

Newsletter 1



Teaching and Learning at RHJS

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week and we have been incredibly proud of the way that they have come into school with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn. Teachers have been delighted to have pupils back in classrooms and have enjoyed getting to know them all. As a school, we have been running a 'Recovery Curriculum' since the children have returned and elements of this will continue over the next couple of weeks. We have planned our recovery curriculum carefully to ensure that we are providing activities for our children based on community, relationships/friendships, routine and space/mindfulness. We have done this to support our pupils in reducing any anxieties and worries that they may have about returning to school and to make sure that they are well equipped and ready to learn.



All year groups have been involved in exciting activities this week and it has been wonderful to see class and year group communities working so well together. All classes have been exploring and discussing the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and have produced some inspiring work based on this.

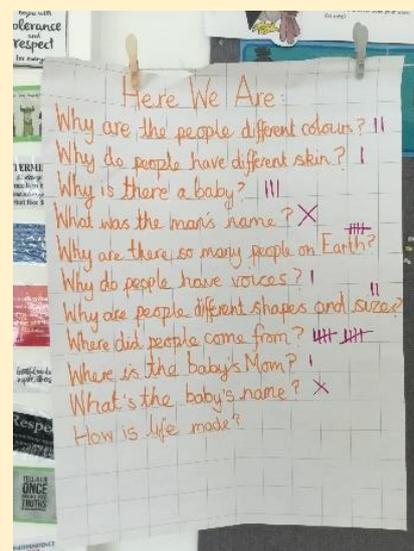
Next week, all year groups will be taking part in our Art's Week (this will take place every afternoon next week) which will be linked to our recovery curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing the art work that the children will produce throughout the week and their final pieces!



Year 3

We've had an exciting week in Year 3 for our first full school week. We are all so impressed with the way that the children have settled into their new school and their enthusiasm to learn. Lots of other adults have been visiting us to introduce themselves and so many of them have said just how well-behaved we are.

This week we have started our new subject- Philosophy. We've had some interesting conversations about the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have been asking each other questions and taking it in turns to share our opinions. Here are some of our 'wonderings':



On Wednesday afternoon we went outside and made rainbow paper chains with words of positivity to decorate our classroom and inspire us. They really brighten up our learning space. We have also discussed our feelings, played listening games, learned a song in Makaton, did some phonics revision and lots more. We've been really busy. No wonder we are all so tired!



Well done Year Three you are all amazing!
Mrs Clark, Mrs Sedgwick, Miss Yarwood, Miss
Hands and Ms Duggins 😊

Year 4

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term in Year 4. Our first week back has been filled with lots of fun, friends and creativity. We have really enjoyed the different activities during the week. We have started to look at a book called 'Here we are' and this has inspired us to create some wonderful space pictures using pastels. We have discussed the current situation and the different times we have been through and reflected on the good things that have come from this and created a Year 4 gratitude tree. As a year group, we have done a lot of work around our feelings and how we can express these. We have created some bright cheerful rainbow emotion mobiles to help us to use a range of different emotions. We are looking forward to finding out what happens next in the book 'Here we are' and creating some more wonderful pieces of artwork during some of our lessons next week.



During our morning sessions, our learning has been based around the book 'Here We Are'. Take a look at our fantastic non-chronological reports (about the solar system) and poems (about our favourite place).

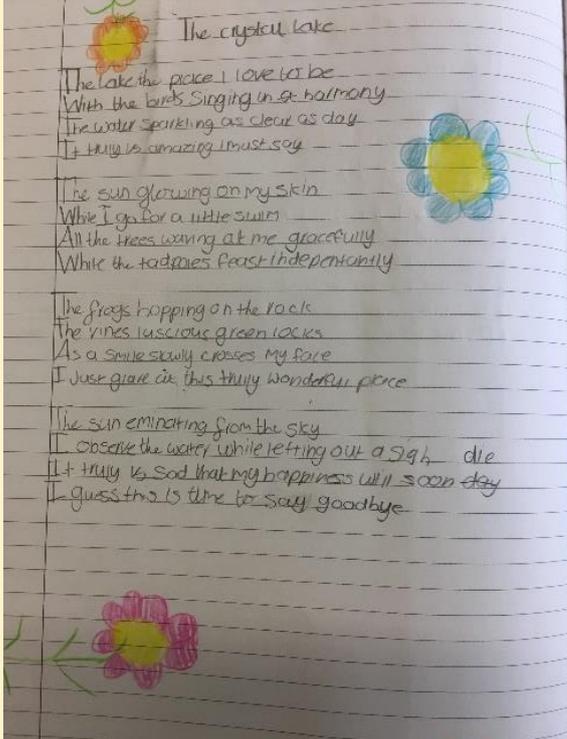
The crystal lake

The lake the place I love to be
 With the birds singing in harmony
 The water sparkling as clear as day
 It truly is amazing I must say

The sun glowing on my skin
 While I go for a little swim
 All the trees waving at me gracefully
 While the tadpoles feast independently

The frogs hopping on the rocks
 The vines luscious green locks
 As a snake slowly crosses my face
 I just gaze in this truly wonderful place

The sun emanating from the sky
 I observe the water while letting out a sigh
 It truly is sad that my happiness will soon die
 I guess this is time to say goodbye



Earth Earth
 The Earth has 365 days in the year and only has 1 moon. Earth has 24 hours in the day and the temperature is -89°C and 58°C . The size of the Earth is 12,752 km and the distance from the sun to the Earth is 151.75 million kilometres.

Uranus
 Uranus has 27 moons (Titania, Oberon, Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel). On this planet the length of a year is 84 years and the length of a day is 17 hours, 14 minutes. The temperature is around -224°C .

Saturn
 Saturn has 82 moons and the length of a year is 29 years which is equal to 29 Earth years. The 6th planet from the sun is Saturn. The ring around Saturn is made up of dust and rock.

Venus
 Venus has 0 moons and the temperature is around 470°C . The length of a year is 116 days, 18 hours and a minute. The length of a day is 225 days.

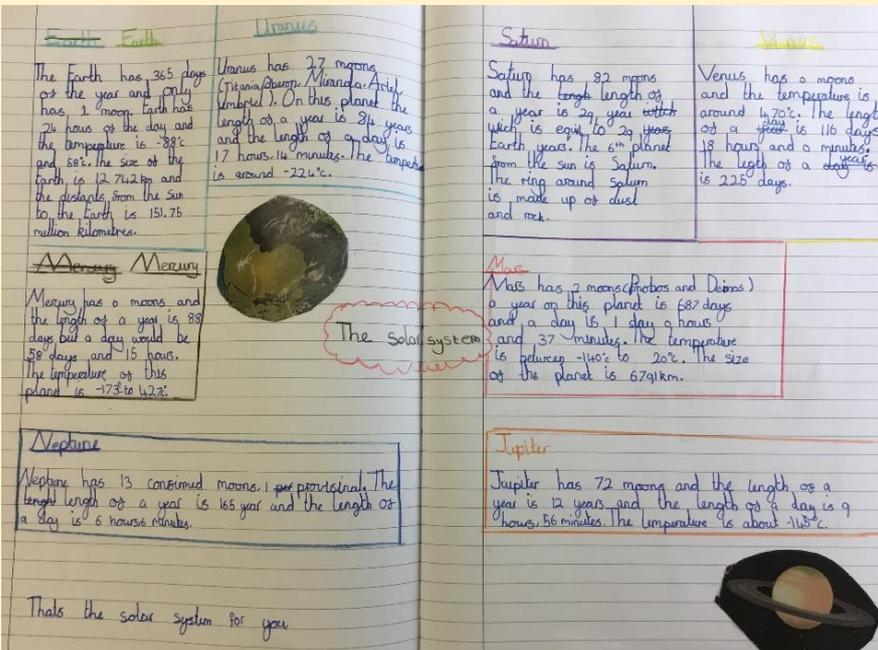
Mercury
 Mercury has 0 moons and the length of a year is 88 days but a day would be 58 days and 15 hours. The temperature of this planet is -73°C to 427°C .

Neptune
 Neptune has 13 confirmed moons. The length of a year is 165 years and the length of a day is 6 hours 45 minutes.

Jupiter
 Jupiter has 72 moons and the length of a year is 12 years and the length of a day is 9 hours, 56 minutes. The temperature is about -165°C .

The solar system

That's the solar system for you



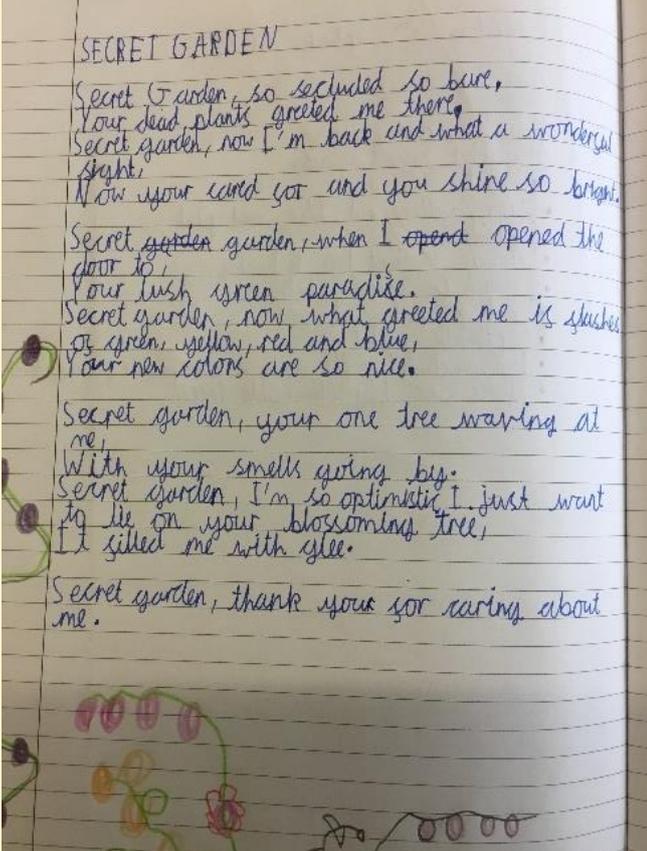
SECRET GARDEN

Secret Garden so secluded so bare,
 Your dead plants greeted me there,
 Secret garden, now I'm back and what a wonderful sight,
 Now your seed got and you shine so bright.

Secret garden garden, when I opened the door to,
 Your lush green paradise,
 Secret garden, now what greeted me is slashes of green, yellow, red and blue,
 Your new colors are so nice.

Secret garden, your one tree waving at me,
 With your smells going by,
 Secret garden, I'm so optimistic I just want to lie on your blossoming tree,
 It filled me with glee.

Secret garden, thank you for caring about me.



On Friday, we took part in a Mayan workshop. Where we were introduced to our new topic 'Mayan Mysteries'. We learnt how to speak some Mayan, looked at the ancient Maya number system and even tried some very bitter chocolate!



We have been delighted to welcome all of the children back to school and we have all had a very purposeful and exciting first week back! We are looking forward to a super half term!

Mrs Tilley