Week Beginning-19th October 2026

This week in the classrooms:

RECEPTION

This week we enjoyed reading the book 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. We reinforced the importance of sharing with our friends. In Maths the boys counted shells and matched the amount to the corresponding numeral. We also learnt the terms 'heavier' and 'lighter' and used balancing scales and classroom objects to demonstrate this. In Phonics this week we met the new sounds ck, e,u and r. We were also introduced to the first two tricky words 'to' and 'the'. Tricky words are trying to trick us as they cannot be sounded out. The boys have done brilliantly this week and their confidence in recognising and blending sounds is increasing.

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, the boys explored addition using part-part-whole models. They learnt that the number at the top represents the whole, while the two parts show the numbers that combine to make the total. The boys did a brilliant job understanding this concept and applying their learning! In English, the boys practised dictation, developing their listening skills and using their phonics knowledge to sound out and decode words. In Humanities, the boys have been preparing for our upcoming Geography fieldwork trip. They have been practising how to use tally charts to collect, organise and sort data, helping them get ready to put these skills into practice during our fieldwork. Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!

YEAR 2

This week we finished our English book 'The Snail and the Whale' with an assessed write of a postcard from the snail, detailing his adventures to his snail family. In Maths we have been subtracting one-digit numbers from two-digit number e.g. 23-6=17 as well as subtracting multiples of ten from two-digit numbers e.g. 54-20=34. In Geography, we looked at how different animals live in, and are suited, to different continents and climates. In Phonics we learned about adding the suffix -s or -es to words ending in y eg. annoys and babies.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a great week in all areas. They have started planning an assembly on Mental Health and quite a few of them came home sharing what they learnt. In Maths they have mastered formal addition and can even exchange numbers. Polite Reminder- please can you ensure your child has all stationery so that they are fully prepared for lessons. Thank you

YEAR 4

What a fantastic week we have had! In English, we have been developing our writing skills by creating exciting green writing pieces. In Maths, we have been practising column addition and subtraction, building our confidence and accuracy. In History, we have been learning all about the Romans, while in Science, we have been creating colourful posters and exploring classification keys. The boys have worked incredibly hard this week, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and progress across all our subjects. Well done, everyone!

YEAR 5

It has been another excellent week in Year 5. In English, we continued our work on tenses, with a particular focus on the Present Perfect tense. In Science, we explored the properties of materials, focusing on different methods of separating materials, including sieving, evaporation and filtration. In Maths, we continued to develop our skills in column addition and subtraction before applying these methods to solve multi-step problems. Finally, in History, we used primary sources to learn more about what life was like in Ancient Greece. Well done to all the boys for their hard work.

YEAR 6

In Maths, the boys have been sharpening their division skills, tackling both short and long division as well as exploring factor pairs. Our English lessons have focused on understanding active and passive voice, alongside analysing the key features of non-chronological reports to prepare for our upcoming writing. In History, we discovered the vital importance of coal during the Industrial Revolution and investigated the tough roles children played working in the mines. In Science, we delved into the world of microorganisms and conducted an investigation to prove whether yeast is a living thing. To top off a wonderful week, we enjoyed a fantastic trip aboard a River Thames cruise, taking in the iconic sights and learning about the rich history of the river!