

Welcome back and a big Happy New Year to everyone!  
We sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

### Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready to Learn.

As you would expect, we have been practising our 3 Key Behaviour Values and Life Skills again this week in order to ensure that they are not forgotten and are becoming something we **'Do without thinking'** at RWPA. After introducing the SRR last term, our New Year Challenge in Key Stage 2 assembly this week has been to take this to the next level - 'Doing the right thing when the adults are not looking'.

Learning to understand ourselves, keeping ourselves safe, gaining a deeper understanding of others, respecting everyone and always being ready to learn - these are such valuable life skills. We feel they are all encompassing and will equip our pupils well for the future.

The poster below outlines the routines that we use and practise.

### Our School Routines



Lining up	Transitioning through school	Interactions (How we engage with anyone at anytime)	Our Classroom Mantra
Stop Signal (Whistle 1 & 2)	Wonderful Walking	Respectful Greetings	<b>H</b> - high energy <b>E</b> - empty hands <b>A</b> - active listening <b>R</b> - ready to learn
Walk to Line Places	Left Hand Side Please	Actively listen	
Hand up - Ready to Learn	Silence Through the Building (Politeness is 😊)	Be Well Mannered, Kind and Respectful	

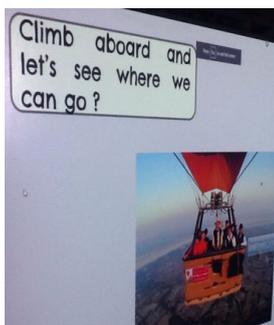
These are to support our three values above and I hope they make sense to you. (Test your children!)

### Exciting New Themes

I hope I am not giving the game away too much in sharing some of the wonderful things I have seen the children doing this week to kick start the new topics and themes.

The Year 2 children have been really excited about being 'Explorers' around school, learning map reading skills and orienteering their way around school using maps and pictorial clues.

Year 3 have been in 'balloons' and using our technology to introduce their theme 'What a Wonderful World'



Our Year 4's had the paints out and have been creating Volcanoes to start their geography work.



Our Year 1's had a visit from Jayne Kamintzis on Wednesday - A Scientist in the Arctic. She had the children absolutely rapt about her adventures and findings.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kind Regards  
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