

# Rothienorman School Newsletter

February 2023

Dear Families,

We are well into term 3 and the weeks continue to fly by...

## School Improvements

We are continuing to progress with our 3 school improvements for the session:

### School improvement 1: Literacy

At the start of this term the team spent time auditing our reading books and donating some older books. This allowed us to see where the gaps are with in our range of books. We identified that there was a gap in non-fiction, particularly for the middle and upper stages. The PPG very kindly gave us funding to purchase books and these have been delivered and are in the process of being covered. You should start to see these soon 😊

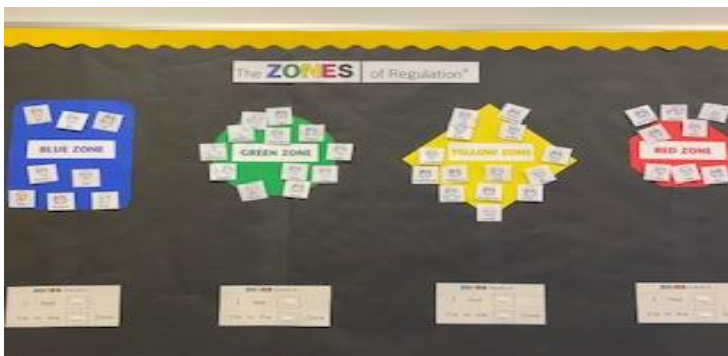
Teaching staff have also been participating in peer observations in reading to ensure that there is a more consistent reading approach in the school and to ensure progression. Alongside this, they have also been engaging in training to support learning and teaching of writing.

### School Improvement 2: Maths

The Maths Development Group are in the process of seeking out resources to support mental maths. This is something that we plan to prioritise in session 2023/24

### School Improvement 3: Health and Wellbeing

We are continuing to develop our understanding of emotions and feelings through Zones of Regulation.



## REMINDER DATES:

### Term 3

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Re-scheduled Scottish Poetry Competition

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> and Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 – Local Holidays

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 – In-service days

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - PPG Rock and Roll Bingo 7pm

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Last day of term 3

### Term 4

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – First day of term 4

Please click [here](#) for the annual calendar 2022/23

## Reading books

Reading books are required in class throughout the week to allow pupils to complete comprehension tasks and other tasks. We would be grateful if you could help your child remember their reading books everyday, thanks.

## Upcoming dates

Just to give everyone a bit of prior warning, Rothie School and nursery will be celebrating World Book Day and Red Nose Day in March. More information will be given about both at a later date.

Also please note, the pupils will not be in school or in nursery On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb inclusive due to the local holidays and in-service days. Pupils will return on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## Adverse Weather ❄️❄️❄️

Just a reminder to check for any changes to the school day or openings in the event of adverse weather, on <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>. Continue to keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. For pupils who receive school transport, where school transport is not running, please do not take your child(ren) to school yourself, unless it is safe to do so. If you do take your child(ren) to school, you must also be able to collect them at the end of the day.

## EPS leaflets

Aberdeenshire Educational Psychology Service have some useful leaflets on key topics that contain advice for parents and carers. The aim of these leaflets is to help parents and carers help build resilience, connections and secure attachments. These leaflets can be found [here](#).

## And Finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments via the email address [rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

Kind regards,

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