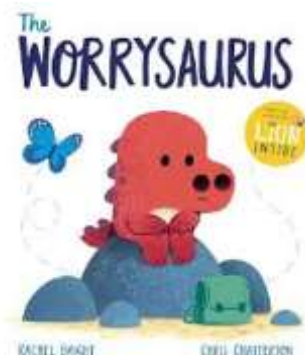


Turtle and Starfish Class

This week in Turtles class we have been reading 10 Wiggly Wiggly Caterpillars. Of course, there is lots of counting to be done in this book, and we have been practicing pointing and counting one to one. The children enjoyed pretending to be caterpillars and watching real caterpillars turn into butterflies on a time lapse video. In the tuff tray we had toy caterpillars and real leaves with hole punchers to make little holes in the leaves. In the other tray we had colourful butterflies to talk about and try to match patterns. On the creative table we have had fun making butterfly paintings by only painting one side of the butterfly and folding over the paper to make it symmetrical.

Next week we will be talking about emotions and reading a book called Feelings. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess.



This week in Starfish class our story focus has been 'The Worrysaurus'.

The children enjoyed listening to the story and discussing what makes them feel anxious or worried. After we had identified our worries, we then talked about how we could feel happy again. We spoke about changes and starting school. The children shared what they liked about their new classrooms. Our nursery class of 2026 shared one of our favourite stories with our families and friends at our leaver's assembly on Friday. They all joined in with showing picture props from the very hungry caterpillar story and sang the caterpillar song with actions and flying butterflies. We are all so very proud of their achievements and it has been a pleasure to watch them all grow in confidence and independence throughout their time in nursery. We wish them all well as they carry on their learning journey in reception or at their new schools.

Well done Starfish class on a busy week!

Mrs Brant, Mrs Attard, Mrs Bowser and Ms Burgess

Seahorse

This week in Seahorse Class our theme was Pirates. We began the week by discussing what we already knew about pirates, before listening to the story 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Pirate'. We discovered that the flag on a pirate ship is called a Jolly Roger, and that if other ships saw this flag, they knew they would be in for trouble.

We have found out that pirates thought having girls aboard a pirate ship was bad luck. We explored some pirate language and found that a landlubber is a non-pirate, booty means treasure, and doubloons are gold coins. The children used a pirate name generator to determine their unique pirate's name.

We have looked at different parts of a ship and found out what a crow's nest and gun ports (sometimes known as portholes) were used for.

We have sung and performed the actions to the song Portside Pirates. We have learnt that starboard means right and portside means left when on a boat. We have learnt the Makaton signs to and sang What shall we do with a Grumpy Pirate.

The children have written clues for a pirate to follow to find treasure.

On Wednesday, Seahorse Class was overtaken by pirates. All the children looked amazing. They made gold necklaces, threw beanbags at portholes, fished for treasure in the water tray and chalked treasure maps on the play deck.

On Thursday, we explored the concepts of floating and sinking. We found out that objects which are dense will sink as it is difficult for the water to pass through. We discovered that the shape of an object helps with floating.

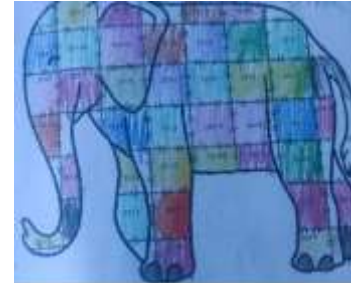
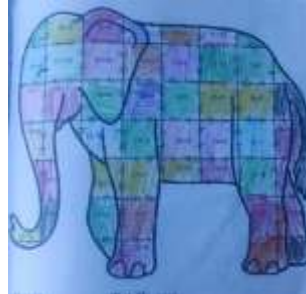
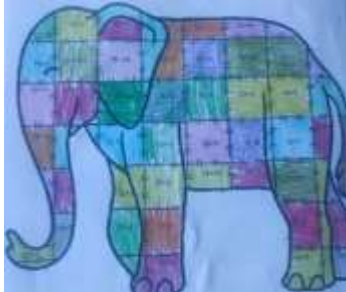
As this is the last Seahorse newsletter, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this year. We have loved getting to know the children and it was an honour to be part of their learning journey. We are very proud of all their achievements.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class

This week in Year 1 we have been recapping some of our maths key skills. The children have been applying their addition and subtraction skills as well as revising their knowledge of 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



We have also been thinking about ways to stay safe over the summer. The children created posters about the best ways to stay safe.

In our history lesson this week we have been learning about the seaside tradition of watching a Punch and Judy show. The children made their own Punch and Judy finger puppets and used them to act out stories.



Seagull Class

As always, a super busy week for our Year 2 children, In Maths, we have been revisiting addition, and the children became incredibly invested in the dice games we played throughout the week. We certainly discovered that we have some very competitive children in the class!

In English, we have been finishing our work based on The Friendship Bench and beginning to plan our independent writing. During our afternoon lessons, we have been working hard to complete our curriculum learning.

In PE, the children have been developing their batting and fielding skills, while in PSHE we have been discussing growth and change. In Science, we have been learning all about sustainability and thinking about how we can help to care for our planet.

Well done everyone!

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class

In English this week, we have been planning and completing an independent write based on a continuation of the story 'Secret of the Black Rock'.

In maths this week, we have been looking at interpreting and drawing pictograms and bar charts.

