

NEWSLETTER

A message from this week's Editor: Ms Broderick

This week, we're celebrating all the amazing hard work happening in phonics and maths across the school. Pupils have been showing great focus, determination, and enthusiasm as they build their reading, writing, and number skills. Phonics plays a vital role in developing early reading confidence and fluency, laying strong foundations for a lifelong love of reading. Likewise, the maths learning taking place is helping children develop important problem-solving and reasoning skills that they will use throughout their lives. Well done to all our children for their fantastic progress and positive attitudes!



SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire
C of E Multi Academy Trust

Collective Worship

This week, Reverend Patrick joined us for a collective worship focused on friendship and service, linking with our school value of respect. The children reflected on what it means to be a good friend, drawing inspiration from the story of Jesus and the paralysed man as told in the Bible in Luke 5:17-25



Star of the week

Reception - Nevaeh
Year 1 - Danny
Year 2 - Samuel
Year 3 - Ronela
Year 4 - Zawadi
Year 5 - Rovena
Year 6 - Rakin

Top Attendance this week

1st - Reception - 100%
2nd - Year 2 - 99.43%
3rd - Year 5 - 98.81%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



This week, Discovery children enjoyed learning about the Dragon from our new book - 'There is no Dragon in this Story'. We used paint and our handprints to make scales for the Dragon and investigated the colours that make up the fire that our Dragon relights the sun with!



Early Years have had a great week looking at the number of sides and vertices. The children have also explored the number 4; singing songs, clapping in 4s, writing in shaving foam and creating our own 'Four City'



Year 1 have been working hard on their Set 3 sounds and practicing reading both real and alien words, building their phonics skills. In Maths, they've been exploring part-whole models to understand how numbers can be split and combined in different ways.



In Year 2 the children have been learning column addition and subtraction, using dienes to help them with their working out.



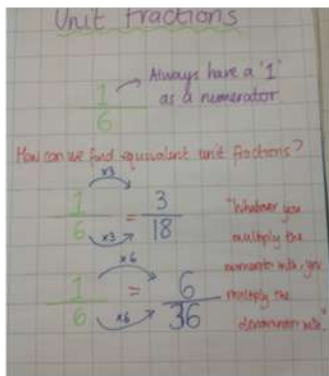
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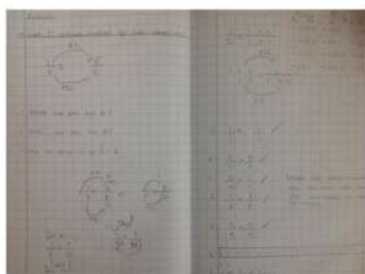
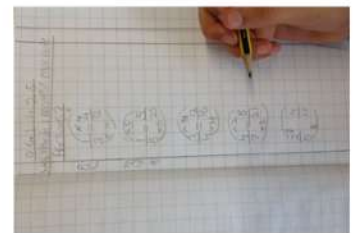
Year 3 have been using their number bonds knowledge to help them calculate complements to 100. They have also been learning their times tables using TTRockstars and times tables songs.



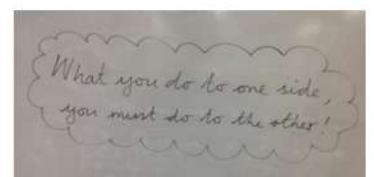
Year 4 are focusing on our multiplication and division facts in maths. The children are working really hard to increase their speed of recall, and regularly play times tables games to help them to remember them. One of our favourite games is 'rock, paper, scissors, times tables'.



Year 5 have had a great start to our fractions unit this week on recognising unit and non-unit fractions, as well as how to identify equivalent fractions. They have used multiplication facts, factors and fraction walls to help them as well as explaining their reasoning using oracy skills.



In Year 6 this week, the children have begun their unit on fractions, working hard on numerators and denominators, which may not match! The children have also been comparing sizes of fractions and focused on how their workings can be written clearly.



PUPIL VOICE

"Did you know, that there are 3 'a' sounds, a_e make a cake, 'ai' for the snail and 'ay' may I play!"

Henry - Year 1

"We have been doing times tables and it has been a bit tricky!"

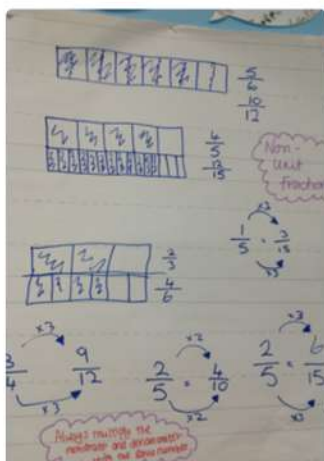
Katie-Rose - Year 3

"I enjoy playing the games and also practicing using 'TT Rockstars,' because I find all of this has helped me speed up and I feel more confident."

Baher - Year 4

"Fire is hot!"

Ruby - Discovery



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2

11th November - Remembrance Day

12th November - 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening - Hall with book fair.

13th November - 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening - Hall with book fair.

14th November - Children in Need - wear something spotty / colourful. More details below.

