

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 2 15th September 2023

Starfish and Turtle Class



We are so proud of the nursery children this week. They have gained so much confidence coming into class and are getting used to the rules and routines that we have in place. We are still working on our tidying up skills!

This week, the children sat on the carpet and joined in some singing sessions, using our song bag. They enjoyed picking out the cards to see what songs we were going to sing next. Some children were very enthusiastic about singing and were joining in with all the actions too.

Next week, the children will be continuing their settling in activities and playing games to learn each other's names.

If you have not handed in your Tapestry letter, please hand these in as soon as possible so we can set up your account. Thank you.

Mrs Attard, Mrs Brant, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Mota, Mrs Loe and Mrs Bowser

Seahorse Class



This week, the children of Seahorse Class have been settling into school. We began the week with the children exploring their classroom and outside area in smaller groups; From Wednesday, all children came together as a class. They looked extremely smart in their school uniform and ate their lunch in the dinner hall for the first time. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who attended, we hope you enjoyed your lunch too.

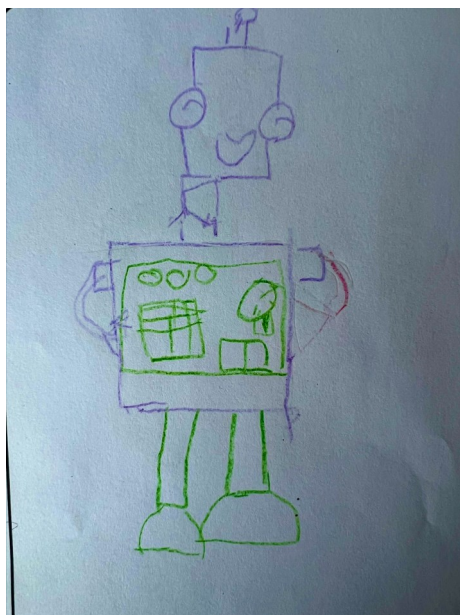


We have been learning the rules of the class and how to walk around the school. In the classroom, the children have constructed with Duplo and magnetic shapes, made potions and soups in the mud kitchen, and role-played in the Wendy house. We have enjoyed songs such as 'Herman the Worm', '5 Cheeky Monkeys', 'If You're Happy and You Know It', and 'The Days of the Week'.

Well done, Seahorse Class for settling so well. We are very proud of you.
Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class



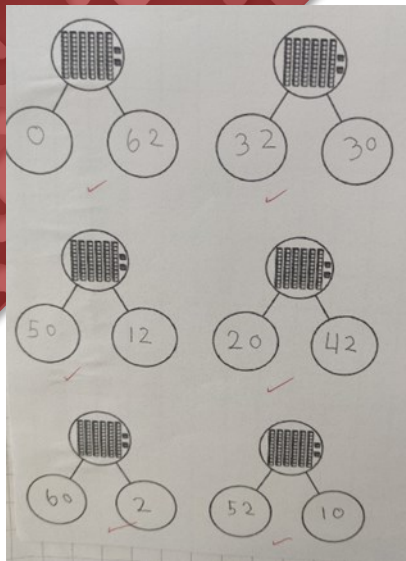
This week in Year 1, we have made a brilliant start in our Maths lessons, focusing on sorting and counting different objects. The children have been able to work in partners and small groups to discuss this and display this in many ways.

As part of our 'Terrific Toys' topic, the children have been designing their own robots, these look fantastic! Oyster class have also been very creative in completing their own self-portraits.

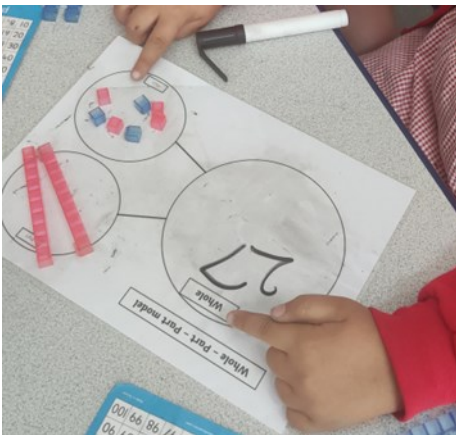
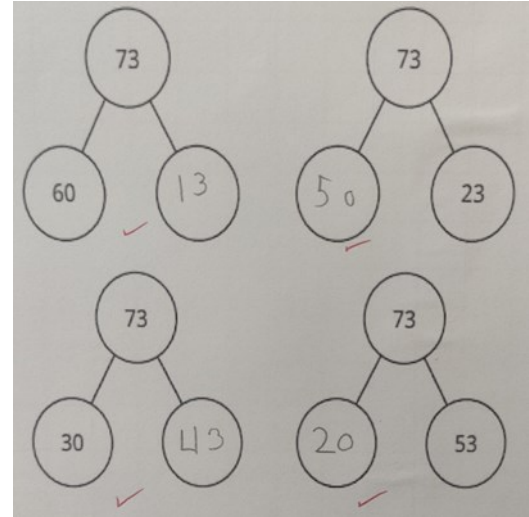
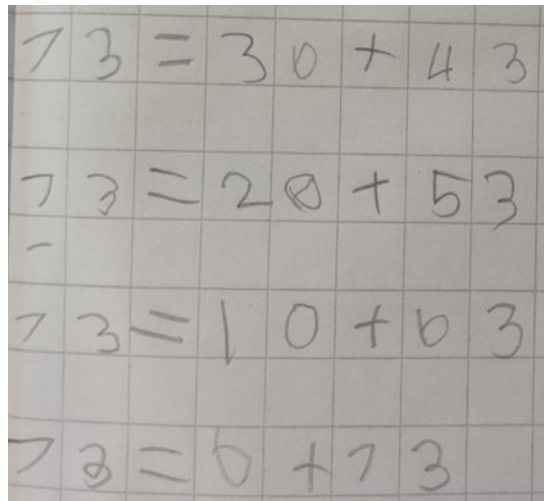
Well done, this week, Oyster class!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling

