

10th July 2026

### Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtle class have been reading 10 Little Pirates, and we have been practicing our counting. We had a treasure hunt in the tuff tray where we had to find the doubloons and jewels and talked about who had more or less. In another tray we had water and a pirate ship with little pirates to use our imaginations. For physical development we've even been doing a pirate dance, pretending to swab the deck and hoist the sails as well as visiting the big pirate ship on the play-ground. On the creative table we made binoculars and used them while pretending to be pirates. In our dough disco fine motor control sessions we have been dancing to Baby Shark and doing all the actions. Next week our book will be 10 Wiggly Wiggly Caterpillars. Please can every child have a full set of spare clothes in their bag every day and please return any spare clothes your child has been lent in the past.



Thank you for your support. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess



This week our story focus has been 'The very hungry caterpillar'. The children have shared their experiences of seeing caterpillars and butterflies.

In maths we have been sequencing the days of the week and looking at repeating patterns. The children have been busy creating their own butterfly paintings and exploring symmetry.

We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and have expanded our vocabulary, learning terms such as, pupa, cocoon, proboscis and antennae. We have also been

busy learning a song about a caterpillar which we are very excited to share with our parents at the leaver's assembly next Friday

Well done Starfish class on a fun filled week

Mrs Brant, Mrs Attard, Mrs Bowser, Ms Burgess.



## Seahorse



This week we have been learning about sharks. We began the week by discussing what the children knew about sharks – they were very engaged and knowledgeable. We discovered that while sharks do have a skeleton, it is made from cartilage rather than bone. We also researched if sharks have tongues. They do but are made from cartilage too!

After watching a video of sharks, we learnt that there are 500 species of sharks. We had a look at the Great White, Hammerhead, Angel, Basking and Whale shark in more detail. The children were surprised to discover that the Basking shark swims with its mouth open. It has little to no teeth and is a filter feeder as it sucks in its food as it slowly swims.

We have listened to the stories *The Shark in the Dark*, *Gigantic* and *Commotion in the Ocean*.

In Literacy, the children have been assessed on their phonic knowledge. They have also gone on a shark word hunt, written in shark speech bubbles and drawn sharks using chalks.

In Maths, we have looked at subtraction and strategies to find how many were taken away from the starting number if it was a mystery number. We have looked at using our fingers, number lines and ten frames to take the remaining amount away which then leaves the mystery number. The children have also been using their knowledge of number bonds to solve this too.

Throughout the week the children have played with sea creature small world play, caught toy sharks in the water tray, moulded with playdough, build with Lego and dug in the mud and sand pits.

Please ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle into school every day. Also make sure they have had sun cream applied before school.

Thank you.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny





## Oyster Class

This week in our RE lesson we have been learning about the Jewish and Christian creation story. The children listened to a retelling of the story and remembered the sequence of events. They then created their own cartoon strip showing the different things created on each day.

In our maths this week we have been learning about time. The children have been able to read, draw and show o'clock and half past times.

In our history this week we have continued comparing seaside holidays from the past and modern-day seaside holidays. The children showed good understanding.



Also, this week we have been thinking about ways to stay safe in summer. We met 'Sammy the Seagull' who helped us to remember the safety rules with his summer safety song.



## Seagull Class

What a hot but busy week we have had in Year 2!

This week, we have been revisiting time in Maths, and the children have really enjoyed consolidating their learning through a range of fun games and activities. In English, we have started a new unit based on the lovely book *The Friendship Bench*, and the children have already been sharing some thoughtful ideas.

In PSHE, as we begin to think about change and moving on, the children have been exploring their emotional toolbox and talking about helpful strategies they can use when they experience big feelings.

I was also incredibly proud of all the children who took part in Borough Sports this week. They represented the school beautifully and showed fantastic teamwork and determination. Well done, Year 2!

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy.





## Heron Class

In English this week, we have been continuing to focus on the story of 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We have been focussing on a range of writing techniques, including personification, repetition and onomatopoeia.

In maths, we have been focussing on 2d and 3d shapes and looking at their properties, including faces, edges and vertices.

In science, we have been looking at the life cycle of a plant and what happens at each stage.

In French this week, Heron class practised describing whether they enjoy or do not enjoy eating different foods.

In tennis this week, Heron class took part in lots of paired activities and group tasks. They are enjoying learning a range of tennis skills.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



## Curlew Class

It's been another hot week with many silent thanks to our school's air conditioning.

In art this week, the children finished their fabulous Roman shields. They then travelled to the southern hemisphere to create some dotty Australian Aboriginal inspired artwork.

We concluded our history topic by reflecting on why we remember the Romans. The children each created their own fact file on the iPads to communicate their understanding of the objectives covered this past term.

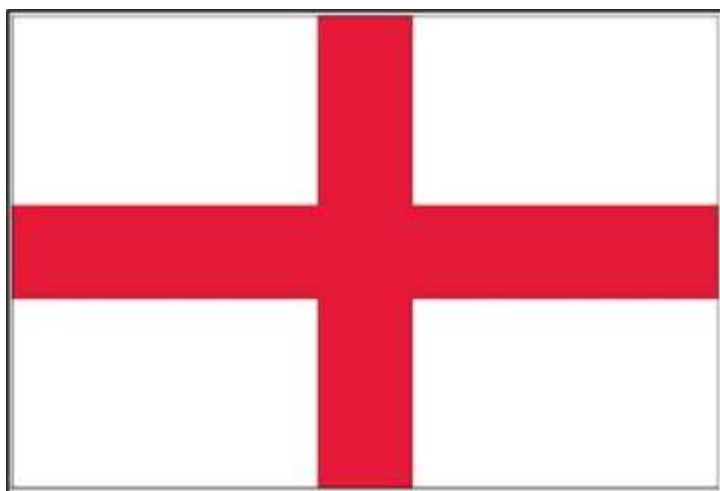
We also wrapped up our science and geography topics by investigating the impact of deforestation and what we can do to help and designing our own settlement with a key to explain what was there.

Nearly there fantastic foursies. Only 8 ½ days until the summer holidays!

Have a great weekend.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Mistry

P.S. **COME ON ENGLAND** again on Saturday!





## Sanderling Class



This week, we had a special assembly with Sam from Southend United Football Academy. He talked to the children about all the qualities needed to be part of a successful team and how to get the most out of playing sports – particularly football!

The children will have come home with a QR Code to sign up for the After School Club that Southend United Community Education Trust will be running in September at Hinguar. If you have tried to book already, please be patient as the link will not be live until the summer term clubs have all finished. We are hoping lots of children will be inspired to take up football and join the club.

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## Avocet Class

On Wednesday, Ms Withams, a geography teacher from Shoeburyness High School, visited us to teach us about grid references. The children had tasks to complete involving the reading of grid references from a map of the local area. Afterwards, they had a go at creating their own map of an island and labelling it with grid references and set places.

Rehearsals have been full on this week for our final push before the productions start next week. Please support your child with learning their lines and songs over the weekend and ensure they bring their costumes in on Monday.

Tennis, cricket and swimming have continued this week with lots of skills practice and mini games.

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford

