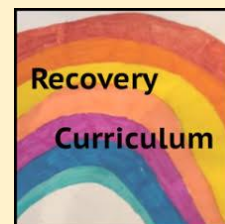


Newsletter 1



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.

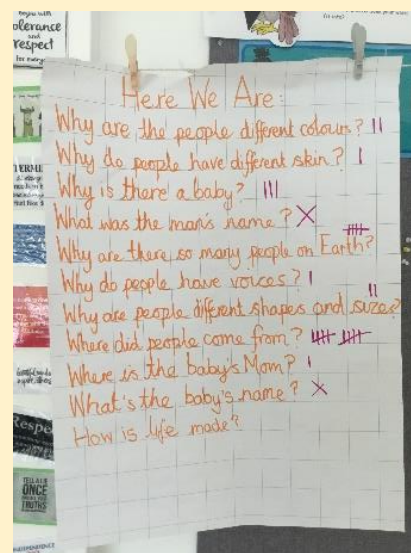
Next week, all year groups will be taking part in our Art's Week (this will take place every afternoon next week) which will be linked to our recovery curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing the art work that the children will produce throughout the week and their final pieces!



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 😊

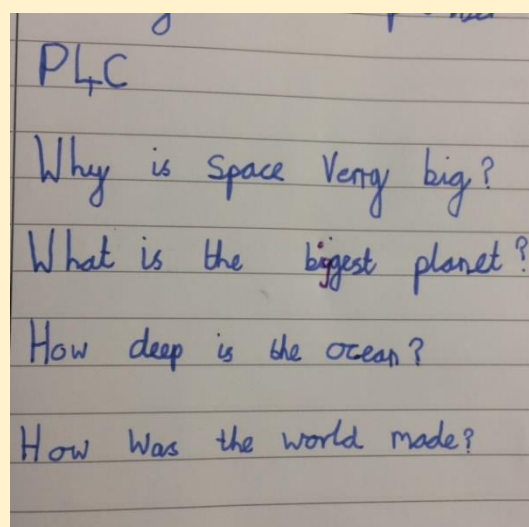
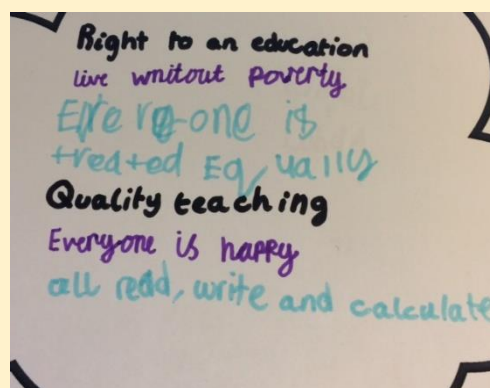
Year 4

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.



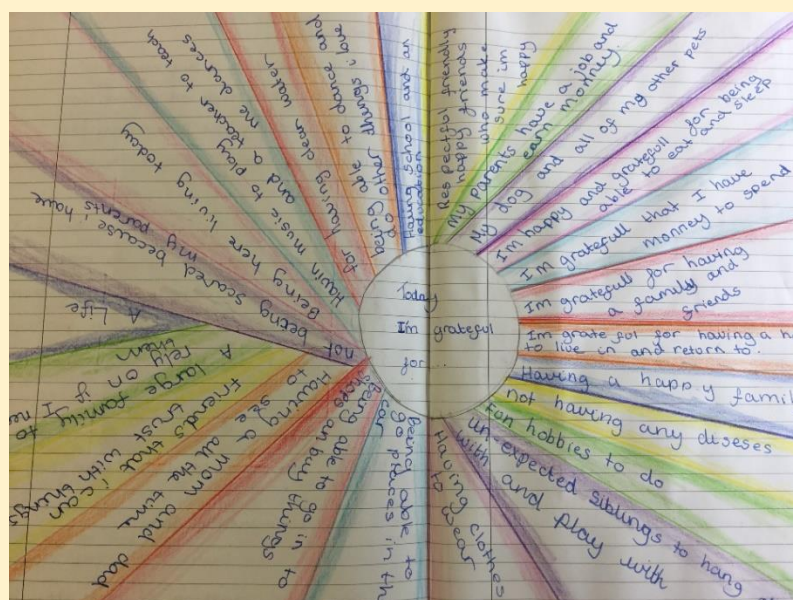
Year 5

The children have exceeded Year 5 teacher's expectations in how they have settled into their new classes. We have had a busy week producing work around the new routines and structures during the school day. The children have been thinking about their wishes and dreams for themselves, their community and the world. Together we have been learning and talking about mindfulness, emotions and gratitude. We have also started P4C lessons (philosophy for children) where we discussed the world in which we live. Through our regular daily 'check ins' we are building a class community where everyone is respected and feels included. Your children are truly amazing.

