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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

A Warm Welcome Back!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer break. It's been fantastic to see our pupils return to school this week looking so smart and ready to learn.

A huge thank you to all of our families for ensuring your children were prepared for the new school year with the correct uniform, PE kits, and equipment. Your support makes a huge difference and allows us to get straight into the important business of teaching and learning.

We've already made a great start with attendance, which is a key focus for us this year. Our target is to achieve **96% attendance**, as we know that every day in school counts. We have lots of incentives and rewards in place to encourage, support, and challenge pupils, because they only get one chance at an education.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already attended our 'new to year group' meetings and workshops. Playing a part in your child's learning journey and understanding how you can best support them at home is incredibly important. We look forward to seeing more of you at future events.

Please also remember to check your Dojo messages regularly. We send a lot of important updates and information through this platform, so it's the best way to stay informed about what's happening at school.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead! Please help us by prioritising your child's education. They only get one chance, and we want to make it count. That means:

- **Good attendance:** Every day in school helps them learn and grow.
- **Completing homework:** This reinforces classroom learning.
- **Involving themselves in every opportunity:** Personal development is just as important as academic learning. We encourage all pupils to join our sports clubs and enrichment activities.

Our motto at Gateway Learning Community is '**improving upon our best**'. We believe in continually striving for excellence, and we want to apply this not just to our pupils, but to our school as a whole. Your feedback is a vital part of this process. We'd love to hear what you think we are doing well and what we could work on.

If you have any feedback you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing us at support4u-LPA@theglc.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Dan George

Head of School





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 - Highlighted in pink - amended*

Date	Year Group	Event Information	
Monday 22nd September	Nursery	Nursery reading/ phonics parent meeting	2.30 - 3.00
Thursday 25th September	Year 2	Welcome to year 2 parent meeting	2.30pm and 6.00pm via zoom
Friday 26th September	Year 4	Family learning session - D&T	2pm
Monday 29th September	Year 6	Targeted Maths Support Workshop - Invite only	2pm
Monday 29th September	Reception - Year 6	Open Classrooms	3.00 - 3.30pm
Monday 29th September	Reception	RWI Non Verbal Parent Meeting	8.45am
Wednesday 1st October	All Years	Mop Up Flu Vaccinations	AM
Thursday 2nd October	Year 6	Family Learning Session - Science	2pm
Thursday 9th October	All Years	School Photos - Individual and Siblings	All Day
Thursday 9th October	Acorns	Family Learning Sessions	1.50 - 2.50pm
Thursday 9th October	Year 5	Family Learning Session	2:00-3:00pm
Friday 10th October	Seedlings	Family Learning Session	2.00 - 3.00pm
Tuesday 14th October	KS1 and Reception	Language Link Parent Workshop	2.15 - 3.00pm
Tuesday 14th October		Parent Outreach Worker drop in and gate session	8.20 - 10.00am
Wednesday 15th October	KS2	Language Link Parent Workshop	2.15 - 3.00pm
Thursday 16th October	Year 1	Family Learning Session	2.15 - 3.00pm
Thursday 16th October	Year 1 and 2	Bedtime stories	3:00-4:00pm
Thursday 16th October	Year 2	Family Learning Session	2.15 - 3.00pm
Friday 17th October	Year 3	Family Learning Session	9.30am



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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Reception	Bonnie Mo	Dakota	Cairo
Year 1	Ashanti Amoakohene Hunter Baldwin Omari	Kyle Jackson Olivia Unity Molly Rae Cairns Elijah-lewis Michels	Fatima Jessica Freya
Year 2	Khyro Ruby	Harvey Cameron Jaxon	Theo Gabriel
Year 3	Halle Millie	Margaret-Louise Jamin Eliza-Mae	Alex B Isaac S Olivia
Year 4	Nathan Eden Zahra	Mikel Maira	Evelyn Amaya
Year 5	Umar Paige	Andrew Andria	Jack Lotti
Year 6	Aiyanna Ronnie H Nathan	Ruby-Marie Franklyn Amelia	Ronnie W Yassin Tilly
Acorns	Jesse	David	Ezekiel





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Miss Sparrow - Inclusion manager

Miss Bass - Inclusion advocate: Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Mrs Austin - Inclusion advocate: Year 3 and 4

Miss Bevan - Inclusion advocate: Year 5 and 5

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me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