Please ensure you book a Parents' Evening meeting for every child with their class teacher. Any issues please contact the school office.

Week 3

17th November - Class Photo day

21st November - 9-9:30am - Year 5 Class Assembly

Week 4

26th November - Aesop Theatre Company in school performance of 'The Gingerbread Man' for Early Years and KS1

26th November - Windsor Pantomime trip for KS2 - all children must bring nut free packed lunch

28th November - 1-3:30pm - PINS2 Cycle 1 Parent & Carer Event - more details on next page

Week 5

3rd December - 9-9:30am - Show 1 - YR/Y1 Nativity

4th December - 9-9:30am - Show 2 - YR/Y1 Nativity

3rd-4th December - PTA Santa's Grotto for Early Years to Year 4 - details to follow

5th December - PTA Biscuit Decorating for Year 5 & Year 6 - details to follow

School trips and permissions

Trip permission forms have now been added to School Money. Emails with permissions have been sent out via Teacher2Parents. A gentle reminder that if there is no payment made and permission not given on the app, it could result in your child not going on the trip and the trip potentially being cancelled.

IN OTHER NEWS



Early Years had the opportunity to meet a vet this week and hear all about the amazing work they do! We helped a tiger, pig and donkey and looked at the equipment the vet uses. We even met his dog and looked at her paw prints!



Year 6 have worked tirelessly to reflect on their learning this term ready to share in this morning's class worship. They have written, redrafted and then learned to perform our lines for worship, mapping our learning journey and telling the story of how World War One transitioned into World War Two. We have an incredible amount of knowledge and have shown great confidence in our oracy skills to deliver it to an audience to such a high standard. Well done Year 6!



A selection of items for Poppy Appeal 2025 are now available to purchase at Reception with Mrs McLaughlin including slap bands, wristbands and poppies. Cash only for all items.

We are delighted to announce that members of our Mini Police team will be representing the school in the main parade in the village on Sunday. This will be followed by service at St Thomas Church, where a pupil will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.



Children in Need - Friday 14th November

Children can wear a something spotty or brightly coloured clothes in exchange for £1 donation for Children in Need. This can be cash, or donated via the Teachers2Parents app.

Mrs Muir & our School Council Reps are working hard on plans to make the day fun but fuelled with purpose around the motto of Challenge 25.



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning - Connecting with your neurodivergent child

Friday 14th Nov - 10:00 - 11:15am

**25 spaces
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- Using love languages to your advantage
- Attention and play styles
- Connecting through special interests
- Non-verbal connections
- Responding to bids for attention

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



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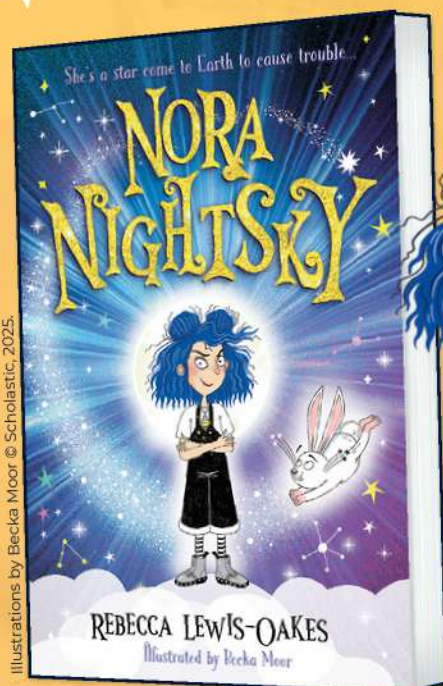
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for our school*

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to spot the books you'll
LOVE to read!

Come and
find me!



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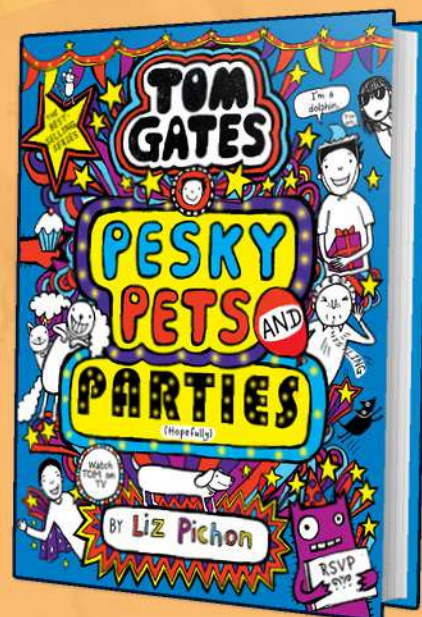
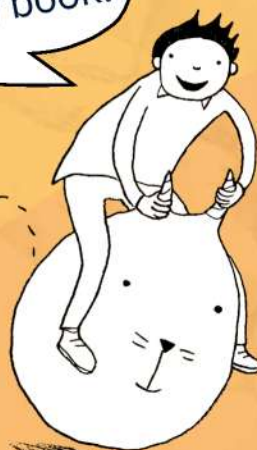


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DATE: 12-17th Nov

TIME: 3:30pm

LOCATION: Hall

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