



# Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

## @ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 17**

16.1.2026

# Good To Be Back



As we end the second week of this half term here at RTPS, we find ourselves halfway through January already. There is a lot planned and families should have received a Dates For Families to pin on the fridge last week. A link to a digital version can be found on the 'Coming soon at RTPS' page at the end of this edition of **@ The School Gate**, where you will also find visual reminders of what is coming up over the next few weeks. As ever, we hope you find this a useful source of information and an enjoyable read.

# Reception

This week, we have been celebrating our similarities and differences. We represented our features using appropriate colours, and then we had fun guessing who painted each picture. In Phonics, we have been learning about double letters such as ll, ff, and ss. We have also impressed all of our teachers with our independent segmenting and blending during reading practice.



# Year 1

Our new Art unit is called 'Mix It!'. We read the book 'Mix It Up!' by Herve Tullet to help us learn all about primary and secondary colours. Then we explored mixing paints to make different shades of each colour and produced a colour wheel.



# Year 2

This week, Year 2 have continued their new Science topic Animals Including Humans. They have learnt about the basic needs of animals and their offspring. They enjoyed learning about the different babies, matching adults to their offspring and discussing whether or not the offspring look like their adult parents.



# Focus on Values

At RTPS we have 5 core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

Independence is a vital life skill that helps children grow into confident, capable individuals. During primary school years, children are at a stage where they can begin to take more responsibility for themselves and their learning.

This is important as it:

- *Builds confidence and self-esteem*
- *Encourages problem-solving skills*
- *Prepares them for future challenges*
- *Promotes responsibility*
- *Reduces anxiety and builds resilience*

*High Aspirations*  
Aim high



*Always ready*  
Step by step



*Growing confident*  
High standards



*Do our best*  
Lots of success



# Year 3 News

This week Year 3 planned and made a healthy balanced meal by creating overnight oats. We began by discussing our design criteria and selected ingredients based on our likes and dislikes from food sampling last week. We carefully measured the oats and milk and chose fruits to prepare. While chopping, we practised three important safety techniques: the fork secure technique to keep fruit still, as well as the bridge and claw techniques for safe cutting. Finally, we tasted our creations and evaluated our success, discussing what we liked and what we would change or improve if we were to make the recipe again.



# Year 4

This week in Year 4 we wrote a description of an enchanted scene from our current text 'The Winter's Child'. We used tier 2 vocabulary which we learnt earlier in the week!

Ida

In <sup>an</sup> the enchanted place there was a small, wooden house that stood in the middle of nowhere that was covered in pillow-soft snow and icicles that were slowly starting to melt. As the icicles melted they ~~were also falling~~ <sup>water droplets fell</sup> making delicate imprints in the pristine snow. The snow looked luminous as the bright winter sun shone down. All over the ~~snow covered~~ <sup>icy</sup> ground was soft snow that was compressed in some areas, unlike some other parts. Blue ~~crisp air~~ air filled the sky with delicate ~~to~~ dear snowflakes that filled the chimney of the small wooden house. ~~Snowy hills filled the~~ <sup>Delicate</sup> ~~pristine~~ <sup>drifted into</sup> pristine snow covered the hills as they shimmered, in the light.



# Tidiest Class



Y6 monitors inspect the school and identify the tidiest class. This is announced in Monday's assembly with the winning class getting a trophy to look after for the week. This week it has been Y3B Ms Attwood's & Mrs Stafford's and 4B Miss Rooney's class. Well done to them both!



