY HERE



**Admission to
Primary Schools**

Information for parents
2026–2027

**Sunderland
City Council**

together for
children
SUNDERLAND

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Reception

We have come into school calmly and ready to learn this week. Our books are always prepared for us, and we get straight on with our morning work. Every day, we focus on a different skill, ranging from writing our names and tricky words to news and numbers. This is a quiet time to greet our friends and enjoy a piece of toast. We then do our morning stretches and breathing exercises to set ourselves up for the day ahead.



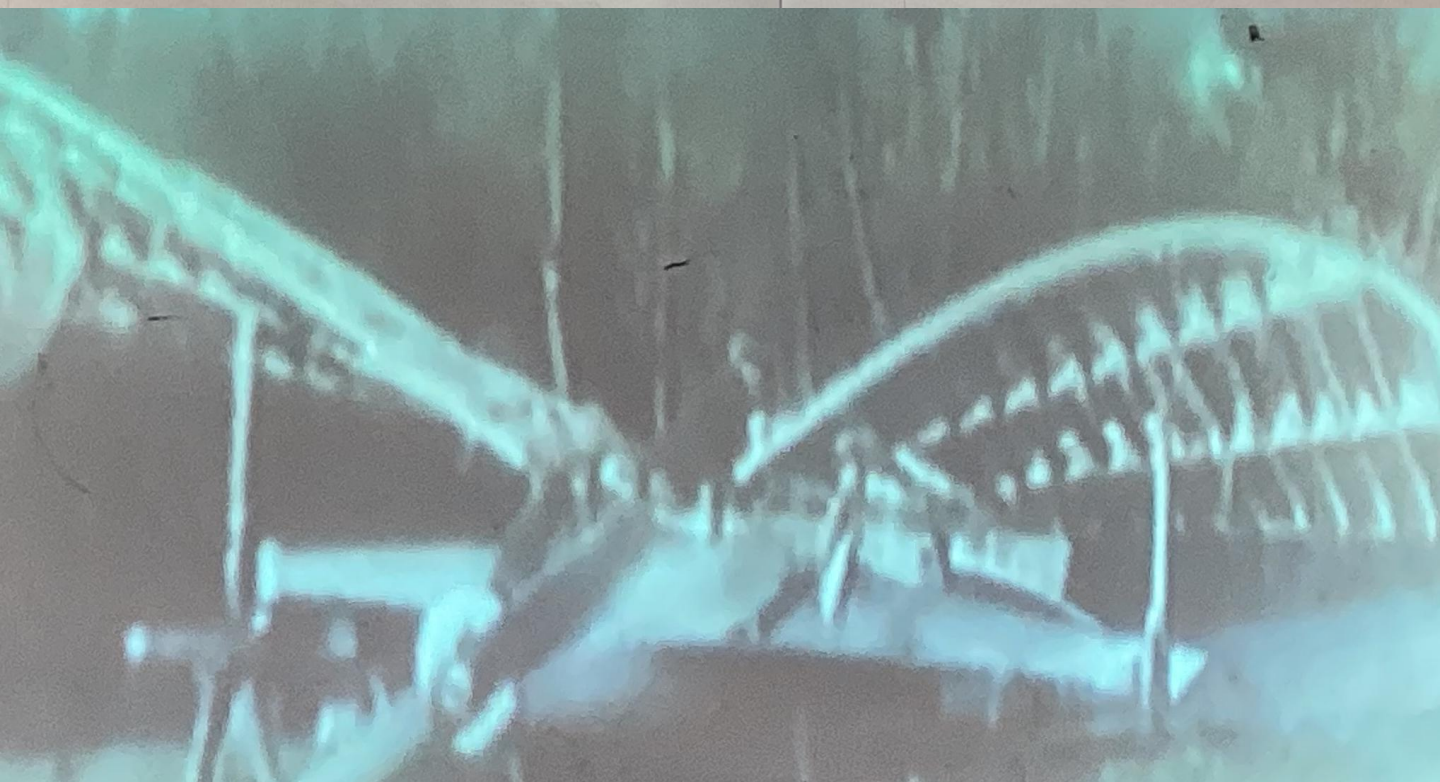
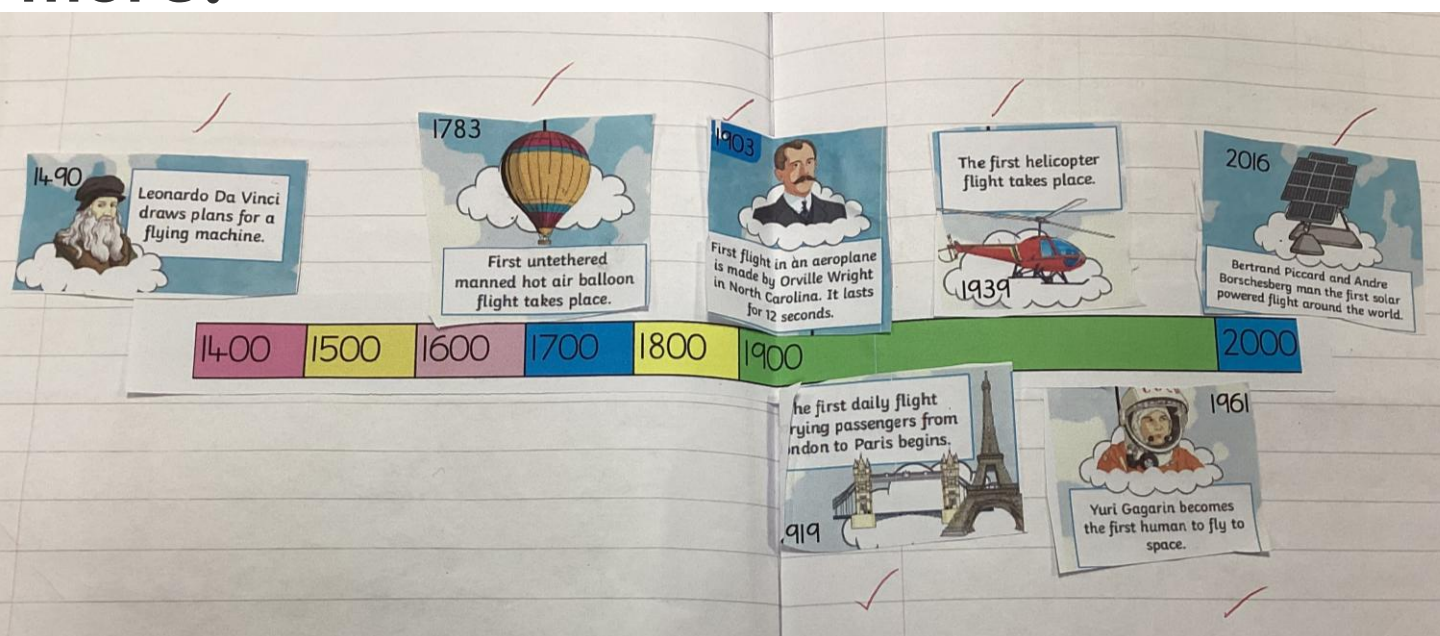
Year 1