In computing this week, we have been continuing our unit on coding. We have focussed on the use of the repeat button. Heron class then had a go at creating a flowchart on how to draw a square, using the repeat button. Then, Heron class explored what would happen if a flowchart had instructions that were not ordered correctly.

In P.E. this week, Heron class put all their rounders knowledge into practice, where they had a go at playing some rounders matches.

We also had our final tennis coaching session this week. Heron class have learnt so many new tennis skills and seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions.

Next week, we have lots of exciting things planned for the end of term.



Well done Heron class on a brilliant Year 3.
Have a wonderful and restful summer.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class

Our penultimate week in Year 4 has been as busy as ever...

On Monday, we all enjoyed watching the fabulous Year 5s and 6s perform the dress rehearsal of their fantastic end of year musical production extravaganza.

In English, we concluded our last unit by planning and writing our own poems about overcoming a particular personal setback.

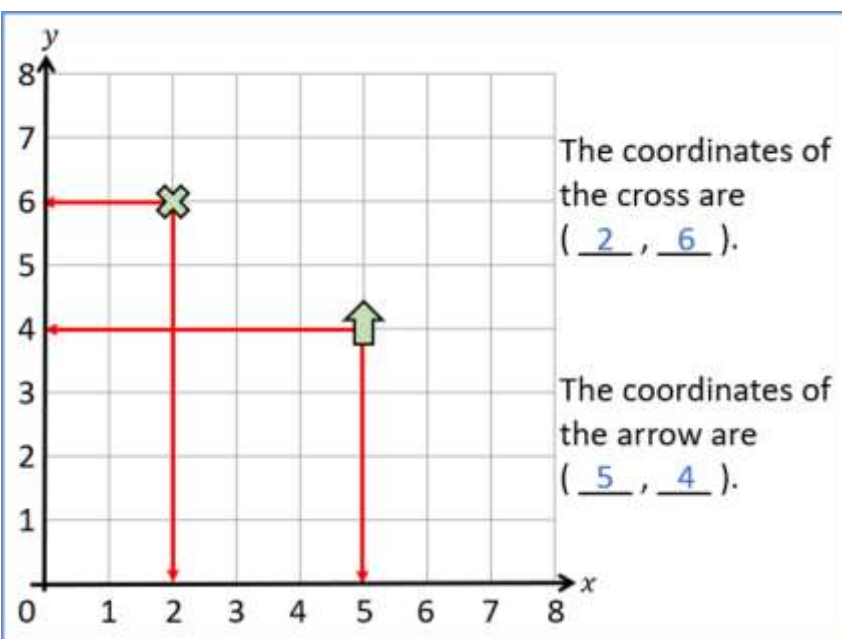
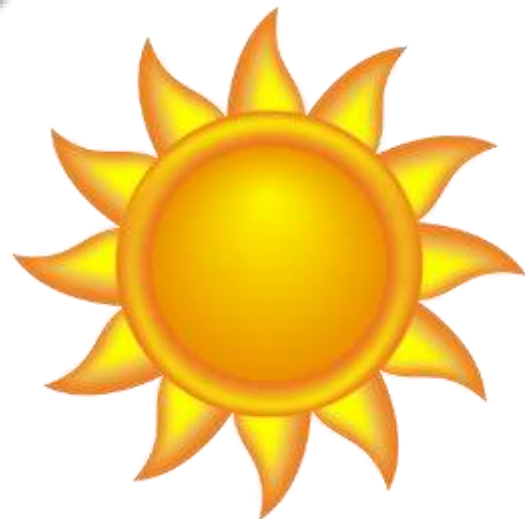
We also continued ploughing through our last maths unit.

In PSHE, we learnt about the harmful effects of the sun and how to be safe during hot weather.

The past 2 years have been fabulous, and I have loved every minute of teaching this wonderful class. I know that Mrs Emmings will be equally impressed with them in year 5.

Have a relaxing weekend before our last week together, and have a fun, safe and fantastic summer holidays.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Mistry



Sanderling Class



This week our superb Sanderlings have been simply the best. Their performances in *The Greatest Show* were absolutely phenomenal and I would like to thank all the families involved for all their help creating costumes and helping the children learn lines and song lyrics. (there is a whole page of photos somewhere in the newsletter).

The children have also managed to have a debate about whether Athens or Sparta was the better city in Ancient Greece, learn all about puberty, revise multiplication in Maths and describe Ancient Athens in English.

We even squeezed in a magnificent last session of cricket and a trip to the Mosque, where a lovely lady called Shelley talked to us about Islam, the Muslim community in Southend and we even learnt a little Arabic all as part of our RE topic *What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?*

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the year.

Enjoy the weekend

Mrs Emmings, Mrs Allen and Miss Hardy



Avocet Class

Wow what a busy week Year 6 have had! Three performances of our fantastic show, which we hoped you enjoyed watching as much as the children enjoyed performing.

On Tuesday, we had our last swimming lesson and completed our assessment for being able to swim 25 metres. On Wednesday, a girls and boys football team visited Shoebury High School for the first SECAT football tournament. Both teams played really well, considering they had only played together once as a team. The girls ended second overall and the boys third. Well done to everyone who played!

On Thursday, we had a lovely afternoon visiting Shoebury High School's creative arts department. We explored the amazing art department and were able to observe a variety of GCSE and A Level pieces. To end with we were treated to some music and dance performances from current students.

Looking forward to next week, we are keen to welcome all families to the Year 6 graduation assembly on Wednesday at 2pm (no tickets required) and all children to the evening disco 6-8pm.

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford

