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### Newsletter: Term 2 Week 1

#### Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We have now moved nationally in to a new phase of lockdown. Please see our school COVID safety rules on the next page and thank you for supporting and respecting these. We know this time might have increased pressures or worries, please let us know if you feel that your child or family need any extra support during this time.

We have started our topic of 'How do we live around the world?' this week and the children are enjoying learning about their countries, festivals as well as immersing themselves in their new books. Learning through books is really important part to our curriculum offer at Rodbourne Cheney. We teach in this way so that children gain a love of reading, which will hopefully continue as they move on to secondary schools and adulthood. We also enjoy delving deep into quality books as children gain lots of exposure to language and themes. We hope that you can see this in your child's writing and through their talk at home.

We will be learning about Remembrance Day over Monday and Tuesday next week. Please keep an eye out for our poppy artwork which we will put in the windows and entrance areas for you to view from the playground.

Next week is also parents evening week. These meetings will be over the phone and we look forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

Warm regards

Miss Davies

Our School Rules are:

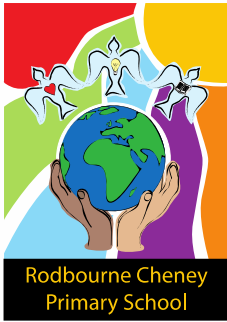
Be Safe

Be Kind

Be Respectful

We ask that all children and adults in our community demonstrate these to make sure we a happy and wonderful place to be.





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### COVID19 Reminders

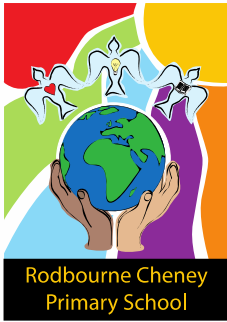


- Please wear a mask when entering the school site.
- Keep your children close to you in the playground at the start and the end of the day- this is not a time where the children can play with each other. It is important that children do not mix with other adults or children not in their bubble for their own safety.
- Please socially distance from anyone who isn't in your bubble.
- Please arrive on time and not too early so we can try and avoid any gatherings.
- Once you have collected your child please leave our playground as promptly as possible. This ensures that we have a limited number of people on the playground at all times.
- Older children to wear masks if possible on entry and exit of school

### **COVID Symptoms**

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Please do not come to school if you or someone in your household has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste



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## Rodbourne Cheney Primary School Autumn Challenge

Go on a walk and look at the changing season	Play a board game together	Carve a pumpkin	Bake a cake or cookie and share with someone you love	Write a poem about nature	Go on a Conker hunt
Make something out of a pine cone	Take a photograph of something to do with autumn	Make a tasty homemade soup with a grown up	Do some vegetable or fruit printing	Plan a fun activity to do as a family	Read a book under your duvet
Do some leaf rubbings	Make an art picture using natural materials	Splash in puddles	Draw a picture of a pumpkin and put it in your window	Be creative and make a firework picture	Write a spooky story
Get a blanket and watch a movie snuggled together	Do some apple bobbing with a grown up	Play Conkers	Write a letter to someone you love and tell them that you appreciate them	Indulge in a toffee apple	Listen to the sound of the rain
Make an autumn wreath	Collect items on a walk and make an autumn treasure box	Make a lantern	Do some planting ready for spring	Make your own hedgehog house or a bug hotel	
Become a detective & look for animal or bird prints on the ground	Turn sycamore seeds into helicopters. How fast will they spin?	Make a den that is cosy inside	Have a hot chocolate with a grown up	Create an autumn wordsearch	

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### Curriculum Learning for Term 2 : AROUND THE WORLD

These are our current class topics. Please refer to your child's newsletter for more detail about what they are learning.

Nursery: Festivals

Reception: Around the World with a focus on India

Year 1: Peru

Year 2: Islands

Year 3: China

Year 4: Thailand

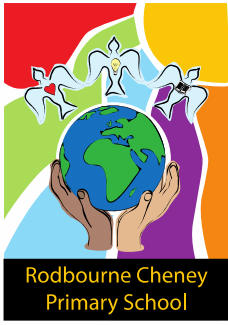
Year 5: Africa

Year 6: Snowy lands

Whole School themes we will be focusing on this term:

- Handwriting
- Spelling
- Rapid recall of number bonds and times tables





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### **Parents we need your help!**

**Thank you to our parents who have already sent in a video for us. We can't wait to play them to the children!**

We would like to start an initiative where parents and other members of our community read our children a favourite story, poem or extract from a book. It will be known as 'The Mystery Reader!' Children will then be shown the video with their class (you don't even need to tell them that you sent it in as it can be a surprise!)

If you feel that this is something you would like to get involved with, or you know someone who will, then please email [head@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:head@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk) or your child's class teacher.

If you feel brave and just want to send in a video of your reading, then that will be fantastic too! If you are unable to send in a video but want to be involved, then please send in a photo of you reading somewhere in secret instead. We look forward to hearing from you!



### **Homework at Rodbourne Cheney Primary School**

We believe that homework supports, extends and consolidates the learning covered in the classroom while supporting children to develop independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning. We ask that you support us with your child's learning by encouraging your child in completing their set activities.

#### **Weekly homework activities**

Nursery- Daily reading and Education City home learning task

Reception- Daily reading, phonics / key words, Education City home learning task

Year 1- Key words, daily reading, number bonds, handwriting and Education City home learning task.


Year 2- Key words, daily reading, number bonds, handwriting and Education City home learning task.

Year 3- Spellings, daily reading, Times tables and weekly set tasks

Year 4- Spellings, daily reading, Times tables and weekly set tasks

Year 5- Daily reading, spellings, times tables and CPG homework books

Year 6- Daily reading, spellings, times tables and CPG homework books

 The more that you  
**READ,**  
the more **THINGS**  
you will know.  
The more that you  
**LEARN,**  
the more **PLACES**  
**YOU'LL GO**  
-Dr. Seuss