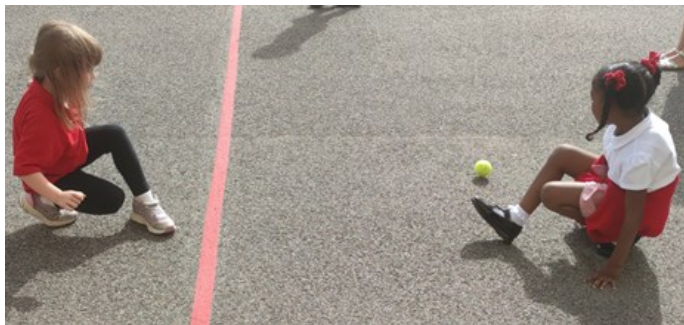
Seagull Class



This week in Seagull Class, we have been learning about place value. The children have been partitioning numbers by finding 10s and 1s. They have also been exploring patterns through their partitioning.



In PE this week, we have been learning to send and receive by rolling. We have discussed the best stance and body position to ensure the ball rolls are accurate and controlled.



The children have been excited to bring home their new phonic reading books, which match the ones we are using in the classroom. The class continue to be eager to reach their target of 5 reads at home in the hopes that Barney the bear will visit them for the weekend.

Keep up the great work, Seagull Class!

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton

Heron Class

Year 3 have had a super busy week, this week.

We kick started our Stone Age topic with a research lesson in the ICT suite.

In our writing lessons, we have been using different skills to write a range of sentences using expanded noun phrases, adverbials and direct speech.

We have been making the most of our environment during Drop Everything and Read sessions, including our comfy bean bags and cosy book corner.

In our science lessons we have been learning about rocks and how they are formed. We investigated different rocks and organised them into different rock types.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Edwards



Curlew Class



What a fabulous week it's been again in Year 4!

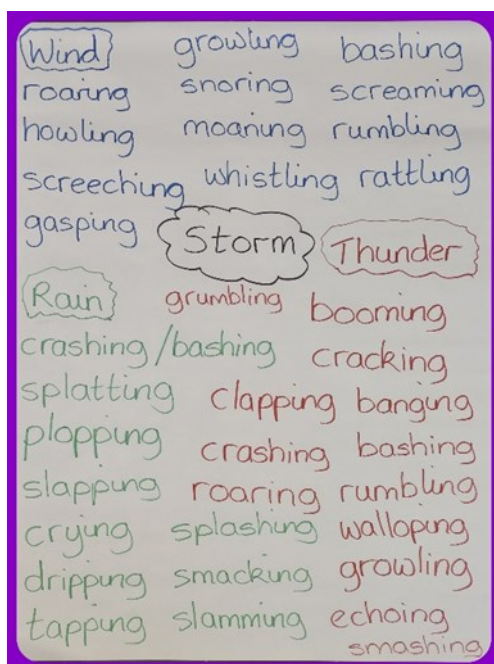
On Monday, we started our new English unit. We are using the book 'Float' by Daniel Miyares to inspire our writing. We began the unit with an extremely fun experience day, in which all children followed instruction to make their own paper boat. Later in the week, they worked in groups to brainstorm vocabulary to consider the onomatopoeic words to describe the sounds of wind, rain and thunder.

In ICT, we learnt how important it is to recognise online security threats. The children experienced a phishing email and learnt about the ways individuals and companies might try to gain personal information or spread viruses.

Please ask your child to share their knowledge on volcanoes. They have learnt about tectonic plates, how a volcano is formed, and the names of common features of a volcano.

