



## Weekly Learning Update 09 September 2022

### Nursery

It has been a lovely first week in Nursery with our current children. They have been getting to know the new adults in our room and have been going through classroom expectations. The children have been so happy to be back and have settled well. We are so proud of them!

### Reception (King Class and Parks Class)

Our first week in Reception has been filled with lots of exciting new learning. We have drawn pictures of things we like, used the mirrors to discuss our facial features and explored a tiger's habitat in the Small World Area. In Maths, we have been singing counting songs, matching numbers and grouping our 'compare bears'.

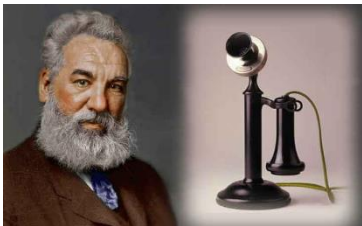


Reception have started to develop their understanding of our school values and expectations. They were happy to learn about their behaviour rainbows and learning stars. We are proud of how well they have all settled in. What a fantastic start to their St. Gabriel's journey!

## Year 1 (Bell Class and Windsor Class)

What a fantastic week both Bell and Windsor class have had! We are so proud of how well all of the children have settled in to Year 1. We have enjoyed having class discussions surrounding our school values and how we can demonstrate these in our classroom, the school and wider community. We have also created actions to help us remember our school vision.

This week in Bell Class we have learnt all about Alexander Graham Bell, who our class is named after. We have discovered that he invented the telephone after being fascinated by sounds as a child.



The children have also been introduced to our class snails and have named them both 'Blue' and 'Lady'. The children have enjoyed holding the snails and observing their movement and how they eat.

A great first week, Bell Class. Well done!



In Windsor Class this week, we have spent time learning about who inspired our class name. The children enjoyed our discussions about the Queen, learning some information about her and creating their own crowns that are displayed outside the classroom.



We have also created a display to showcase our class name. The children have taken real ownership of their new class and shown great respect to it and the resources inside. Well done!

## Year 2 (Braille Class)

We have had a super first week back!

On our first day, we did lots of fun activities together to get to know one another better. We thought about what we want to achieve this year and created our colourful hands.



We also learnt about our class name, the importance of Louis Braille to communication and created our own names using braille.

In English, we received a Police message from P.C Bailey (Miss Bailey's brother) and he has given us the important job of creating wanted posters over the next few weeks to help him to find Goldilocks.

We have concentrated this week on using powerful adjectives to describe Goldilocks so that our wanted posters are more specific.

In Art, we created letters for our class and decorated them using different colours and these are now displayed outside of our classroom.



### **Year 3 (Berners-Lee Class)**

Berners-Lee have had a fantastic first week in Year 3 – I am so proud of how well they have settled into Key Stage 2. This week, we have learnt all about Sir Tim Berners-Lee and how he invented the World Wide Web. We had a lot of fun finding clues about him and then we connected up the clues using string to show how the World Wide Web connects different website pages. The pupils then created fact files about Berners-Lee and re-create the WWW logo. Super work this week year 3!



Our Web!

### **Year 4 (Hopper Class)**



Hopper class have come back keen and eager to learn which is wonderful to see! It has been great to see the children display such a deep understanding of our school's values. We discussed how we can support each other to succeed and how to help ourselves in overcoming challenges. As a class, we also conducted research to find out why our class is named Hopper (after the great computer scientist Grace Hopper). Well done on a great start to the year Hopper class!

## Year 5 (Jackson Class)

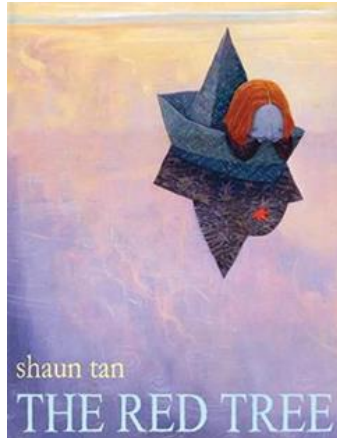
We have had a brilliant start to Year 5 and the children have settled so well into their new routines. We have had some fantastic discussions around what makes great learning and how we can show our school vision and values this year. We have also learnt all about Dr Shirley Ann Jackson, who our class is named after, and how her research contributed to the introduction of the portable fax machine, caller ID, caller waiting technologies and the touch tone telephone.



We have been busy getting creative this week too and we have used Charlie Mackesy's book 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' to inspire our own artwork of encouragement.



## Year 6 (Gutenberg Class)



It has been a wonderful first week in Gutenberg class! The children have settled into the routines and expectations of the year group quickly and we are eager to begin a very exciting final year of primary school! We began our week discussing the School Vision and Values and exploring what they might look like.

In Humanities, the students found out more about Johannes Gutenberg, his significance and impact on communication across the world.

Throughout the week, we have also explored the meaning of a positive mindset and the value of setting goals at the beginning of the year. We spent time exploring symbolism in Shaun Tan's *The Red Tree* and recognised the importance of always looking for the good in each and every day. We also took some time to set a one-word goal for the year ahead. The children were asked to think of possible challenges they may face in the upcoming year and what strategies they could use to overcome them. They were then asked to set a goal for the future, but the goal could only be one word. This has created a wonderful display at the front of the classroom, which will hopefully remind them of their ambitions throughout the year.

## Other News

Congratulations to all our children for a great first week, settling in, showing our values and living out the vision of our school: Communicating Love; Inspiring our Community to Flourish.

## Recommended Read



The Invisible String - Patrice Karst & Joanne Lew-Vriethoff  
After the Summer Holidays, children and their families can experience all kinds of feelings as the new school year begins. This week's book is a story about the connections between loved ones.

## Online Safety

Six in ten children played games online in the UK last year, according to Ofcom's latest report into the use of media amongst children and parents. With this in mind, [Internetmatters](#) has some helpful tips for keeping children safe when using the internet to play online games.



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