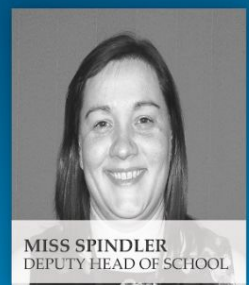
THE NAMED MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR CHILD PROTECTION AT LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY ARE:



MR BURNETT
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MISS SPARROW
INCLUSION MANAGER
DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MISS SPINDLER
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL
DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEAD

KEY CONTACTS WITHIN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Thurrock Multi-Agency Support Hub [MASH] is available for advice on any Child Protection matter and can be contacted on 01375 652802 [Out of hours 01375 - 372468]



Health Strategy: Autumn 1 - Healthy hygiene habits

This half term, we are ensuring that our pupils are aware of the importance of healthy hygiene habits, such as washing our hands correctly.





STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY PARKING PLEDGE

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GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy

All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best

At Lansdowne, we operate a “**Parking Pledge**” with the main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

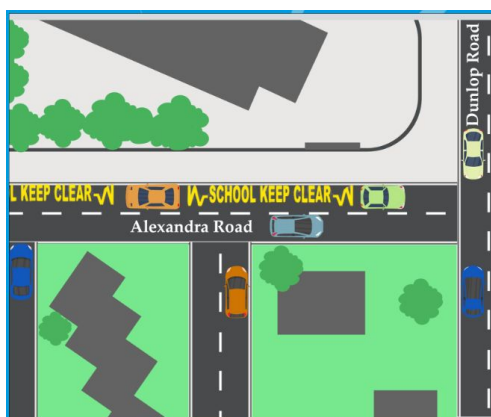
We ask that all parents/carers:

- think if their journey could be made in an alternative way to reduce pollution first, such as walking or cycling.

If a car journey is unavoidable we ask that parents/carers:

- avoid parking on Alexandra Road or Dunlop Road - Park a little further away and walk the last few minutes to help our community.
- slow down around our school - 20 mph is safer for all our children.
- park legally and safely away from our entrance gates, zig zag markings, railings and dropped curves.
- keep off the pavements as these are for pedestrians only.
- do not obstruct our neighbours driveways or park in disabled bays.
- keep junctions and crossing points clear.
- behave in a polite and courteous manner with our staff, other parents and the parking patrol officers.

Thank you for your continuous support.





PUPIL LEADERSHIP

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Welcome to our “Meet the Leadership team” page.

Over the last two weeks, pupils have been selected either through democratic voting, selection by staff or voluntary to be part of our many pupil leadership teams. Our pupil leadership teams will have a section in each newsletter, starting with our Eco warriors at the end of this half term. Our many Pupil Leadership teams include:

Head Pupils
House Captains
School Council
Wellbeing ambassadors
Attendance champions
Eco Warriors
Science ambassadors
Class librarians
Play leaders
Sports leaders
Arts council
Dinner Hall leaders
Junior Road safety officers
Teaching and Learning champions
TT rockstar champions



There will be other pupil leadership opportunities to follow throughout the academic year.

A huge congratulations to the pupils who currently have a position. These will be announced in classrooms and assemblies.

Our pupil leadership teams will lead the way to changes across Lansdowne Primary Academy and the local community. We look forward to seeing them in action!



Family Hub Information

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0-12 months

23rd September

1:30-2:30pm

Fun with Toys

12-24 months

30th September

12:30-1:30pm

Stay and Play

24-60 months

26th September

1:30-2:30pm

SEND - Just for you

5-19 years

24th September

3:30-4:30pm

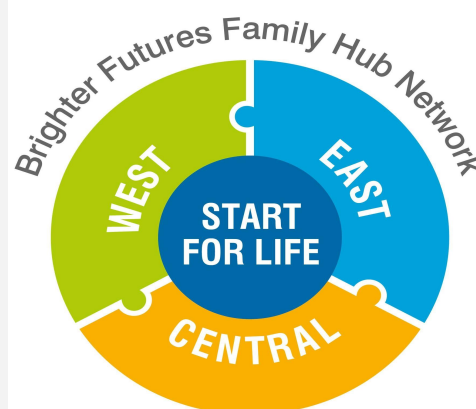
Outdoor Play

General Family Support

22nd September

3-4pm

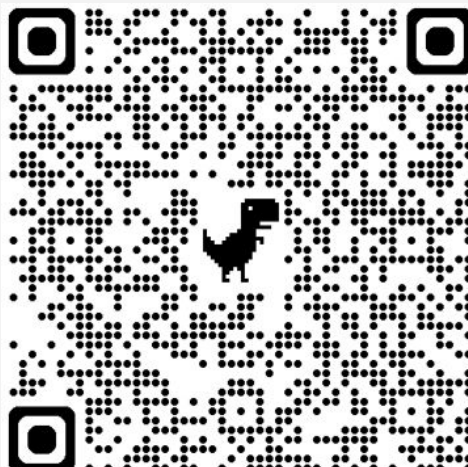
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for timetable