Well done, Year 4 for being absolutely fantastic. It is going to be a fabulous year!

Miss Eakins and Miss Brailsford



Sanderling Class



This week, our Superb Sanderlings have surpassed themselves with their performance skills in English! In Maths, they have continued to impress with their Place Value skills and in Science they investigated the properties of different materials. They wrote some fabulous descriptions of life in an Anglo-Saxon village and discussed some quotes from the Bible and how they might help people make better choices. In PE, they worked on their rugby passing skills and in Art they started their illuminated lessons.

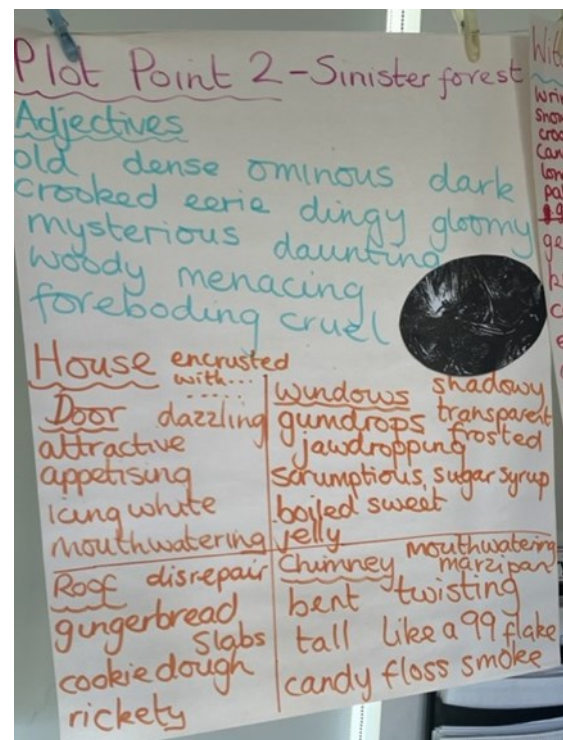
A fabulous week with a fabulous class.

Have a great weekend, everyone,

Mrs Emmings and Mrs Allen



Avocet Class

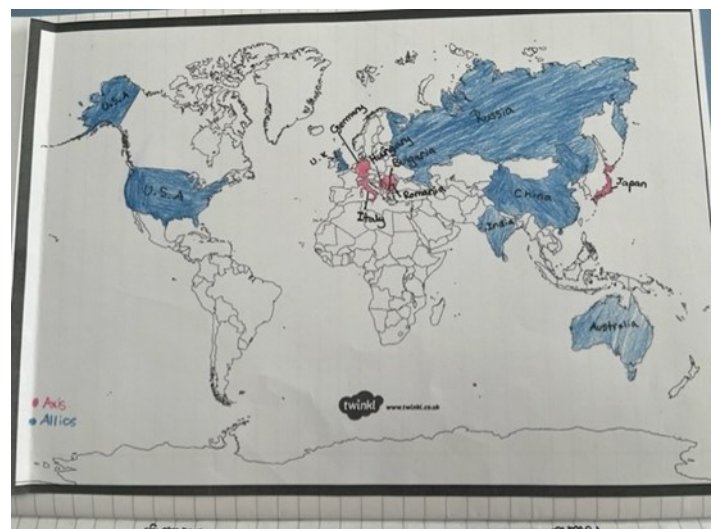


Year 6 have worked extremely hard, this week and are already demonstrating some great progress. In Maths, we have completed our place value unit with focus on rounding and ordering numbers, including negative ones. In English, we have been developing our personal word bank and our use of alliteration as a tool to make our writing pop. We have begun to plan our own writing based on Hansel and Gretel to assist with our own writing next week.

Through our topic work, we have been exploring the countries who were involved in World War 2 and what their role was. We have used atlases to locate the axis and allied countries on a world map. In PE, we have been learning the rules of tag rugby and how to pass the ball correctly to our team mates.

Best wishes,

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy





Together we achieve

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



School Menu

Week commencing: 18/09, 09/10, 06/11, 27/11, 18/12						 SESAME LUPIN CELERY NUTS We are nut free school!
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Meat	Tomato tuna pasta bake with sweetcorn 	Soft taco with chilli con carne, rice & carrots (H) 	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, yorkshire pudding and gravy (H) 	Sausages with new potatoes, peas & gravy 	Halal battered chicken nuggets & potato smiles with beans or peas (H) 	
Vegetarian/Vegan	Tomato pasta bake with sweetcorn 	Soft taco with Quorn mince Chilli con carne, rice & carrots 	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, yorkshire pudding and gravy 	Vegan Quorn sausage with new potatoes, peas & gravy 	Quorn vegan nuggets & potato smiles with beans or peas 	
Jacket potato	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	
Dessert	Frozen yogurt 	Lemon sponge 	Jelly 	Fruit crumble with custard 	Raspberry ripple ice cream pot 	

A selection of fresh fruit, salad, bread and yogurts available daily.