# Meet the staff

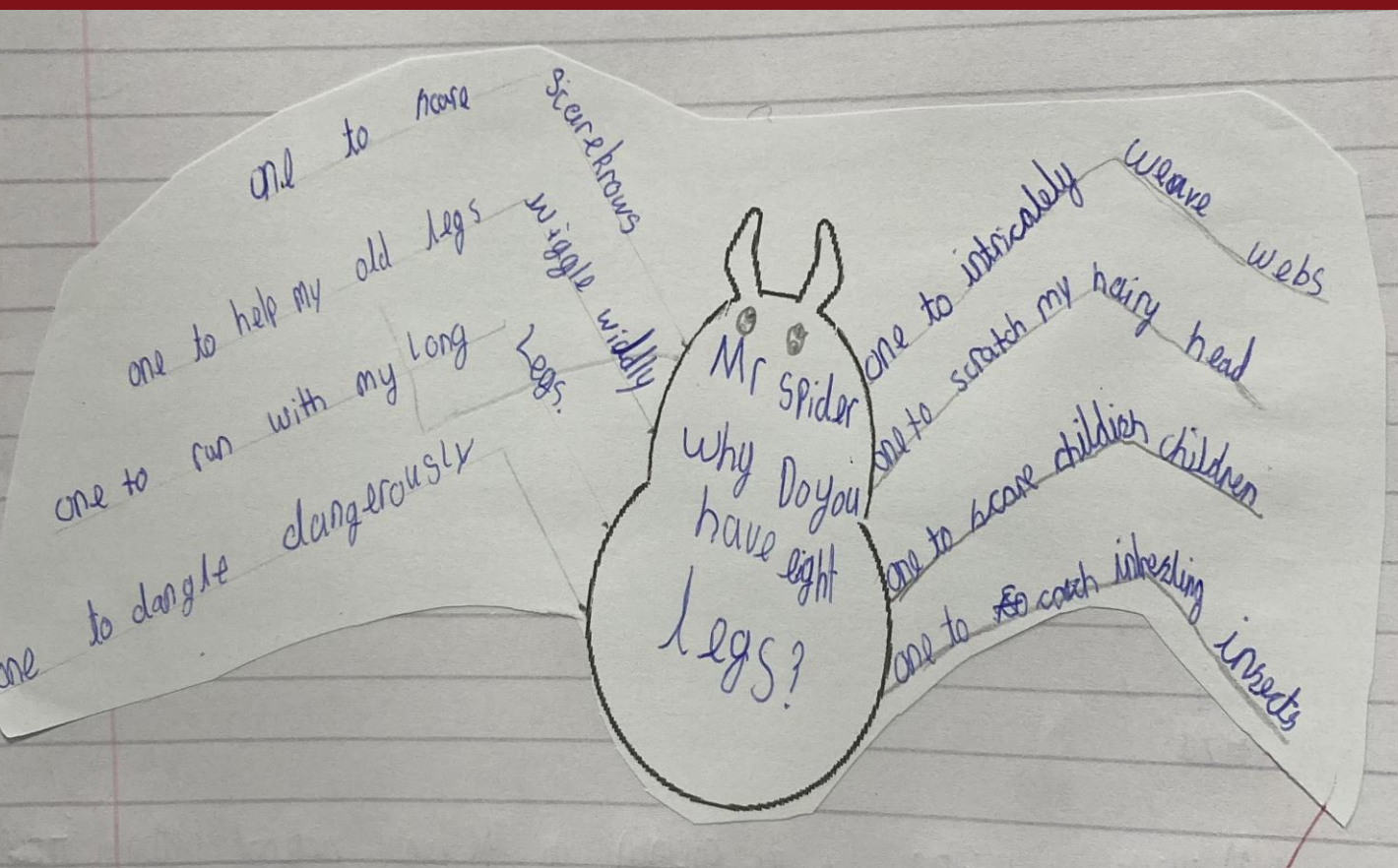


**My name is Mrs Pilkington, and I have worked at RTPS for 7 years across KS1. I also support forest after school club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Outside of school, I am a proud mam to my 3 girls who all attended Ravensworth Terrace Primary School.**

