

# Week Beginning- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## RECEPTION

In Reception this week our topic has been 'Autumn'. We talked about what changes we can see outside now that it is autumn. We discussed how the leaves are changing colour and falling off the trees and how it is getting dark earlier. We enjoyed listening to the story 'The Leaf Thief' about a squirrel who thinks someone is stealing his leaves. The boys enjoyed taking part in a variety of autumn themed activities and games. In Maths, the boys matched the correct amount of dots to numbered acorns and counted conkers. In Phonics, our new sounds were: g, o, c, k. The boys practised writing these sounds using the correct formation. Please continue to reinforce the sounds learnt at school. A PowerPoint of these sounds can also be found on the school website.

## YEAR 1

Year 1 were very excited to begin Level 5 Phonics this week! Our new sound was "ay" as in pray. We discovered that "ai" as in snail usually appears in the middle of words, while "ay" often comes at the end. In Maths, our focus was on addition. We practised writing number sentences such as  $8 + 5 = 13$  and had lots of fun exploring hands-on activities, using balance scales and Numicon to help us solve problems. In Science, we learned about the differences between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores, and enjoyed sorting animals into these groups.

## YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we continued our story *The Snail and the Whale* while learning about the features of a postcard. Next week, the children will be writing their own postcards inspired by the story. In Humanities, we explored the different oceans and mapped our journey across the world through various continents, using key directional terms such as north, south, east, and west. In Maths, we focused on number bonds to 10 and 20, and 2H had a Computing session where they played a number bond game on the Chromebooks. Please remember that book bags need to be returned by Tuesday as we will be visiting the library. If your child has lost their book bag, please send £5 to the office so we can provide a replacement.

## YEAR 3

We have really enjoyed getting back into our learning this week! In English, we have continued with our book, *The Stone Age Boy*, answering comprehension questions. We also looked at the features of a setting description, ahead of writing our own next week. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds from 3-digit numbers and have started to learn column addition. In Science, we learned about soil and had a go at drawing observations. 3H continued learning about Andy Goldsworthy. In Art and 3P have started our Computing topic, creating pictures inspired by impressionist art.

## YEAR 4

Year four have been very busy in maths with mental strategies to solve number sentences. They learnt how to adjust numbers to make it easier to find answers. In English, we are building up to our first big write. We will be writing diary entries on our class reader and have been practising SPAG to include in our work.

## YEAR 5

What a great first week back! We have been adding and subtracting in Maths using the formal written method. In English, we have been learning about fronted adverbials and have begun planning a letter. In Science, we explored electrical circuits and investigated which materials can conduct electricity. We even experienced a visit from a petting zoo, where we saw scorpions, meerkats, a chinchilla, and even a snake!

## YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we carried on our review of punctuation and finalised our diary writing – the results were excellent! In Maths, we continued our work on short and long multiplication, applying these skills to solve simple number problems. Our Science lessons focused on microorganisms, where we explored their fascinating roles in everyday life. In Art, we created vibrant paintings inspired by the work of David Hockney. It's been a really productive and creative week for everyone!

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