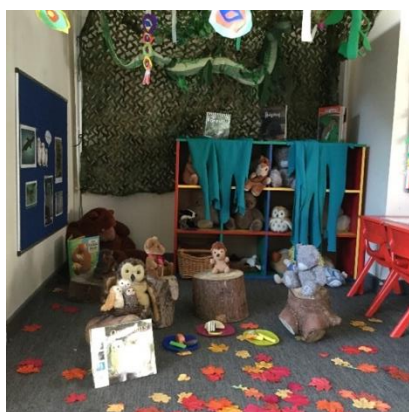




to all of our new Foundation Stage children

Forty children have started school this year in the Rainbow and Sunshine Classes and we are absolutely delighted that they have all settled in so happily!



Our Topic this half term is '*If you go down to the woods today...*' and there have been a few surprises!

Most of our learning so far has been based around two of our favourite woodland stories, Owl Babies and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We had to find clues to the Goldilocks story on the playground and we have retold the story with puppets and role play, identifying the main events and talking about the characters. We have been counting bears and problem solving, using different sizes of bears. The children have all shown a tremendous interest in learning new things and we are having a lot of fun together! Our next topic will be Dinosaurs Roar!

Year 1 - Superheroes



We've all settled really well into Year 1 and have been getting used to a lot of changes around school. Year 1 have been incredibly busy focusing on our "Superheroes" topic. In particular, we have been discovering information about heroes from the past and present. We have enjoyed making superhero masks and looking at real-life superheroes such as nurses and doctors who are so vital in these challenging times. We are looking forward to finding out more!

Year 2 - Street Detectives

During the first half of the new term, Year 2 have settled in very well back at school. The children enjoyed interviewing a local Ratby resident via Zoom as part of their new topic on 'Street Detectives'. The topic focuses on learning about the history of the village of Ratby and looks at how it has changed over time. As you can imagine, the children were very excited and enthusiastic to look at maps and work out what has changed in the local community.



Year 2 are very much looking forward to learning more about the 'Street Detectives' topic and are excited to describe their route to school, including any local landmarks they spot along the way.

Year 3 – Mighty Metals

Year 3 to the Rescue! For our Mighty Metals topic this half term, Year 3 children have been designing and then making from clay their own robotic companion for the lonely Iron Man. The children had great fun being technology experts for the day and enjoyed inventing their own multi-functional friend.

But who will the giant Iron Man choose as his lifelong buddy?



Year 4 – Gods and Mortals

Year 4 have really enjoyed their new topic 'Gods and Mortals' this term! They've had a fun Greek day, created some wonderful artwork, found out about Greek history and enjoyed reading and writing their own Greek Myths. We were so excited to have them all back in school and they have really impressed us with their thirst for learning and interest in the topic! They are also learning to play the Ukulele so our classrooms are filled with harmonious sounds! Well done Year 4!



Year 5

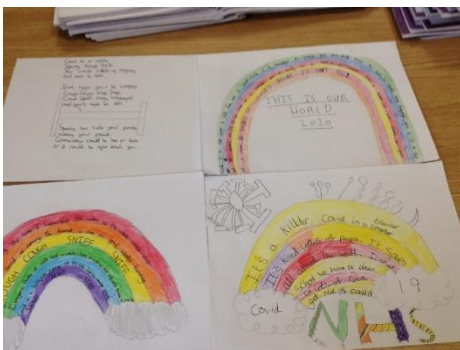
When we came back to Year 5, there were many changes. We weren't allowed to touch each other, no-one was allowed to move spaces or touch other people's stationery. Also we had to socially distance and stay away from each other at break. When we came back we weren't allowed to have whole school assemblies and also we had to have break and lunchtime at different times. We have half of lunch inside, watching a movie, and half of lunch outside. During the day we have to wash our hands six times. When we did come back to school, we had to get used to the changes, even though now it is normal.

The normal things are that we still do topics, English, Maths and Reading. In topics we have been learning about the Moon, Sun and Mars. One fact is that it takes 28 days for the Moon to go around Earth. In class reading, we have finished a book called Street Child, which has taught us about Victorian times. We are all looking forward to our next topic 'Hola Mexico'! The best thing about coming back to school was seeing our friends again.



By Emily and Ava

Year 6



On Thursday 1st October 2020 Ratby Primary celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme that we chose to write poems on was 'A Child of our Time 2020.' Many children wrote about the current pandemic that we are all going through and how it has affected them and their families. The writing that the children produced was just fantastic and very moving.

Baby News!

We send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Denton and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby Hallie in September. We are all very excited to meet her but we must be patient!



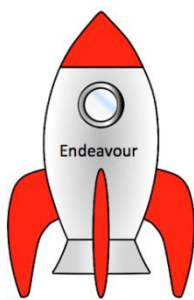
House Captains

The votes are in and have been counted and verified and we are pleased to announce our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2020 / 2021 are as follows:



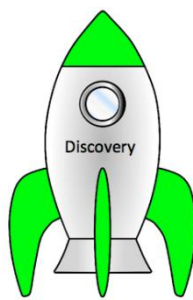
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Vice Captain: Oliver



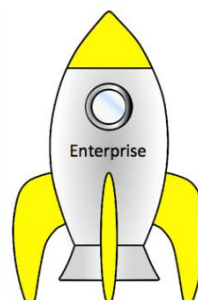
Captain: Fern

Vice Captain: Olivia



Captain: Isabel

Vice Captain: Callum



Captain: Ollie

Vice Captain: Ella

Children in Need 2020



Children in Need will be taking place on **Friday 13th November 2020**. Watch this space for updates!



