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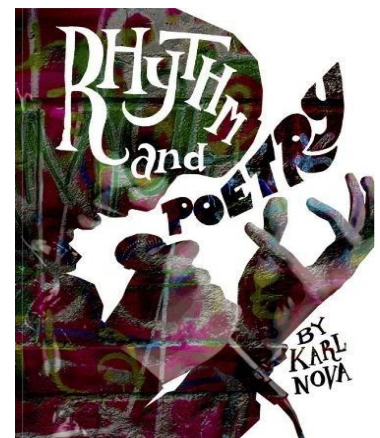
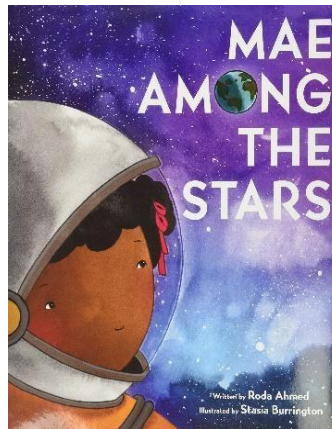
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04.10.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's focus value is 'We Believe' – Courage. It is also National Poetry Day (03.10) and World Space Week. Our chosen texts are:



Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners:

- EYFS: **Barla B.** – for working hard all week and being an amazing role model.
- Y1: **Layla J.** – for always being ready to learn.
- Y2: **Abbie W.** – for working hard – all week – on her maths.
- Y3: **Emily M.** – for always smiling and having such a positive attitude in all her lessons.
- Y4: **Owen K.** – for his enthusiasm in maths – sometimes almost 'exploding' in the desire to answer questions.
- Y5: **Taylor S.** – for a fantastic effort with all your work – all week!
- Y6: **Amelia D.** – for always contributing and working hard!



Happy Birthday to: **Jack B (Y1), Harriet T (EYFS), Louis B (Y5), Ike E (Y6).**

Covid – 19 PCR test reminder: if you or your child is a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 then you/your child are advised to get a PCR test, whether or not you show any symptoms. We would like to thank all our families for their support in getting their children tested in order to reduce the spread of the virus and keep everyone safe

Harvest Celebration: We will be holding our annual Harvest celebration on Friday 8th October. Sadly, we are unable to invite visitors into school for this event. However, we would still be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be brought into school, to support Living Waters Food Bank and Church. Thank you for your support.



MacMillan Coffee Morning: We are delighted that our Macmillan total has now reached £109. Thank you so much for all your contributions.

Parents Consultations: Our Parents Consultations will be held from Monday 18th October to Thursday 21st October. Further details will follow about booking and how we will be holding the appointments.

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Tri Kidz: On Monday, the Tri Kidz charity project visited school and provided a fantastic experience for our children. Tri Kidz is funded by Epic Events and Lakeland 100 - their aim is to deliver free triathlon coaching in primary schools throughout the North West to encourage children to be active and enjoy multisport. Their team of qualified coaches visit schools to deliver fun based cycle and run sessions. As you can see, the children had an amazing time and got so much from the experience – thank you Tri Kidz!

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Dara McAnulty Author Visit: Virtual Author Event – Y1 to Y6 enjoyed a live virtual visit from author Dara McAnulty on Thursday who shared the thought process behind his new book 'Wild Child'. We were inspired by his enthusiasm for nature and how, at the age of 15, he became a published author of 'Dairy of a naturalist'. We discovered Dara's favourite bird was a wren and learned how magnificently graceful the Red Kite bird of prey is. This experience has encouraged us to explore nature further whether it be creating a journey stick, making bird feeders, or discovering more facts about the fascinating plants and creatures that nature has to offer! Thank you to Diane at Ebb and Flo bookshop for organising the event and making it such a success!

Reminder: **Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY** - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. **Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school.** Thank you for your cooperation.

School Admissions: Primary and Secondary applications can be made online and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child.

If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is 31st October 2021.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is 15th January 2022. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.



Rivington Foundation Primary Open Day for Prospective Parents: The proposed dates for our school open days are **Wednesday 13th October and Wednesday 24th November – 9:30am-10:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm** for new and existing parents. Mrs Davies (Reception class teacher) will be demonstrating a 10 minute phonics session in EYFS at 09:50am and 1:50pm. If you would like to book onto any of these visits, please contact the school office.

Celebration Worship: As we are proceeding with caution, we will not currently be inviting all parents into school for Get Together. However, we will be continuing with our Zoom invites so that any parent who wishes to attend or whose child is receiving an award will be able to join in with the celebration. If your child has any achievements outside of school to celebrate, please continue to forward their photograph and a brief description of what they have achieved to head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk by Wednesday lunchtime. We will include these achievements in our Friday morning Get Together and post them in our weekly newsletter.

Gardening Club- Green fingers: If you think you can commit to keeping our gardens tidy once or twice a week please let us know.

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Labelling Uniform: Please could you ensure that ALL of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled including school shoes and school pumps. Thank you.

Free School Meals - How to claim:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all qualify for a free school meal (Universal Infant Free School Meal) worth up to £418 per year, per child; you do not need to apply for this.

Year 3 and above

For school pupils in Year 3 and above they could qualify for a free school meal if you receive:

- 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).

To apply, you should contact your [Area Education Office](#). You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

If you get any of the [qualifying benefits](#), your child's school can get extra funding called pupil premium if you [register](#) with Lancashire County Council. More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's [free school meals page](#).

Best Wishes,

The Rivington Team

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Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Monday 4 th October	TriKidz Visit
Tuesday 5 th October	PALs Training for UKS2
Friday 8 th October	Mad Science Visit
Wednesday 13 th October 9:30-10:30am and 1:30-2:30pm	School Open Days for Prospective Parents
Monday 18 th October	Lancashire Archives Visit to Y5/6
Tuesday 19 th October and Wednesday 20 th October	Parents Consultations (details to follow)
Thursday 21 st October	School Closes for half-term
Friday 22 nd October	School INSET – Restorative Behaviour
Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	School Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 4 th November – Thursday 9 th November (Every Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm)	Mad Science After-School Activity Club
Friday 12 th November	Children In Need Day
Friday 12 th November	Y5/6 Class Assembly
Monday 15 th November – Friday 19 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 17 th November	NSPCC Assembly
Monday 6 th December	Dress Rehearsals for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Productions
Tuesday 7 th December 1:30-2:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance) – video to be done
Tuesday 7 th December 6:00-7:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance) – video to be done
Thursday 9 th December 1:30-2:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance)
Thursday 9 th December 6:00pm-7:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance)
Friday 10 th December 9:30-11:30am and 1:30-2:30pm	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance)
Monday 13 th December 1:30-2:30pm	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance)
Wednesday 15 th December 12:00pm-16:30pm	Whole-school Dukes Theatre Lancaster Visit – Beauty and the Beast
Thursday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 17 th December	Breakfast with Santa (carried out subject to guidance)
Friday 17 th December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays – School re-opens – Tuesday 4 th January