



## Building Bright Futures Autumn 1 2025

### **A message from Nicola Crockatt and Becci McManus**

What an incredible start we've had to the academic year! September and October have been packed with learning events, trips, and celebrations that truly showcase the vibrant spirit of our school. We've warmly welcomed our new Reception and Year 3 pupils, who have settled beautifully into school life. Our Reception pupils are especially enjoying their brand new EYFS block, which is bigger and better than ever before. We have also seen amazing progress with our Year 1 build, and have thoroughly enjoyed picking out the new specifications to ensure it is at an amazing standard.

Black History Month has been a significant focus for Red Hill this October. We've had some remarkable experiences that have brought learning to life. The Wuntunara West African drumming performance was an absolute highlight, capturing the imagination of our pupils. The Palace for Life foundation also delivered powerful antiracism workshops, helping our pupils explore this year's theme of 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. Today marked our Show Racism the Red Card day, where children wore red to show their support for this important cause.

The head pupil elections were a tremendous success. Public speaking is incredibly challenging, especially for young people, and we are immensely proud of every child who participated and stood for election. A special congratulations to our head pupils Pranav and Mimi, and deputy head pupils Sam B and Darcey - we know you will represent Red Hill wonderfully.

Our extra-curricular activities have burst into action. The Lacrosse tournament has already been a huge success, alongside TPA cross country events, Bikeability, and swimming programmes. School trips have also been exciting, with Year 4 visiting the British Museum and Year 5 experiencing a thrilling VR Space Science workshop.

Year 2 delighted everyone with their amazing Harvest performance, not only singing beautifully but also raising money and donations for a wonderful cause. Our fantastic PTA has been busy too, selling Halloween cakes to raise funds for the school. A massive thank you to everyone who supported this event.

This term, we're also celebrating several important awareness months and weeks: Black History Month, ADHD Awareness Month, Mental Health Day and Dyslexia Week.

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the academic year. We are incredibly proud of everything our school and pupils have achieved so far this term. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back for another great half of the term.

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In Year 6, our topic is Existing, Endangered and Extinct. For our entry point we created the biomes of endangered animals based on research we carried out.



Year 6 have had a phenomenal first half term. From using manipulatives in maths, learning about Sikhism in RE and learning all about biomes and animals in science- they have all been incredible! We are so proud of how much they've achieved. We also have our Junior Leadership team to help with important roles across the school! Have a lovely and restful half term Y6!





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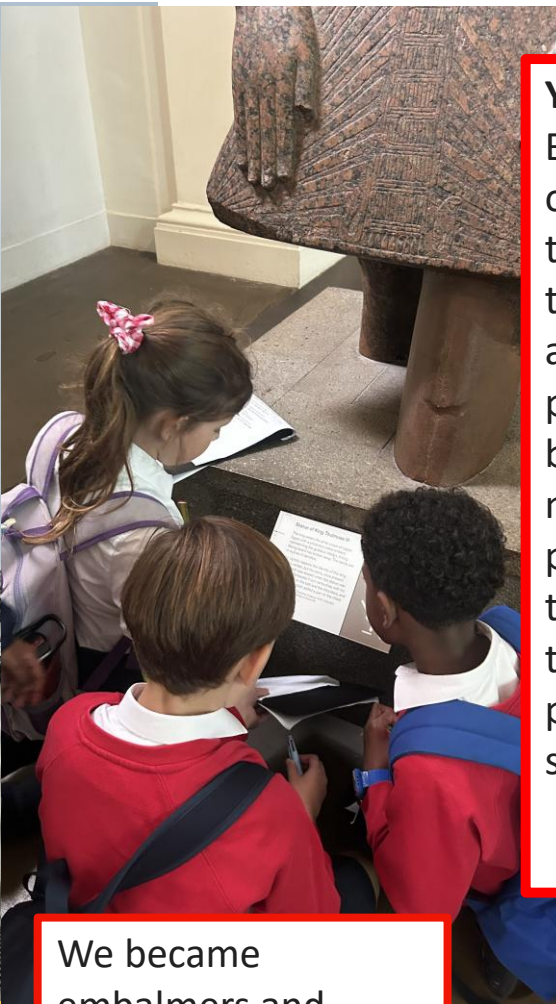


In **Year 5** our new IPC topic is Space Scientists and we have been studying the moon, sun and their relevance. We were looking at the moon and how it relates to low and high tides and why these are important. The children created comic stories of the importance of the low and high tides as part of their learning.



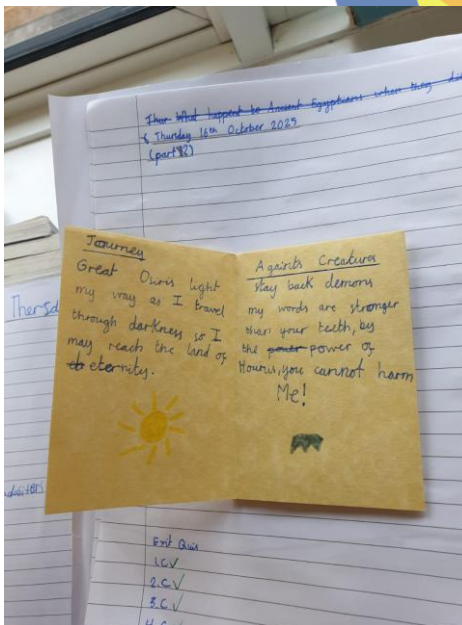


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**Year 4** went to the British Museum for our IPC topic- temples, tombs and treasures. We were able to explore pharaohs that had been through the mummification process as well as the significance of the symbols and patterns on the sarcophagus coffins.