For information regarding allergies and dietary needs please speak to the school office

School lunch costs

I am sure you will be well aware of surging food costs and the difficult inflation situation we are all living with at the moment. This has meant uncertainty and massive price variability for our catering team as we continue to try to deliver the best possible school meals for the children at our schools. Schools up and down the country are having to significantly increase meal costs and this is impacting on families already struggling with the cost of living crisis.

With this in mind we are very pleased to advise you that we will not be increasing the cost of school lunches and this will remain for the school year 23/24. This is part of our support to you as families. We have been able to get to this point by working together as a Trust to make the most of our collective buying power and in house provision of catering. We hope this is a rare bit of good news in a world where prices seem to be rising almost daily.

The Dinners option and the Clubs & Trips option is accessible via the menu in the MCAS app and via a web browser.

If you do not have access to MCAS, please contact the school office who will be able to send you an invitation code and link to activate your personal account.



Southend East Community Academy Trust



Awards and Notices

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



Dress for Success

The class which achieves the best attendance, every half term, will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform the following Monday.

The winners so far this term are,

KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 98.66% overall

and in KS2 Heron Class with 97.10%.



100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our celebration assembly, we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Oyster Class with 96.98% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 100.00%.

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.

Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Oscar**

**Sanderling Class—
Bonnie**

**Curlew Class—
Darci-Mae**

**Heron Class—
Olive**

**Seagull Class—
Beau**

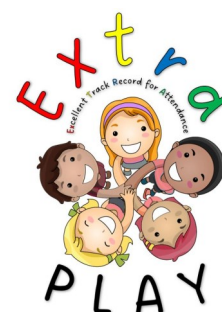
**Oyster Class –
Oliver**

KS2 Curriculum Evening

Thank you to those who attended the KS2 curriculum evening, last night. We hope that you found the information useful and that it gave you an insight into how we teach reading, writing and maths, in particular.

The PowerPoints will be sent to all parents, next week and also added to our website.

EYFS/KS1 curriculum evening will be on Thursday 28th September 5pm—6pm



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Please note that school, including Nursery, will close to pupils at 1:00pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024.

There will be revised lunchtimes on these days.

Breakfast club will run as normal on these dates, but there will be no after school club.

Autumn term 2023 dates (updates in red)

Flu Immunisations

21st September 2023

Y5 trip to West Stow

22nd September 2023

EYFS & KS1 Curriculum Evening

**28th September 2023 5.00pm —6.00pm
(change of date)**

Pupil Advocate Meeting

29th September 2023

Friends of Hinguar AGM (Hinguar Primary School)

5th October 2023 7pm

Y5 Residential (Gilwell Park)

18th—20th October 2023

Y3 Stone Age Workshop

20th October 2023

Y2 Guy Fawkes/Great Fire of London Workshop

1st November 2023

Individual Photos

2nd November 2023

**New Reception Parent Meeting
September 24/25 Intake**

**9th November @ 3.30pm or 16th November
@ 9.30am**

Parent Consultations

**14th & 16th November 2023 3.30pm—
6.30pm**

Whole School Assessment Week

w/b 27th November 2023

KS1 Christmas Production

6th December 2023 @ 9.30am

Reception Nativity

12th December 2023 @ 3.30pm

Christmas Lunch

13th December 2023

Nursery Nativity

14th December 2023 @ 9.30am

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Choir at the O2

30th January 2024

Whole School Assessment Week

w/b 12th February 2024

Y2 Arctic and Antarctic Workshop

27th March 2024

Parent Consultations

5th & 7th March 2024 3.30pm—6.30pm

World Book Day

7th March 2024

Aspirations Week

w/b 11th March 2024



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term Dates contd 2023 (updates in red)

Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)

27th March 2024

Summer Term Dates 2024 (updates in red)

Y6 SATs Week

w/b 13th May 2024

Y6 to Chigwell

20th—24th May 2024

Yr—Y5 School Assessment Week

w/b 24th June 2024

Sports Day & Picnic

1st July 2024

Y6 Transition Day

5th July 2024

Yrs R-5 Transition Morning

5th July 2024

Reserve Sports Day

8th July 2024

Whole School Open Evening

11th July 3.30pm—5.30pm

Hinguar's Got Talent

15th July 2024

Volunteer Afternoon Tea

16th July 2.15pm

Y6 Graduation

18th July 2024 2.00pm

Y6 Leavers' Disco

18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Friday 1st September 2023—Wednesday 20th December 2023

Half Term: 23rd October –27th October

Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term 19th February –23rd February

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024

Half term 27th May –31 May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 16th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024