

RD HOMESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Getting creative in English

Your character boards a ship to sail across to a newly discovered land. Write about what they find when they get there. *Ikennaya's response to this is included below:*

The sea was rough but we survived it and made it out. We battled with sickness and weeks of dirty conditions, we ran out of provisions frequently and had to make emergency stops on random islands too keep the crew alive. Would this all be worth it?

We ran across an unknown island not familiar to us and not on our maps but this is what we discovered. Caves filled with gold, diamonds and treasures you couldn't even imagine within your wildest dreams. But....

There was just one problem the island was infested with dangerous flesh hungry animals ready to kill anything just to taste blood.

We navigated back to our ship to collect chests to store the abundance of treasure. But.

As we made our way back to the caves filled with riches, we came across an incredibly large

Crocodile with its float in the river. But.

The only way we could find our way to the other side the river to the ship, was to make a raft.

As we boarded the raft and paddled halfway across the river we saw a crocodile swimming

towards us with malicious intent. Finally we had made it to the other side of the river, miraculously without any casualties. After about 1km of walking we made it back to the

Caves. Now we just had to collect as much gold and diamonds we could fit in the chests we had brought with us.

From here all we had to do was find our way back after 2 days of walking we got back to the ship and made our way home.

Mission Accomplished!!

By Ikennaya



My how we have grown!

Starting from humble beginnings in September 2024, we knew we were onto a good thing. Our focus has always been on quality over quantity and as such, we have maintained our commitment to small class sizes (no more than five students); this is already providing beneficial. Our students are very happy and thriving. Our day starts with great conversations and an infectious eagerness to learn. Lessons are interactive creating a real buzz and this has created a great sense of achievement.

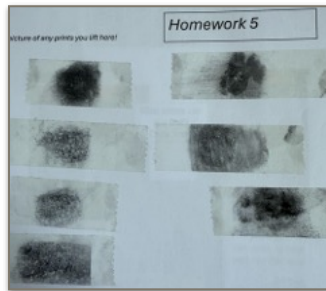
The word has begun to spread, and we have admitted quite a few more students, including students in Key Stage 2. To maintain our high standards we have recently begun working with Laura Huggins, of LH Tutoring, who is currently teaching our KS2 students. She comes with a wealth of experience and is in constant demand for primary tuition, especially students getting ready to sit the 11+ tests. We would also like to welcome Lucy Benardout and Leslie Thomas to our tutoring team for English and Maths respectively.

We now have students in all our year groups for homeschooling, with the exception of year 10. This is an excellent testament to the need for homeschooling as many parents are disheartened with the provision of public schools. While we still have some spaces, these are very limited. Even though very small, RD Homeschool is making a huge impact in the lives of our students.

Creating the next generation of Forensic scientists...

We have been having an exciting term studying many scientific principles which can be used to investigate crime scenes and solve police cases. We have looked at a range of evidence such as fingerprints, DNA, shoe prints, tyre tracks, hairs and fibres and insects. Students have looked at some real cases that were solved due to the trail of evidence left behind. We were all impressed by the case that was solved by the cat hairs on the criminals' trousers providing the purrfect match!

Science in Action



Students collected finger prints from objects around the home.

Maths in Action

Over this last term, we have been looking at a range of topics in maths which includes written methods for all operations culminating in analysing bank statements. The students now have a good understanding of key terms, including debit, credit and balance. The older students engaged in algebra, understanding how to use formulas in real life situations to calculate outcomes.

Easter Dates

We are closing over the Easter Holiday from 4th April for homeschoolers. All lessons resume on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.



Term Dates 25 - 26

We have published Term dates for the next academic year on our website.

Easter Exam Preparation

We will be offering some extra tuition slots during the Easter Holidays to make sure you child benefits from regular input on key exam topics and techniques. Look out for a message on your WhatsApp

During this topic students were asked to write a crime story with the aim of testing the teacher's ability to find the clues and evidence left. *Nathaniel's crime story is below - See if you can identify the evidence that might be collected.*

The MI5 Robbery

It was a normal day in London. The tourists were taking pictures, cars were zooming by, and all seemed well for everyone. But there was one man who was about to make a choice he would greatly regret.

Dan was a robber, but not any ordinary robber—he was a specially trained one. He never got caught, and he never left a trace. Now, he wanted a challenge—not just any challenge—the MI5 building. He wanted to see the underground bunkers and, who knows, what else he could find.

So, he disguised himself and walked in like he belonged there. To his surprise, no one checked him. He went down the elevators to the underground bunkers, but that's when he faced his first problem: fingerprint scanners.

Since Dan was used to this kind of thing, he walked behind a man who was rushing somewhere and got through. But when he thought all his trouble was over, he came across two 10-inch-thick metal doors. Dan thought and thought and thought about how to get through them until he saw a vent—and that gave him an idea.

He climbed the wall and pulled the vent open. Once Dan was out of the vent, he walked through a series of doors. Then, he was finally inside.

He saw golden objects, unreleased weapons, and even a flying car. Dan was ecstatic—it was paradise! He collected everything he wanted and made a getaway.

The next day, it was on the news: the MI5 had been robbed, and many important things had been stolen. This just made Dan laugh as he started thinking about his next adventure.

But to his surprise, a group of SWAT and armed police were banging on his door. He opened the door, confident they had no way to prove it was him. But they cuffed him instantly, raided his house, and threw him into the police car.

How did they know it was me? he thought as he was carried away by the police car.

By **Nathaniel**

Devotion

It's been a long time since God was taken out of our public school system. At RD Homeschool, many of our students would like to see this reinstated. As such, we would be starting our day with a short devotion and prayer with the children after Easter. We would like parents to volunteer to support us with this. If you are happy to help, please email us. More information about dates and time will come out to parents via email.

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