



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 22**

20.2.2026

Year of the Horse



Tuesday saw the start of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Fire Horse. It also marked the start of Ramadan, and we know many of our Muslim families observe this month of fasting. Tuesday was also Pancake Day and for many Christians, marks the day before Lent. This is the 40-day period leading up to the feast of Easter. RTPS is home to a range of beliefs and children learn about different faiths and practices during RE Lessons in line with the fundamental British Values. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful half term break.



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British Values

At Ravensworth Terrace Primary School, we help children understand the Fundamental British Values: **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.** These values are woven through our curriculum and everyday school life. By learning about fairness, making positive choices, respecting others, and celebrating differences, children develop the skills and attitudes they need to be thoughtful, responsible citizens. Our aim is to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain - encouraging them to listen to others, express their ideas confidently, and play an active, respectful role in their community.

Reception

Gong hei fat choy!

We have been learning about Chinese New Year. We read the story of The Great Race and found out about the 12 animals that make up the Chinese Zodiac. We loved the cheeky rat who cheated by having a ride on the back of the ox. 2026 is the year of the horse. We have enjoyed learning about Chinese traditions and have been very busy making different crafts. Our Chinese restaurant has been very popular, and we have had some very hungry customers!



Year 1

This week, we have been investigating structures in DT. We had a group challenge to create a sturdy structure using a range of junk materials. We planned it out and then made our creations. How fabulous are they!



Year 2

This week we created our very own royal portraits. We used photography to explore and develop different poses for our final pieces, thinking carefully about facial expression and the message that we wanted to send to our subjects. We then used our knowledge of Tudor clothing to design our own costumes before using paint to add lots of colour.



Football

Girls in Year 2 had a lovely time completing 8 activities linked to football skills. They had lots of fun and came away with new games to play. The girls showed great sportsmanship and represented our school very well! Well done girls!



Year 3 News

This week, our Year 3 pupils took part in a non-competitive 5-a-side football festival at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy, organised through the School Sports Partnership. The event focused on participation, teamwork and enjoyment, and the children fully embraced this approach. Playing in small teams, everyone had plenty of time on the ball and opportunities to develop their skills. The children worked brilliantly together, cheering each other on and offering constant encouragement. They showed resilience and perseverance in every game, always trying their best. We were especially proud of their excellent sportsmanship and positive attitude throughout the festival. They represented our school superbly – well done, Year 3!



Year 4

Last week, it was Children's Mental Health Week! The focus this year was 'This is my life!' and talking about 'Belonging'. Discussions have been based around support networks, places where we feel safe and what makes us feel happy and that we belong. We then created a mosaic of pictures of us doing things that make us happy.



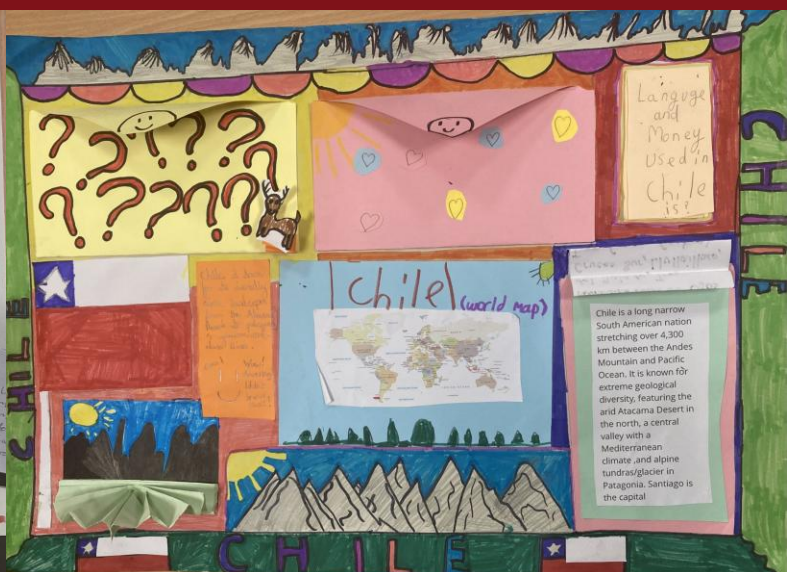
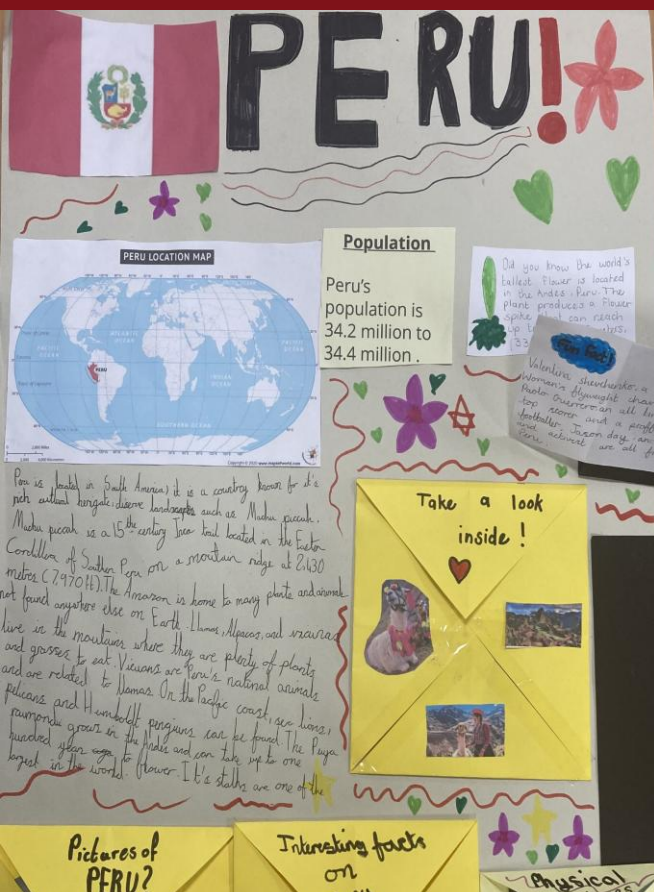
Swimming

