



## Guided Reading 'VIPERS'

On Tuesday a ParentMail was sent from Mrs Gee introducing 'VIPERS'. This is a whole school approach led by Mrs Rivers to support the development and strengthening of children's reading comprehension skills. VIPERS stands for: **V**ocabulary, **I**nter, **P**redict, **E**xplain, **R**etrieve and **S**equence/**S**ummarise.

VIPERS posters are displayed in all classrooms.

All children will be working on VIPERS during class reading. It would be really helpful if parents could also be referring to VIPERS when they listen to their child read at home. Each of the letters stand for one of the key reading skills that will enable our pupils to become strong, confident readers.

VIPERS can be used on any text that a child is reading, as well as on pictures, picture books and films!

When any adult is listening to a child read, all they have to do is think of questions about the book, picture or film that cover all of the VIPERS.

The ParentMail also gives you examples of how you can create your own questions. How to use VIPERS questions with a page of a picture book... How the VIPERS prompts could be used to create questions for a longer text ...

The links below will be helpful to use with your children at home and give you ideas for question starters for each of the VIPERS skills.

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At the Junior site we have had a look at the weekly timetable and made some changes to allow daily whole class reading comprehension in order to enrich children's vocabulary and understanding. We have also been developing our curriculum to allow more opportunities for cross-curricular learning and immersion within all subjects (e.g. history, geography, art and DT will be much more closely linked to enhance learning).

If you would like to discuss anything in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gee.

### Reading Vipers

Vocabulary  
Infer  
Predict  
Explain  
Retrieve  
Sequence or Summarise



### Coming Up in January

**Monday 13th** - Drama4All Workshop - Infants and Year 3

**Thursday 16th** - Mini Youth Games Swimming Gala at Medway Park

**Tuesday 21st** - Open afternoon for Reception Parents, 2-3 p.m. at Marshal Road

**Thursday 23rd** - Year 6 Swimming

**Thursday 23rd** - HSSP Primary Sports Hall Athletics—Year 5 & 6 at Medway Park

**Friday 24th** - Young Voices Concert at O2

**Thursday 30th** - HSSP Primary Sports Hall Athletics - Year 3 & 4 at Medway Park

**Thursday 30th** - Year 6 Swimming

**Friday 31st** - Pre-school Parents' Assembly

**NB:- Year 4 Parents Assembly, due to be held on Monday 20th January, has been postponed. We will advise Year 4 parents when a new date has been confirmed. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.**

## Pre-school News



Pre-school children began the week with an exciting treasure hunt. Their task was to look for items beginning with 'c' around the classroom.

When the children had found as many items as they could they placed them altogether on the table.

The children then practiced writing the letter 'c'

**Mrs Reid & Mrs Robinson**



## Reception's Forest School

The Reception class have started a weekly trip to the local woods to have try our some forest school activities. Our first trip was on Monday. We planned our visit and decided our activity would be based on Aliens!!!!



The children enjoyed making a house for the Aliens using only materials provided by the woodland.

**Mrs Oliver & Mrs White**

## House Points



### Infants

Amarjeet - Emerald  
Rosie - Zircon  
Elijah - Ruby  
Billy - Sapphire

### Juniors

Jude - Emerald  
Josh - Zircon  
Amrik - Ruby  
Luke & Debbie - Sapphire



Congratulations to the winners this week for earning the most house points for their teams!



## Spelling Shed

Top scorers on Spelling Shed in the **Infants** this week are:

Reception - Charlotte  
Year 1 - Isabella  
Year 2 - Inara  
Year group - Year 2



Top scorers on Spelling Shed in the **Juniors** this week are:

Year 3 - Josh  
Year 4 - Zachary  
Year 5 - Ovie  
Year 6 - Isabelle

A big well done to you all!!

Mrs Dyne & Mrs Rivers



## New School Captains

Oliver, Leonardo, Lucia and Julia are our School Captains for this term.



## Internet Safety

With many children receiving electronic gifts this Christmas we thought it was a good time to remind you of the importance in how to keep your child safe online. There is a great website for parents and schools <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> which among other information provides weekly guides that focus on specific risks as part of their #wakeUpWednesday campaign.

### Internet Safety Reminder

Here are two more useful websites full of advice and help you to keep your child safe on line.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

At school we will be raising awareness during Safer Internet day on 11th February 2020

## Junior Ballet Cup for John

John (Year 6) was awarded the Junior Ballet Cup on Saturday 14 December 2019 at the Annual Presentation of Awards at the Bluebell School of Dance and Performing Arts.



## Battery Recycling

Although we didn't win the Big Battery Hunt of 2019 this doesn't stop us recycling. With Christmas out of the way and an abundance of new electronic toys and worn out remote controls now is a great time to remind you that we are continuing to collect used batteries you may want to dispose of. We can recycle AAA AA, C and D batteries.



Batteries take 100 years to decompose, so if we keep recycling them, it will go a long way to helping the planet. The recycled batteries will be collected from the school free of charge each time we fill

our containers.

Thank you to those who have already been on the hunt for batteries over Christmas and brought them in to school for recycling.

## New 'Addition' for Head of Maths



Congratulations to Mrs Platford who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl during the Christmas break.  
An early Christmas present for both her and Mr Platford..  
We cant wait to meet Florence!