**In my spare time I enjoy supporting Newcastle United Football Club and enjoy going on family holidays.**

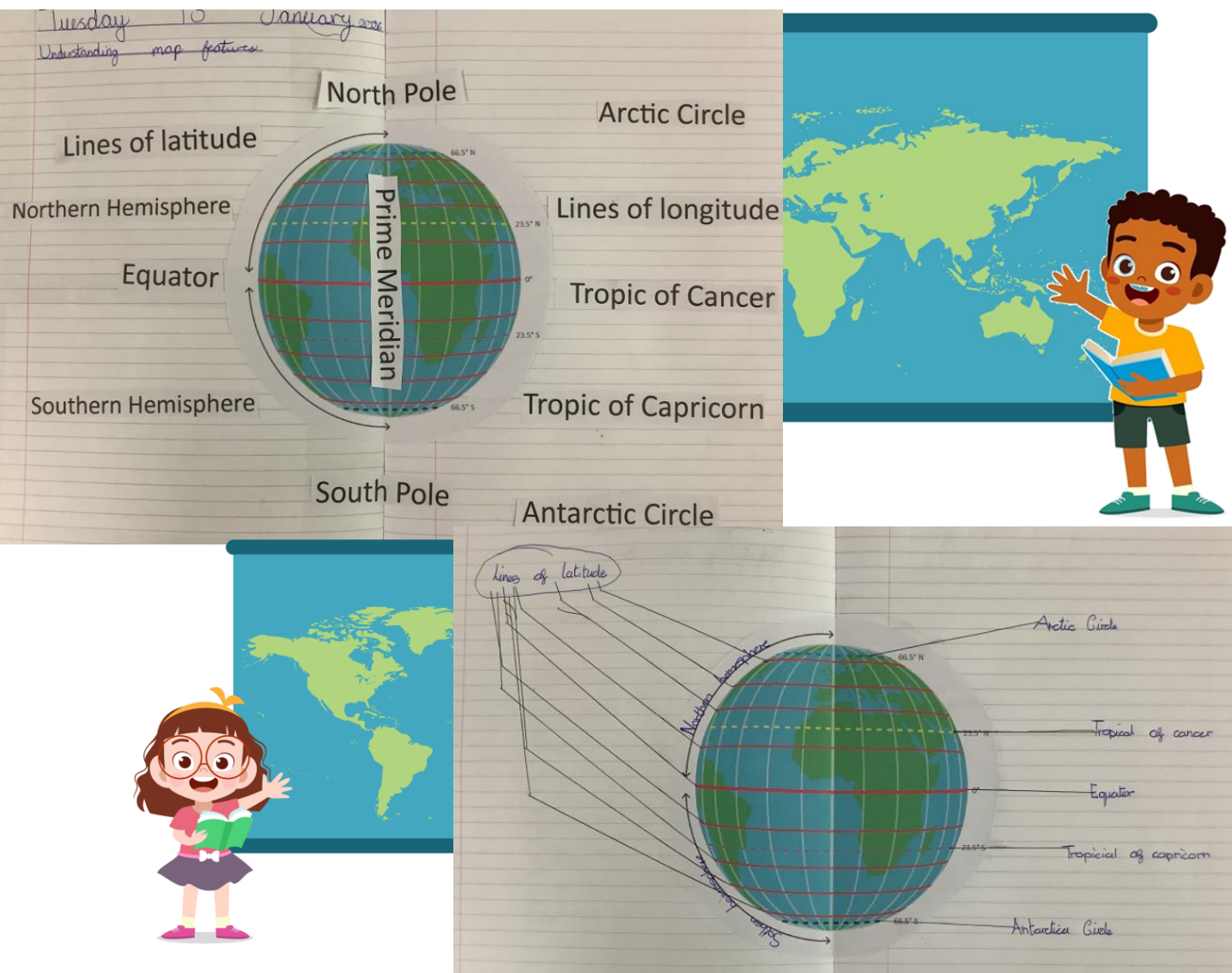
# Year 5

Year 5 have been busy exploring the creative world of calligrams in their English lessons this week. They learned how words can be arranged to form shapes that reflect their meaning, combining art and writing in a fun and imaginative way. As part of this work, the children wrote their own calligrams with a special focus on alliteration, carefully choosing words that repeated sounds to add rhythm and impact to their writing. The results were fantastic, with pupils showing great creativity, thoughtful vocabulary choices, and real enthusiasm for experimenting with language.