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Field, London Rd,
Tilbury RM18 8EY

Phone: 01375
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DEAR Time

Thank you to everyone who attended the first DEAR time session of the academic year. It was fantastic to see you all enjoying reading with your children. If you have any questions about reading with your child please contact your class teacher or myself. Miss Hayden.





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Welcome

Maths More Able Parent Workshop

We're excited to share some fantastic news from our recent Maths More Able Workshop. It was a great success, with many parents joining us, creating a wonderful buzz about what's to come this year.

During the workshop, students received their independent study packs, which we believe will be a valuable resource for their learning journeys. We encourage everyone to dive into these packs and make the most of them!

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce an upcoming masterclass on the intriguing topic of Infinity. This promises to be both thought-provoking and enjoyable, providing an opportunity for our more curious minds to explore this fascinating concept in greater depth.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to an exciting year ahead filled with learning and discovery!





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Come along to our Macmillan
coffee morning!

Date: 26th September

Time: 9am-11am

*Location: Support Hub
(School House)*

All shop bought cake
donations will be
greatly received.





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We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.



Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay **does not have an app available for download from any app stores**
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

This message is for awareness only, so you can confidently and quickly respond to any parent queries.

Yours sincerely,

ParentPay Group Customer Service Team



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Explore the Thurrock SEND Local Offer Through a Virtual Tour

Discover Services for Individuals
with Special Needs and
Disabilities

Join us to discover the vital
services and support that
are accessible for children
with special educational
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Join your SEND Inclusion and Quality
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Secure your reservation, as this
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- Discover Topics of Interest
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Additional Features:

- Keyword Search Functionality
- Accessibility Options



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PARENT Roadshow

Come along to our parent roadshow and connect with our supporting partners. Have a cup of coffee and chat with other parents including our LPA parent Champion Team.



Friday 3rd

October

9.30 to 11.00

SERICCC

Mental Health Practitioner

Thurrock Adult Community College

Tilbury Family Hub

Community Safety and Anti-Social behaviour officer

**LPA uniform Swap Shop
and pantry**

The Red Cross

School Health Team

Pyramid Centre

Local Area Coordinator

Young carers





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Welcome to David Okafor our Social work student from Anglia Ruskin University.

“I grew up attending this Primary school, and I’m thrilled to be back here on placement - giving back to the community that helped shape me by supporting pupils well-being, learning and play”

“Giving back feels like coming home - I still live locally and i’m proud to support the school I once attended”

David will be working with pupils across the whole school offering additional support including one to one mentoring and in-class support.

You will see him at the gates, around the playground and at events throughout Autumn and Spring term.

Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our
parent
group

Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free **Healthy Families: Growing Up** programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children – it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get
in touch
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now!

Programme details

If your child is above the national recommended growth percentile, Henry can support with:

- Family lifestyle habits
- Diet & nutrition
- Being active
- Emotional wellbeing

“This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum”



Contact Us

School Health Service
0300 300 1999 Opt 2



ATTENDANCE

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Welcome Back!

Although we are only in the third week back to school, the sunny days of summer seem far behind us, and autumn is clearly on its way. While it can be tough to say goodbye to relaxed schedules, the start of a new school year in September is a crucial and exciting time for every child's development. It's a chance to reset, refocus, and dive into new adventures in learning and friendship.

We have seen a strong start to our attendance so far, this academic year, but unfortunately there were still a number of children and families who have already incurred unauthorised absences. There is clear data that reveals that more than half of pupils who missed some of the first week of school, went on to become persistently absent. (below 90%).

What 90% Attendance Really Means

A 90% attendance rate means a student is absent for **one half-day every week**. Over the course of a full school year (39 weeks), this adds up to:

- **19 days** of missed school.
- That's almost **four full weeks** of lessons.
- It equates to approximately **100 hours** of lost learning

The Impact of Lost Learning

Missing this amount of school has a serious impact on a child's education and future prospects.

