



A note from your Head of School

Well, what a fabulous half term it has been! I don't know about you but the staff and I feel like it has flown by!

The children have really settled into the routines and expectations of their new classes and their passion and pride when they show the work in their books is amazing. We hope to invite you in soon so the children can show you their work as well. At our Macmillan coffee morning, we really hope you'll join us to enjoy coffee, cake and to see our learning environment and the displays the children have contributed to. You will also have an opportunity to look at the children's books and catch up with teaching staff.

Forest school continues to be an amazing afternoon full of learning and skills which links to our Art, DT and Science curriculums. Look at our beautiful display which shows the children's natural frames and painting. Just stunning!



KS1 Grandparent's Day

KS1 Grandparent's day was a huge success. The children loved welcoming parents and grandparents in to share a drink and a biscuit and discuss what it is like for them to be a child and what it was like for their grandparents. The children thoroughly enjoyed this time and learnt lots about what toys their grandparents had and what school was like in the living memory of their relatives! Thank you to all our family members for attending and for making this afternoon such a lovely, memorable event!



My staff and I would like to wish you a wonderful, restful half term. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the whole school community for making me feel so welcome in my first half term here.

I would also like to thank all the staff that have worked really hard to make the start of this year a successful one.

I am very much looking forward to seeing the continued success of the school and your children.

Best Wishes,
Miss Simcock





Continue to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for regular updates and celebrations.

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Learning Updates

Little Wrens

Please continue to tell as many friends and family about our wonderful new Nursery. Our staff and PTA are working extremely hard to advertise our Nursery and Primary places. You may see some banners popping up out and about as well as adverts in the Parish's newsletter and Tarporley Talk. We would be extremely grateful if you could do your bit to spread the word too. Thank you!

This week in Nursery we have been looking at the nursery rhyme, Ba Ba Black Sheep and the story 'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We have also been enjoying playing in our new construction shed.

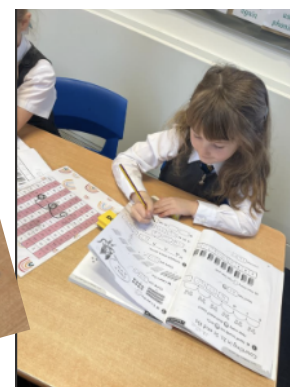


The children have also been enjoying the outside learning environment most and have even been taking care of our plants!



Robins

Robin's class have been working really hard in Mathematics developing a strong understanding of the value of numbers. In Year 1, we have been working really hard on counting to 20 and recognising and writing numbers. Year 2 have been focusing on practising their 2s, 5s and 10s. Please support them in chanting them and listening to some of our times table songs at home as well as engaging in Times Table Rockstars. In Year 3, we have been focusing on finding 1, 10, 100 more or less.



In English, we have been writing our own stories. The children have a fantastic imagination and enjoyed reading them aloud. In history, we have really enjoyed exploring toys now and in the past and exploring what school is like today and how it was different in the past. In RE, we have been learning about Creation and Harvest time as a way that Christians thank God for all that we have. We have even learnt about how Harvest is celebrated in different countries. In Science, we have been exploring the properties of materials and have been doing lots of investigations to find out about what different materials are like. Year 3s have been learning about fossils and showed great enthusiasm when exploring some real fossils!



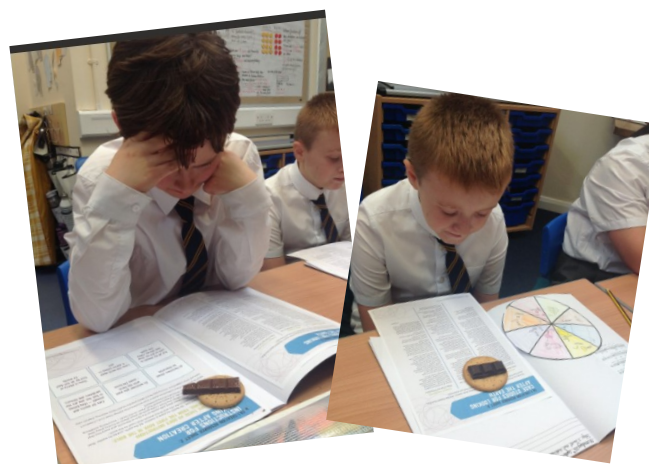
Eagles

As we near the end of what has been a busy, yet productive half term, I would like to congratulate the children in Eagles Class for their hard work and efforts over the past few weeks.

In English, the children are now applying the skills that they have acquired over the duration of this half term within their own endurance narrative based on our vehicle text of 'Shackleton's Journey'. I am impressed with what the children have written so far and am very much looking forward to reading their completed narratives at the end of the week.

In Maths, the Year 5 children have been exploring the operations of addition and subtraction, focusing in particular on adding whole numbers with more than 4 digits and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits. In Year 6, the mathematical focus has turned to algebra, with the children eager to take on the challenge of finding and using rules and familiarising themselves with algebraic formulae.

Our weekly R.E lessons have this term been focused on the Creation aspect of the Big Story of Christianity. Recapping on the Creation story, the children explored how Christians believe that God created the world in 7 days, before determining the role of Christians in nurturing and taking care of the world around them. The focus then turned to The Fall, with the children investigating the events of Adam and Eve giving into the temptation of eating from the Tree of Knowledge. The children resisted temptation of their own when given a biscuit and some chocolate and being told not to eat it, before reflecting on this and producing an excellent newspaper report to recount the story of Adam and Eve.



In History, the children have enjoyed exploring life in the Stone Age, investigating both threats and assets to humans at the time before writing a detailed survival guide for hunter-gathers using their acquired knowledge.

Once again, I would like to thank and congratulate all children on their fantastic efforts and hard work since returning to school in September. I wish you all a very relaxing and safe half term!

Autumn Disco

The Autumn disco was a huge success, lots of fun was had with dancing, singing and games. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a brilliant event for our children and community. Funds raised will go towards much needed school resources. Thank you for buying a ticket, supporting our school and attending these community events.



Chester Dee Radio—Celebrating out School

We really enjoyed welcoming Chester Dee Radio into our school this week. They took some pictures of the children and recorded the children saying some lovely things about out school. Please keep checking the Chester Dee's school of the week website to see and hear your children celebrating the school and community we are!

<https://www.dee1063.com/on-air/podcasts/school-of-the-week3/>

We will tweet and Facebook when it has been uploaded!



Dates for the Diary—

Whole School Chester Zoo Trip—Friday 4th November

A letter has gone out, please send permission slips back as soon as possible and pay towards the mini bus.

Latte' Da PTA Hot Chocolate Afternoon

Details to be confirmed via letter after half term.

Parade / Service

We are hoping to attend the Remembrance Parade with some of our pupils and even have some of them read a prayer in the Service.

The parade will form at the bottom of Utkinton Road on Sunday 13th of November at 10:15am and will depart down the high street to St. Helen's Church at 10:25am. Everyone will then enter the church for the service which will commence at approximately 10:45am. We would love to see you there!

Macmillian Coffee Morning—

18th November

Please join us from 2.30pm onwards to enjoy a coffee, cake and to celebrate in the children's learning and catch up with teaching staff.

PTA—Cinema Night 1st December 3.30—5.30 pm 2022

An opportunity to do some late night shopping and Christmas preparations without the children.