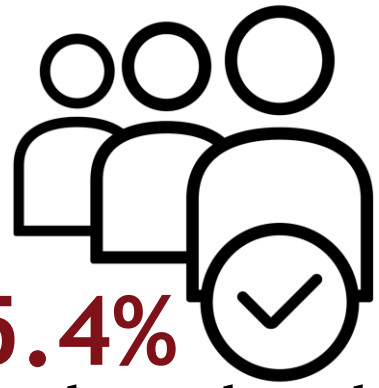


# Year 6 News

This week, Year 6 have been on an exciting journey around the world as they explored the key features of maps. They investigated lines of latitude and longitude, discovered the importance of the tropics, and learned about the Arctic and Antarctic Circles. This learning is building the foundations for our upcoming geography unit, Frozen Kingdoms, where pupils will become polar explorers and delve into the fascinating, icy regions of the Arctic and Antarctic.



# Attendance



**95.4%**  
Whole school

<b>Rec A</b>	<b>Miss Dorner</b>	<b>95.9</b>
<b>Rec B</b>	<b>Miss Phazey</b>	<b>94.9</b>
<b>1A</b>	<b>Mrs Johnson</b>	<b>94.1</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>Mrs Linsley</b>	<b>95.1</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>Mrs Clelland &amp; Mrs Kirk</b>	<b>94.5</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>Mrs Mitchinson</b>	<b>95.2</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Mrs Shaw</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Ms Attwood &amp; Miss Stafford</b>	<b>96.4</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>Mrs Beard</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>Miss Rooney</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>5A</b>	<b>Mrs Kane &amp; Mrs Clewes</b>	<b>94.3</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>Mrs Grieves &amp; Miss Shepherdson</b>	<b>94.7</b>
<b>6A</b>	<b>Mr Catton</b>	<b>95.4</b>
<b>6B</b>	<b>Miss Iredale</b>	<b>96.4</b>

**Ready | Respectful | Safe**

# House Points

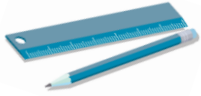


Millennium  
Bridge

16143



14421



Queen  
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

15382



12462



Tyne Bridge

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

CLICK HERE



# Week 18 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



## Clubs



**School menu**

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

**WEEK 3**

Click on Week 3 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.



## Y2 Dance & Teambuilding

@ Lord Lawson

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026



## Year 3/4 Mini Basketball

27.1.26

@ Cardinal Hume  
for a selected team





**Netball**  
**29.1.26**

**@ Gateshead Stadium**  
**for a selected team**



**Y4 Sportshall**  
**Athletics**

**@ Lord Lawson**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



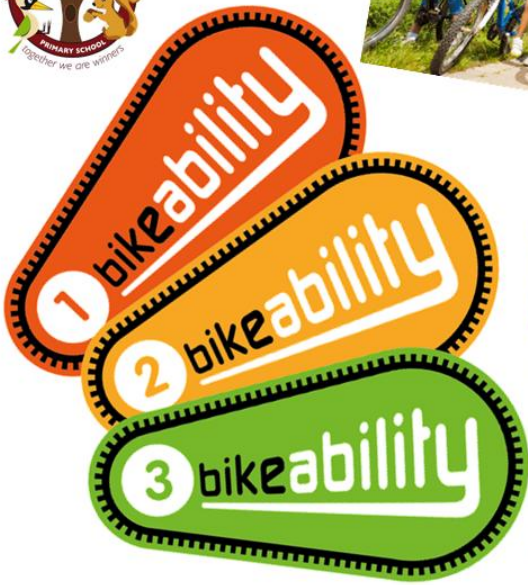
**Family**  
**Consultation**  
**Evenings**  
**WB 9.2.26**

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# Y5



Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri  
Helping us to stay

**R Ready**

**R Respectful**

**S Safe** together!



Y1 Visit Newcastle's Centre For Life

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether



Mini-Hockey

# Year Five & Six

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

for a selected team

# Swimming Gala

@ Dunston Leisure Centre  
for a selected team  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026



## Y3 Football

@ Lord Lawson of Beamish

19th February  
2026



## Girls' Football

for a selected Y2 team

Tournament @ Gateshead Stadium