- **Learning Gaps:** Children who are frequently absent miss out on foundational concepts and skills. This can make it incredibly difficult to understand new topics, causing them to fall behind their peers.
- **Lower Attainment:** Government data consistently shows a strong link between attendance and achievement. Students with higher attendance are more likely to achieve good grades at GCSE and beyond. Missing just 19 days a year can significantly lower a student's chances of reaching their full academic potential.
- **Social and Emotional Development:** School is also crucial for developing social skills, forming friendships, and building routines. Frequent absence can lead to social isolation and make it harder for children to feel part of the school community.

School Policy on Absences

As per government regulations, schools cannot authorise any leave of absence, including for holidays, during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. For term dates, please refer to the school calendar which is on the website.

Any unauthorised absence may result in a **penalty notice** being issued by the local authority.

Please inform the school on the first day of your child's absence, explaining the reason. The absence phone number is 01375 487202. Where possible, please provide medical evidence as unexplained absences will be marked as unauthorised.

We urge you to support your child's education by ensuring they attend school every day.



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Every student since the start of the academic year have started their PE curriculum excellently. Our PE expectations are being displayed across the whole school to an outstanding level. Pupils are understanding the skills they are learning and are now starting to display them within the lessons. A key focus on **Reception** as they have transitioned into PE this term calmly and confidently with all pupils displaying our schools core values.

Reception

During their first couple PE lessons they have looked at the 5 ways of moving focusing on their skill- **coordination and footwork**. All pupils have worked extremely hard and independent working on their skill.



PE Uniform

The standard across the school regarding PE kit has been a very positive start. We would just like to ensure that the standard does not drop to allow 100% participation.

Please see our outlined expectations below regarding the Lansdowne PE kit:

- Logo'd/Plain navy top.
- Logo'd/Plain navy shorts/Tracksuit bottoms.
- Logo'd/Plain navy jumper.

The expectation is that all children are wearing this for their PE lessons. Children ARE permitted to attend school in their PE kit on their scheduled PE day.

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The children have made a fantastic start to their school journey in Nursery. They have settled well and are enjoying getting to explore the new environments and resources to play with. New friendships are forming and routines are being established to make the best possible start to their year in Nursery. Well done!



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The children have made a positive start to reception! They are familiarising themselves with the indoor and outdoor environments, establishing routines and expectations, and building positive relationships with their peers. Well done, reception. We have made a sharp start to the Autumn term.



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The children in Rainbow street have made a great start to the academic year. They have been getting to know their peers and building new relationships. We have been exploring the inside and outside areas, playing in the games area and love playing in the sand and water trays. Well done Rainbow street!



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Year 1 have had a brilliant start to the year. They have settled in well, with old friends and new. We have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees in Science, how to mix our colours in Art and about our local area of Tilbury in Geography.



YEAR 2

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What amazing start to the new school year Year 2 have had! All of the pupils have settled in to their new classrooms very well. They have been working hard to establish their new systems and routines. In geography this half term the pupils are learning all about the four countries of the United Kingdom, they really enjoyed their Now Press Play experience. In Design and Technology, the pupils are learning all about couscous, they began by conducting research into a variety of different couscous flavours - some they loved and some they were not so keen on! In PSHE, the pupils have been learning about how they belong to a class and how to make the class more successful they can work as a team to help and support each other. It has been a great start to new year!

Please remember to read at home every day and sign the reading journal.



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What a fantastic start to the school year Year 3 have had! The children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity. As part of our geography work, they explored maps and enjoyed an immersive *Now Press Play* experience, which brought their studies to life. Linking to our European topic, pupils researched and sampled delicious foods from across Europe – a highlight for many!

In DT pupils have used their laptops to research bread and then taste tested many of the varieties.

In science, we have been learning about healthy nutrition and food groups, helping pupils understand the importance of a balanced diet. The children enjoyed hands-on activities that encouraged them to think about making healthy choices.

An exciting development this term is that every Year 3 pupil has been issued with a brand new laptop. This will support learning both in school and at home, giving pupils the tools to thrive in our digital world.

Thank you for your continued support.



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It's been a fantastic and busy start to the new academic year in Year 4! Most children have settled in brilliantly and are engaged with their new learning and topics. Here are just a few highlights from our first few weeks:



Music – Samba Drumming

All three Year 4 classes have begun their Samba drumming sessions with the brilliant Thurrock Music Services team. The children are already learning to follow beats and rhythms while experiencing the joy of making music together. These exciting lessons will continue weekly throughout the term!