This week we have enjoyed exploring the cold weather. We have experimented with the snow and watched how quickly it melts if it is left outside or if it is inside the classroom. We have also had fun making snowmen and finding ice.



Year 2

This week we started our new history topic 'How have changes in aviation changed the world?' We enjoyed watching videos showing man's first attempts at flying and we looked at how air travel has changed over the years. We learned all about the Wright Brothers, who are famous for inventing the first ever engine powered aeroplane. We can't wait to find out more.



Meet the staff

I am Mrs Clewes and have had the pleasure of working as a teacher at Ravensworth Terrace for 14 years. I work Thursdays and Fridays in Year 3; I also lead Design and Technology. Outside of school, I'm the very proud mum of twin 7-year-old boys, Sebastian and Elliott. We love going hunting with their dad for sea glass, fossils or long woodland walks where we try to spot different birds and creatures. We absolutely love animals. I'm also lucky to be a member of two bands where I play violin and perform gigs and festivals both locally and beyond the Scottish borders.



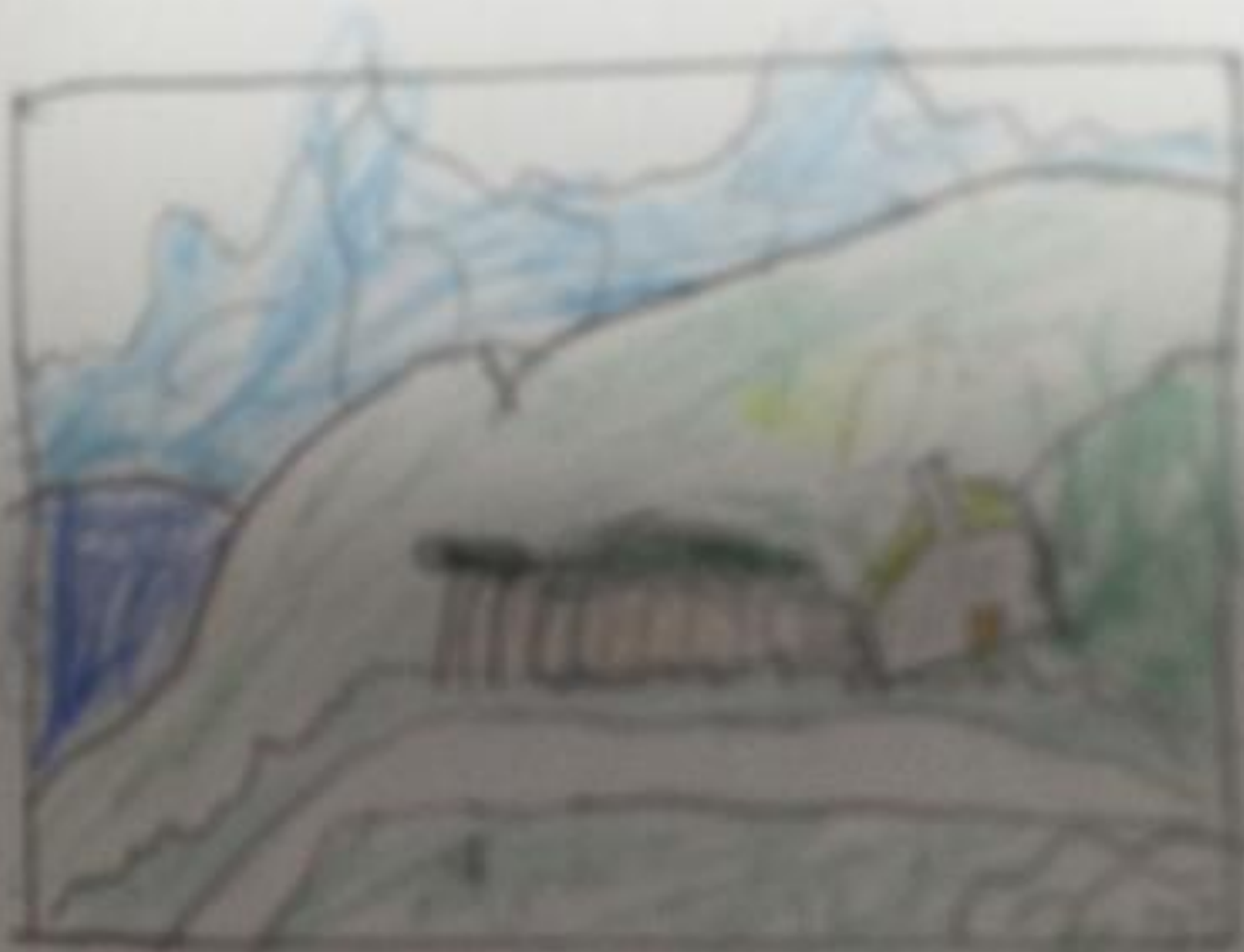
Year 3 News

Year 3 have begun an exciting new Design and Technology topic called Living Off The Land. We have been learning about healthy, balanced meals and have explored the different food groups. The children also investigated where food comes from, comparing foods grown in the UK with those grown abroad. This learning links closely with our history topic, Stone Age to Iron Age, as we explored which foods would have been available for foraging during the Iron Age. As part of our learning, the children enjoyed food sampling, tasting fruits and seeds. They have started planning a healthy, Celtic-inspired meal, based on porridge.



Year 4

This week we started a new topic in Art. We looked at landscape art and used a viewfinder to sketch a section of a Van Gogh painting!



Focus on Rules

High Aspirations
Aim high



Always ready
Step by step



Growing confident
High standards



Do our best
Lots of success



It is important that we maintain high expectations and high standards which apply to all aspects of school life including our 3 school rules.