We became embalmers and carried out the process of mummification. We even wrapped the body and put it inside a sarcophagus. We also used clay to make the sacred scarab beetle of Ancient Egyptian times.



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In **Year 3**, we have loved learning about the human body in Science this half term. We explored the steps of digestion by taking part in the digestive system experiment.



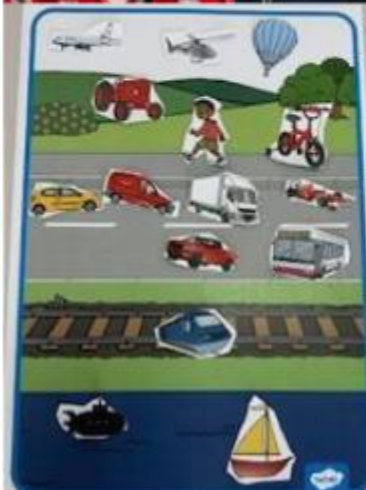
Through this experiment we were able to gain a deeper understanding of the steps of digestion, the organ functions, how vitamins and minerals leave the food and enter the bloodstream and how good and bad digestion affects the end-product! It was fascinating!





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For our entry point in **Year 2**, for the topic 'From A to B', we arrived at school dressed for a holiday, suitcases in hand. We created our own passports and boarded a Red Hill airlines flight in the classroom. During the journey, we explored different types of transport, what we need to use them-like tickets and boarding passes-and where they can take us.

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**Year 1** had a wonderful swash buckling time being pirates for our entry point to our new topic 'Treasure Island'. We dressed up in pirate costumes, learnt to sing a sea shanty, played pirate games and even walked the plank. The whole year group are super excited to learn all about our new topic and how pirates sailed the seven seas.



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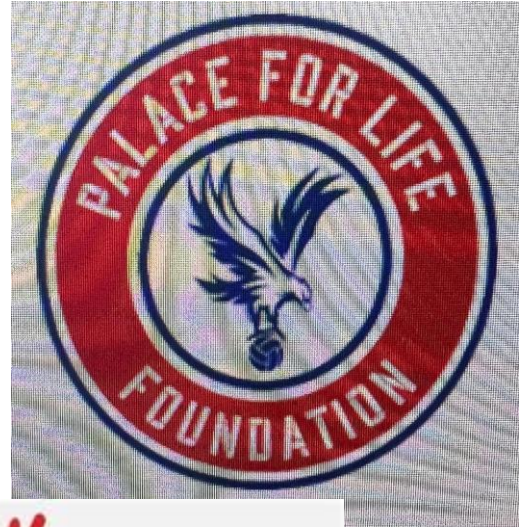
**Reception** had great fun as rockstars on Times Tables Rockstar day. We did lots of counting to 5 and some of us even counted all the way to 10. We used lots of equipment in our classroom to help us count.





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### Spotlight on Mental Health

#### SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

##### Mental Health Foundation

Our website offers information on mental health, mental health problems, self-help and how to get help. [www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)

##### Confidential help and support

The Samaritans provides emotional support 24 hours a day. [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

Telephone: 08457 90 90 90

##### Counselling

The British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy [www.bacp.co.uk](http://www.bacp.co.uk)

Email: [bacp@bacp.co.uk](mailto:bacp@bacp.co.uk)

Telephone: 01455 883300

##### UK Council for Psychotherapy

[www.psychotherapy.org.uk](http://www.psychotherapy.org.uk)

Email: [info@ukcp.org.uk](mailto:info@ukcp.org.uk)

Telephone: 020 7014 9955

##### General health information

NHS 111 provides information 24 hours a day.

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) Telephone: 111

For free support for children, young people and their families, please contact <https://bromley-y.org/>

Parkruns are free, weekly community events which take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings in local parks. You can run, jog or walk your way around the 2k or 5k track with family and friends! To find out more, visit [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk)

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is a free service run by the NHS and is made up of medical and mental health professionals. If you have concerns about your child, please call 0208 315 4430 (Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm) or 0208 3228 5980 (Sat – Sun 9am – 10pm)

##### Simply Connect Bromley

<https://bromley.simplyconnect.uk/> shares everything happening in Bromley and is an easy way to connect you and your family to your local community. If you're looking for parenting services, youth services, hobby clubs, etc. this is your one stop shop!

For practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour, there is a wealth of information on the following website. From supporting children with homework, to help with peer pressure, to sleep issues ... there are short videos and texts to help.

##### [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

How to manage and prevent overwhelm in children  
10 min read

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Problem-solving with Children  
5 min read

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My child says "I hate you!"  
2 min video  
5 min read

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My child has trouble going to sleep  
2 min video  
8 min read

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How do I get my child to listen?  
2 min video  
4 min read

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Co-Parenting after a separation or divorce  
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### Notices

#### **Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books**

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

**Please can we remind parents to park considerately along the main road but also in neighbouring carparks.**

**Thank you**

### Positive Feedback

A chance to say thank you

Everyone enjoys receiving positive feedback. On the link below, we invite parents, carers, visitors, pupils and other staff to share experiences of a staff member who has gone above and beyond. All responses will be read by the senior leadership team who will share with staff. Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

<https://forms.gle/khoJZYia1o5NZAx5>

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