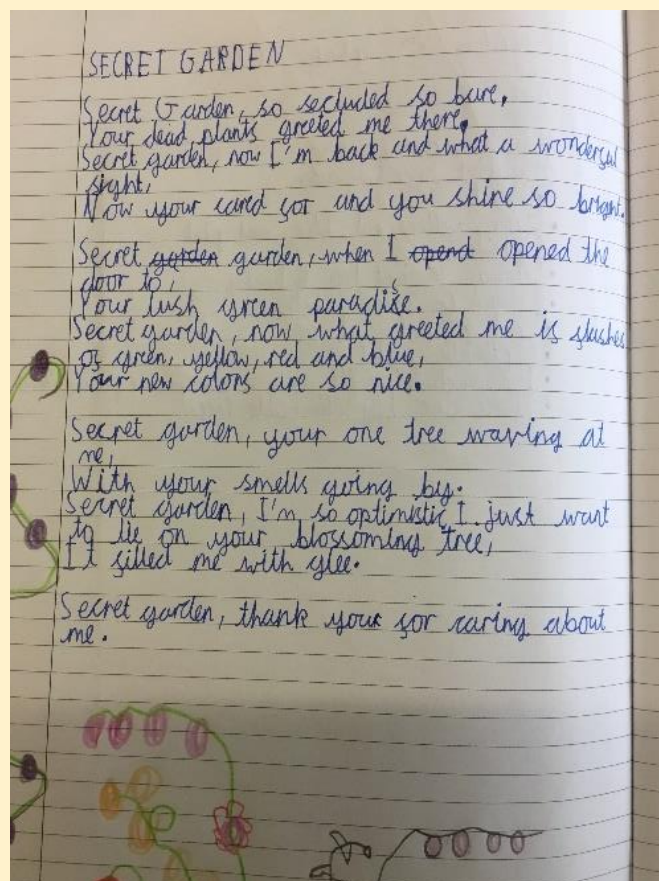
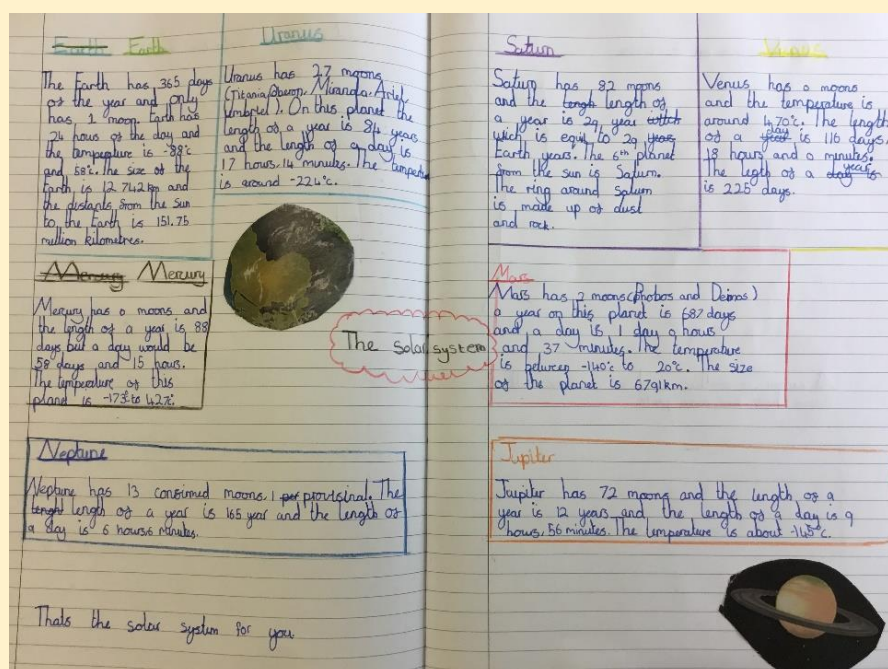
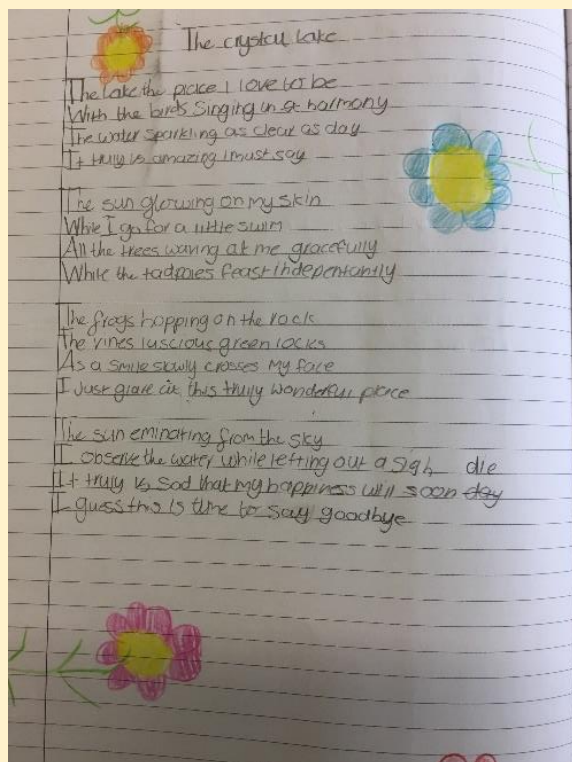


Year 6

Year 6 have come back to school with a fantastic growth mind-set and they have impressed us with their attitude towards learning and school life. We have enjoyed hearing the children reflect on how they are feeling about their return to school and we enjoyed an activity where we discussed what we are truly grateful for.



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).



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