Year 5 boys and girls were fantastic at the swimming gala at Dunston Leisure Centre. They positioned well in their individual heats and showed great sportsmanship, representing our school very well. Well done everyone!



Year 5

Year 5 have been busy exploring the wonders of South America through their exciting group projects! Each group selected a country to research, including Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Chile. The children worked collaboratively to investigate key facts about their chosen nation, from geography and climate to culture, landmarks and traditions. They then showcased their learning in a variety of creative ways. The classrooms were transformed into a vibrant celebration of South America, and the pupils did a fantastic job presenting their work with confidence and enthusiasm.



CLIMATE	PHYSICAL FEATURES
<p>Guyana has a hot, humid and tropical climate</p> <p>(Short Wet Season: December to early February)</p> <p>(Long Wet Season: Late April to mid-August)</p> <p>(Dry Season: Mid-August to mid November and February to April)</p>	<p>Guyana has many physical features such as low coastal plain a narrow belt bordering the Atlantic Ocean, hilly sand and clay region south of the coast, there is also a dry grassland region in the southwest of Guyana.</p>

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been writing informal persuasive arguments inspired by our class novel, Holes. Writing in role as Zero, the children crafted letters to convince Stanley to help them learn to read. They used a range of persuasive techniques, including emotive language, rhetorical questions and direct address, to make their arguments powerful and convincing.

Wednesday 18th February 2026

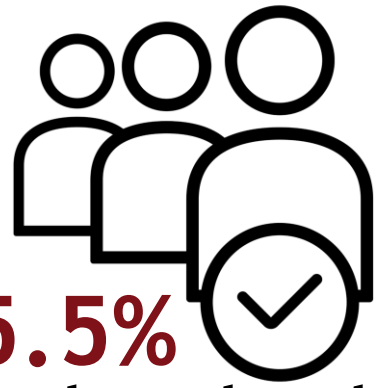
To write an informal persuasive argument

Hi Caveman,

I was wondering if you'd help me with a little favour? I really want to learn how to read. Do you fancy teaching me? It's something I need to know in life, Stanley. I swear you'll certainly get something good out of this, you just need to help me. We could go to our tent once we finished digging, and you could teach me there.

Firstly, being able to read is something I need to know. If I never learn to read, my ~~fat~~ hopes for a meaningful future are over. People who know how to read most likely end up with great, money-making jobs; you should help me out and teach me how to read. Wouldn't you want to help a poor, unintelligent boy like me Caveman? Once you've taught me how to read, I'll be able to flip my unfortunate life around for good, maybe get a stable job and support my situation nicely. Stanley, we can't have some

Attendance



95.5%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	95.9
Rec B	Miss Phazey	95.5
1A	Mrs Johnson	94.2
1B	Mrs Linsley	94.9
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	94.8
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	95.7
3A	Mrs Shaw	96.9
3B	Ms Attwood & Miss Stafford	97.0
4A	Mrs Beard	95.8
4B	Miss Rooney	96.4
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	94.2
5B	Mrs Grieves & Miss Shepherdson	94.7
6A	Mr Catton	95.1
6B	Miss Iredale	96.5

Ready | Respectful | Safe

House Points

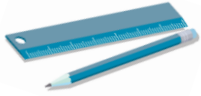


Millennium
Bridge

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19778



Queen
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

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Tyne Bridge

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

CLICK HERE



After Half Term



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



***Booking for summer term clubs
goes live at 7pm 6.3.26***

A colorful banner for the school menu. It features the text 'School menu' in large, stylized letters. There are cartoon illustrations of a chef's hat, a carrot with glasses, and a lemon with eyes. Logos for 'Gateshead School Catering' and 'Gateshead Council' are visible. A blue button with 'WEEK 2' is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it.

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're out and about.



Y5 Multisports

@ LLOB

12th March 2026



Mini-Hockey
Year Three & Four
Wednesday 4th March 2026
for a selected team