Times Tables

This year we are working hard to continue to build confidence and fluency in times tables, ready for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) next June. Pupils have been practising using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS), URBrainy, and Math Mania. Currently, 4R are in the lead with over 90% of students engaging on TTRS – but 4C and 4L are catching up fast!



Forest School

Class 4C have kicked off their Forest School adventures for the year. They've been exploring science through hands-on learning, investigating solids, liquids, and gases. This week's highlight was melting chocolate to see the change from solid to liquid – a fun and tasty experiment! 4R and 4L will take part in Forest School over the next few months.

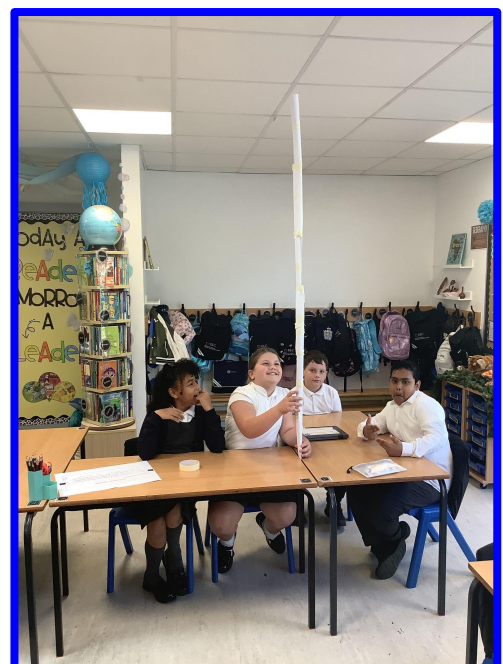
We're looking forward to sharing even more exciting updates with you as the year progresses.

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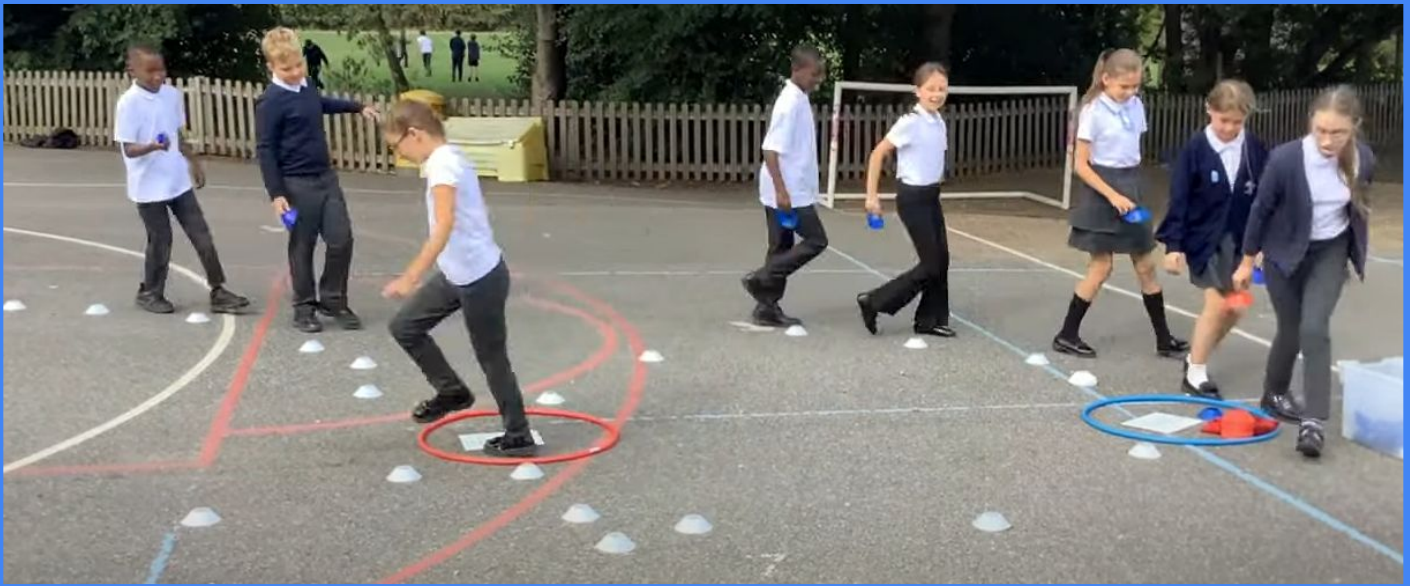
Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the school year. They have come back to school focused and engaged in all their learning. We are extremely impressed with how many children are reading every day, completing their reading journal to a high standard and beating their reading markers.