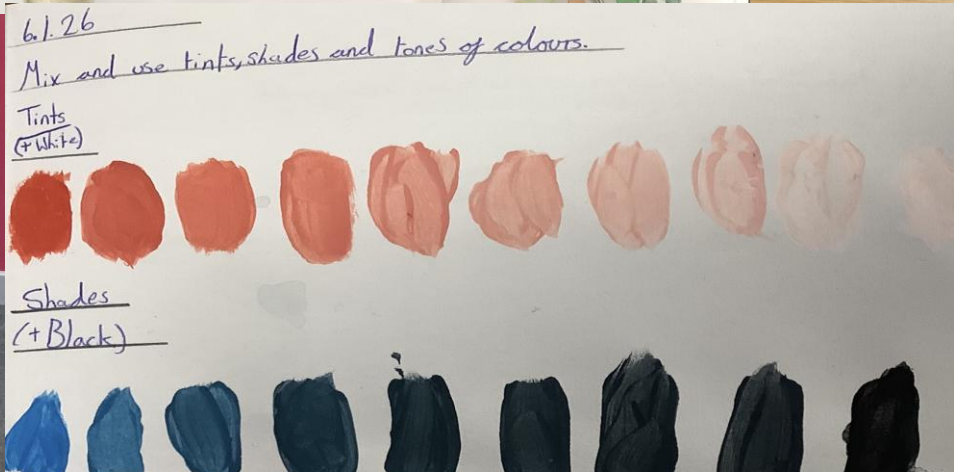
Ready | Respectful | Safe

Being 'Respectful' means that we strive to get along and work with each other to make school a safe and happy place where everyone is ready to learn. We can show that we are respectful in the words that we choose to use and the actions that we take. Respectful is not so much a way of behaving as a way of being.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week in Art, investigating and experimenting with tone, shade and tints. The children learned how to create different shades, tones and tints by carefully adding black, white and grey to colours. They then applied these skills by recreating the colours they could see in a painting, mixing with great focus and creativity. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experimented and refined their work, producing some impressive results.

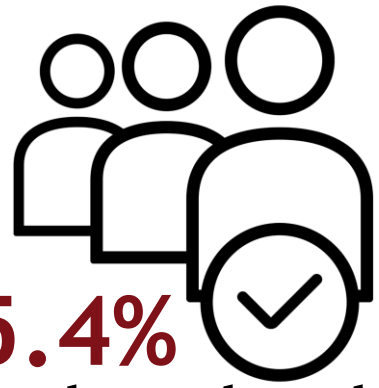


Year 6 News

Year 6 have begun their gymnastics unit. Over the course of the term, pupils will be developing their balance, coordination and overall movement skills. This week, they worked on a range of apparatus, focusing on travelling movements and controlled dismounts.



Attendance



95.4%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	95.9
Rec B	Miss Phazey	94.9
1A	Mrs Johnson	94.3
1B	Mrs Linsley	95.0
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	94.3
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	95.3
3A	Mrs Shaw	96.4
3B	Ms Attwood & Miss Stafford	96.6
4A	Mrs Beard	96.4
4B	Miss Rooney	96.5
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	94.2
5B	Mrs Grieves & Miss Shepherdson	94.9
6A	Mr Catton	95.3
6B	Miss Iredale	96.3

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House Points

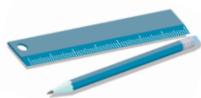


Millennium
Bridge

15374



13848



Queen
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

14717



11912



Tyne Bridge

Watch this short video to find out more about our reward systems

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Week 17 is next



PE



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



Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

Mon

Artventurers & Gymnastics

Tue

Forest School & Football

Wed

Multisport & Artventurers

Thu

Forest School & Football

Mon

Artventurers & Gymnastics



Clubs



School menu

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

WEEK 2

Click on Week 2 for next week's menu

Coming soon at RTPS



Ravensworth Key Dates
Terrace Primary School



Keeping families informed

A copy of 'Dates for Families' was sent home today; ideal for sticking on the fridge. Click on the image above for a digital version if you are and about.



Y1 Visit Newcastle's Centre For Life

Monday 9th February 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether

@RTPS



WB 9.2.26

Y5



Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
Helping us to stay

R Ready

R Respectful

S Safe together!