Anti-Bullying Week 2020

Thank you for taking part in our anti-bullying survey in September. We are looking forward to celebrating anti-bullying week starting on **Monday 16th November**. The theme for the week this year is 'United Against Bullying'. More details will follow to enable the children to get involved.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Our anti-bullying ambassadors are:



Comets: Libby
Jupiter: Malik
Venus: Cameron
Pluto: Florence
Earth: Logan

Galaxy: Maddox
Saturn: Alfie
Mars: Charlotte H
Mercury: Amelie
Neptune: Kai

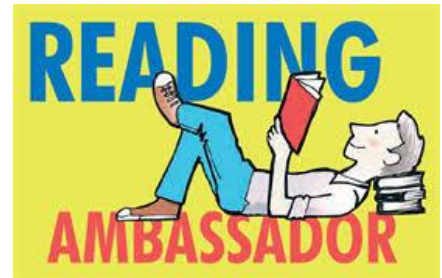
Reading Ambassadors

Many congratulations to the Reading Ambassadors 2020-2021 who were voted by the rest of the class for their new role. This year, we will carry on promoting the love and enjoyment of reading throughout the school and also think of ideas and events to raise money for reading resources.

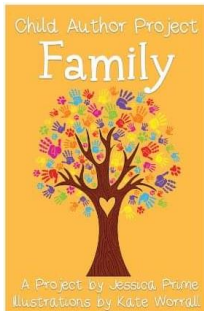
Our reading ambassadors are:

Comets: Finley
Jupiter: Jess
Venus: James
Pluto: Ava
Earth: Joshua B

Galaxy: Archie
Saturn: Sonny
Mars: Mia
Mercury: Oscar G
Neptune: Archie



Congratulations...



to William in Jupiter class who was asked to write a short story for the third book by the Child Author Project, alongside 116 other children from around the country. The book is a collection of short stories, poems and non-fiction writing all about Family and is available to buy online.

Hello from the PSA!

A warm hello to you all from the Parents and Staff Association (PSA) of Ratby Primary School.

We are still here, working behind the scenes and coming up with fund raising ideas that will work with social distancing and Covid-19 in mind. We are working with the school and coming up with great and fun ideas for the children to participate in. We hope you will support us in raising funds for the school children to help enhance their learning environment.

We will miss hosting the school discos, film clubs and the Christmas Fayre this term but look forward to healthier times.

Warm Regards, All at the PSA.

New Office Email Address

Please note the office email address has changed to office@ratby.bepschools.org. We should be grateful if you can update your records and send any new correspondence to this address.

Contact information



Please remember to let the office know if there are any changes to your contact details, your child's medical information or any other important information we have on file. This is particularly important in the event of an emergency.

School Closure Procedure

In the event of heavy snow or an unplanned closure of the school, information and updates will be sent out via text message and published on our website: <http://www.ratbyprimary.co.uk/>



Administration of Medication

Please note that staff at Ratby Primary School will not give any medication (prescribed, or non-prescribed) to a child under 16 without a parent's written consent, except in exceptional circumstances under direction of a medical professional. Should your child require medication, please complete the appropriate documentation with the office. For further information, please refer to the Medication policy, found on the school website: <https://www.ratbyprimary.co.uk/information/policies/>. Children must not carry medication in their school bags.

Reporting Illness



Please report all absences to school by either leaving a message on the answerphone, or via Studybugs – a free app for reporting illness.

[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Parking

Please remember to be considerate of the local residents when dropping off and picking up your child/ren. The Plough kindly allows us to use their car park during these busy periods.

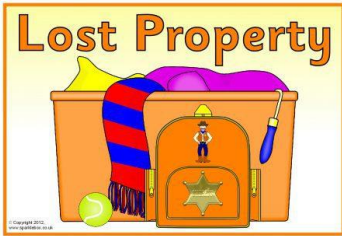


Social Media



Please note that any photographs taken at any school assemblies, productions or events are for personal use only. Photos taken must not be shared on any social media platforms for safeguarding reasons.

Lost Property



Can we remind you that all items should be named so that if found can be returned to your child. Any unnamed items will be put in the lost property box, which is located in the KS1 cloakroom. All unnamed items will be put out on the front playground at the end of every half term. Any items not reclaimed will then be disposed of as necessary.

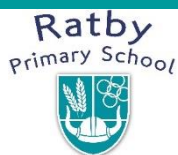
Covid – 19



Please do not send your child/ren to school if they display any of the 3 main Coronavirus symptoms:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of, or change to, sense of taste and smell

Please contact the office if you need help or advice.



Academic Year 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term

Teacher Days	Monday 24 th & Tuesday 25 th August 2020
Schools Open	Wednesday 26 th August 2020
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31 st August 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd October 2020
Schools Close	Friday 18 th December 2020
Number of school days:	77 days

Spring Term

Teacher Day	Monday 4 th January 2021
Schools Open	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2021
Schools Close	Friday 26 th March 2021
Number of school days:	54 days

Summer Term

Schools Open	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Mid-Term Break	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021
Schools Close	Friday 9 th July 2021
Teacher Day	Monday 12 th July 2021 (Disaggregated)
Teacher Day	Tuesday 13 th July 2021 (Disaggregated)
Number of school days:	59 days
Total school days for pupils	190

Could your child be entitled to a FREE school meal?

Families of children and young people in full-time education at any school may be entitled to claim free school meals, providing they receive a qualifying benefit.

Do you receive any of these benefits?

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

How do I apply?

Email: freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk

Download the Free School Meals Application Form from the [school website](#) or [Leicestershire website](#)

Request an application form on 0116 305 5770

Apply via telephone on 0116 3055770

The postal address is:

School Food Support

Service Room 400

County Hall

Glenfield

Leicestershire

LE3 8RB

Please note you should only apply for Free School Meals if you receive one of the benefits listed above.