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HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

It is great to see the children coming into school happily and settled in their new classes. There is quite a buzz of learning around the school as the children are eagerly getting on with their tasks.

Reception children are getting used to the idea of team tokens and there was a lot of anticipation this week to find out which was the first winning team of the year.

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 and you were thinking of arranging music lessons for them with Telford and Wrekin Music Service more information can be found at www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk or their email address is telford.music@telford.gov.uk. They will be running keyboard and guitar groups. Alternatively speak to me and I will explain how the system works.

Please look out for your child's login for Mathletics are online Maths program that can be done at home. This really supports the learning going on in school and is a fun way for children to develop their mathematical knowledge. Children are always keen to earn their points in order to collect their certificates in celebration assembly. We are always looking for "Marvelous Mathematicians."

Our first Friends of School Meeting will be at The Last Inn on **Monday 18th September at 8 pm**. Please come along and find out what it is all about. it is a great way of thinking what can be done to raise funds, prepare events for our children and just to get to know one another. I look forward to seeing you there, if you can't make it don't worry you can still help during the year with any events set up.

It is wonderful to see our youngest writers starting out, this young lady was happily showing her family how she can now write m. We are very proud of each and every achievement. A big well done.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



PEAR PICKING

Class 1



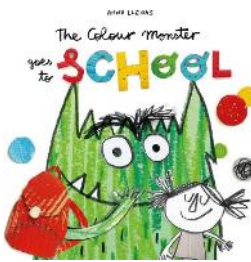
Well, we have come to the end of our first full week in Class One! And what a lovely, busy, exciting week it has been! Our Reception children have coped so well being in all day every day and our Year One children have picked straight back up where we left off in our learning with ease!



Reception have started their phonics journey this week and have already learned 5 sounds! These are m, a, s, d and t. They have loved meeting Fred the Frog who can say and read words only in pure sounds. He will be part of all our phonics lessons.

Year One have continued their phonics learning and are reading so well, even after 6 whole weeks off!

In maths Reception met our friend Maths Mouse who loves hearing the children count! We learned a big word in our maths lessons this week...subitising! Ask your children what this means, they are all very good at it! Year 1's have been comparing length and weight and counting accurately to 10.



Our focus text this week has been The Colour Monster Goes to School which the children have loved! On Monday we had a special delivery...a box full of colour monsters! We have talked and written about our feelings this week, focussing on how we felt starting or coming back to school, just like the Colour Monster in the book.

In our art lessons this half term we will be focussing on our drawing techniques and will complete self portraits.



All the children have brought home reading diaries and books today. Please share these books at home with your child and write in the diaries to let us know they have read. Reception children have got a picture book to start with so please just look at the pictures and discuss them with your child.

We hope you have a lovely, hopefully dry weekend and we will see you next week!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Rewarded for being such a lovely, kind friend in Class 1.

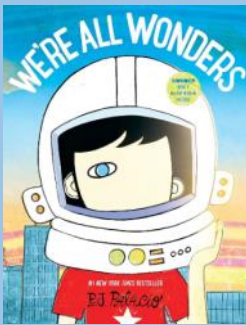
Class 2



It has been a fantastic week in Class 2 and I have enjoyed helping the children settle into their new routines.



We have started our PSHE sessions thinking about our hopes and fears for the new year. The children were introduced to Jigsaw Jo who lives in Class 2 with his friend Paws. The children were reminded of our charter for PSHE lesson and shared their thoughts and feelings when it was their turn to hold Jigsaw Jo.



Our topic this term is 'Magical Me' and the children have been thinking about what makes them special. In English we have started to look at a story called We're all Wonders by R.J. Palacio. The children have been discussing our differences and similarities.

*Just a quick note to say that we have decided due to timetable constraints we would like the children to **come to school in their PE kits on a Monday**. This enables us to get to the Village Hall for our session promptly. On a **Friday** I would like the children to **bring their kits into school** so we can work on skills linked to taking care of our own belongings.*

Thank you



STAR OF THE WEEK

Rewarded for sharing his wisdom and kindness with his friends

MATHLETICS INFORMATION

You will see in the front of your child's reading diary there is a password for our Maths online programme for home learning. This is called Mathletics and can be done daily to build up points to gain a certificate that will be awarded on a Friday in our celebration Assembly. The cut off for the week to gain points is Thursday night. It is a fun and interactive way to learn Maths.

Earn 1000 points per week to receive a bronze certificate, after 5 bronze you will receive a silver certificate. This process is then repeated until you have gained 4 silver certificates you will then be awarded for your hard work with a gold certificate.

Please support your child to access the Mathletics programme safely.

Find out how your child earns points and certificates by viewing a [short video guide here](#).

Any problems accessing the site please notify Mrs Whitefoot on sarah.whitefoot@taw.org.uk

THIS WEEKS WINNING TEAM IS

RED TEAM



There is an advisor from

Citizens Advice

at the "Community Cuppa" café in St Andrews Church Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 10-1pm.

Why not drop in to see Bharti for a chat and a cuppa? - it's free!



Friday 15th Sept—Year R Welcome Assembly—(Reception Parents welcome) 2.45pm

Monday 18th September at 8pm – Friends of School meeting at the Last Inn

Monday 25th September – individual & group school photographs by Academy Photography. We ask for consent for this as part of our admissions process. If you wish to review consents you have provided, or have any concerns or questions, please contact Mrs Reynolds in the school office, thank you.

Monday 9th October – flu vaccinations, further information to follow nearer the time.



Celebrating Success

REWARDS OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful Writer, Hand Writer of the week, Reader of the Week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.



Class 1



Class 2

Celebrating Success

MATHLETICS



BRONZE

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Huge congratulations to the children that have achieved swimming, cycling and reading awards for their out of school activities.

Thank you for sharing your achievements in school with us.

If your child has received an award or achieved anything that they would like to share please bring these into school on a Friday to share in our celebration assembly.