

# RECTORY FRIDAY NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school. The temperatures have been very cold this week but it hasn't dampened the children's spirits. They have still thoroughly enjoyed running around and playing with their friends.

## Community:

Our week started with our assembly focused on our value of '**community**'. Mrs Williams told a story and spoke about how important it is that we look after each other. We reinforced that in our community we have...

**Eyes that look for the good in others**



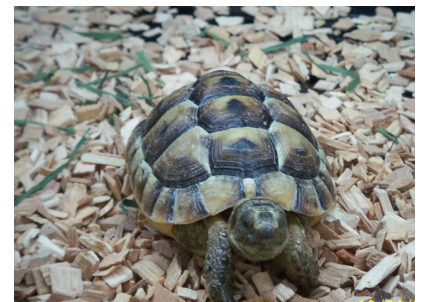
**Hands that want to do good for those around them**



## Our New Pet Tortoise

We are so excited to announce that we have a new pet in school, that both the adults and children have spoilt rotten so far! The children enjoy visiting him and checking that he has enough food and water. One of his favourite things to do is bury himself in the hay for a snooze!! We held a competition to give him a name and the winning entry was ... **Tiddles**.

**So welcome to our Rectory Farm Community.**



## Curriculum

**Year R**—had a visit from the Gerbils today to support their learning about pets . We will pop photos on Dojo.

**Year 1** —have been working hard in their History lessons. They have been studying significant people in History and their focus has been on 'Mary Seacole' and 'Edith Cavell'.

**Year 5** —we have been looking at the different Tudor Monarchs and looking at what they were famous for etc. The children had so much Tudor knowledge to share! It was a really great discussion lesson.

**Year 6**— have been learning about sculpture in Art. We retrieved how to make pinch pots (from Year 2) and joined these together to make spheres and started to create faces!

Year 5



Year 2



Stefan— Y6



Michal — Y5



T'melia— Y3



Year 4



Year 6



Kobe— Y4



Diadam— Y3

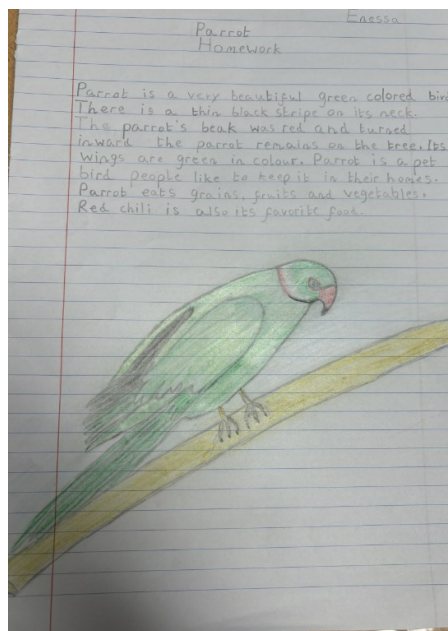


Eduard— Y1



Enessa—Y2 inspired by her Science topic on 'Animals and Food Chains'.

Year 3 inspired by their History topic of 'The Romans'. (Emily and Beau ).



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
<b>Monday 5th February</b>	Year 2	An owl experience linked to their topic on 'food chains' in Science.
<b>Tuesday 6th February</b>	Year 6	Watching a live action performance of 'Romeo and Juliet'.
<b>Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February</b>	Whole School	Parents Evening. Sign up sheets will be on doors in a week or so.
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	Year 3	Roman Trip linked to their History topic this term



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*Friday 19th January 2024*

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# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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