In science, we have been learning about different materials. In DT, we are designing and learning how to make a tagine. In PSHE, we have been building towers to develop teamwork. As part of our Geography topic, Africa, we have been using atlases to identify the different countries in Africa. We also welcomed parents in today for our first DEAR time session. We have lots to look forward to in Year 5 this term, particularly our trip to Go Ape next week.



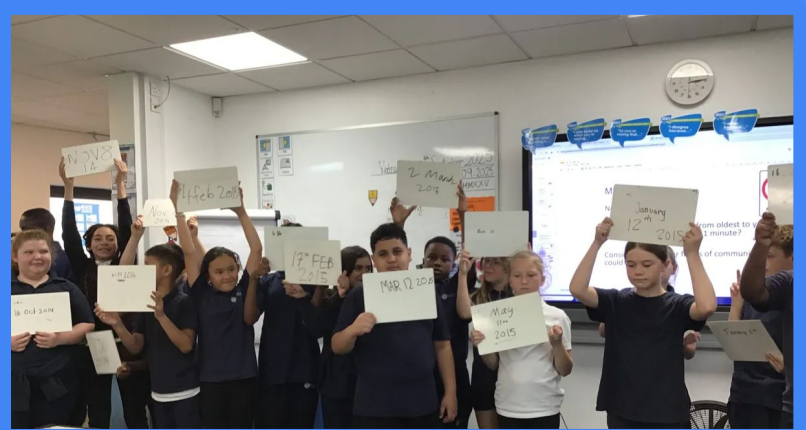
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In science, the children have been learning about the circulatory system. This week they learning the route that oxygenated and deoxygenated blood takes through the body. Above, you can see children dropping off deoxygenated blood at the lungs and replacing it with oxygenated blood. Then moving to the heart to be pumped all around the body.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about teamwork and completing tasks that involve them working collaboratively. They learnt the importance of good communication skills in order to complete the tasks.



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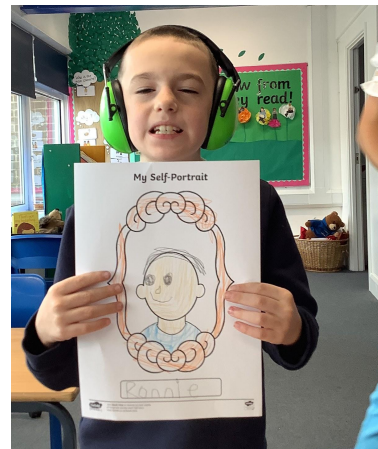
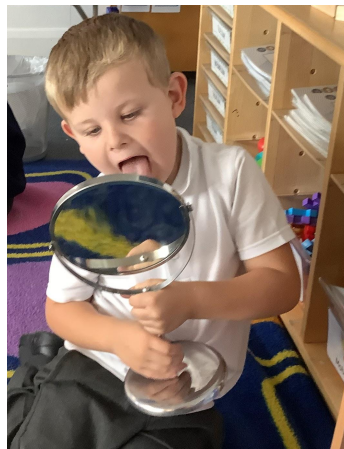
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We have had a great start to our new year in Acorns. The children have settled well and having been enjoying exploring some of our new resources and making friends with the new member of our class. They have especially liked spending time in our role play area which is a farm shop, including playing with the till and eating some of produce! This half term we are also learning about how to make a pizza and one of their favourite sessions was tasting different pizza toppings.



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What an amazing start to the academic year Seedlings have had! After just a few days of settling in, the children have happily taken part in a wide range of activities. One of the highlights were our PSHE topics: *Classroom Rules* and *Who am I?* In our discussion about classroom rules, the children shared fantastic ideas about how we should work and play together to make our class a happy and safe place. In *Who am I?*, their curiosity really shone through as they explored their reflections in mirrors, describing what they could see, and then created beautiful self-portraits to celebrate their individuality. They were also fascinated by our geography lesson, where we looked at the images of different features in Tilbury. The children were eager to share which places they had visited and talk about their own experiences. It has been a wonderful start, and we are so proud of how quickly the children have engaged with their learning. We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!

