



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 29th September 2023



Message from Mr Lea

Let me start off by saying how very proud I am of all of the pupils - they have made a fantastic start to the term. We have had several visitors into school who have all commented on the politeness and respect of our children.

As a Head I lead a whole team of staff who I have a great deal of respect for as they have the highest level of commitment to ensure that your children thrive in school.

Thanks also to all of those parents who have spoken positively to me about their experiences of our school already this year. I have received a number of emails too.

Our School year is moving quickly with established routines in classes and our school culture embedded into everything we do.

We move forward with enthusiasm for the rest of the year!

Message from FOMSA

Thank you so much to all the families who donated bags to Bag2School - we will let you know how much we raise as soon as we know!

We have purchased this metal store for the school - Mr Lea and Mrs Jones will be telling you all soon what it is going to be used for!



Mendham News

**Our next Discover more with Mr Lea session takes place next week on Thursday 6th October at 2:45pm**

**The focus will be on the subjects we teach your children - it will be very informative!**

**We hope to see many of you there!**

## Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

Following children's interests Seedlings have this week been learning about rainbows. Mr Norfolk came to help us with our learning in science as we used torches and then the sun to shine through pots of water.

We found the torches were not bright enough indoors but the sun outside worked a treat.

In art we looked at printing a rainbow using a textured material bubble wrap. First, we practised drawing rainbows and made sure we had the colours in the correct order using the mnemonic Richard of York gave battle in vain. Next, we used some bubble wrap to paint our rainbow picture on.

We discussed how we would then print the paint onto the paper, we decided that just putting the bubble wrap on top of the paper was not correct or to put it in the printer it would be far too messy! The children decided that we would have to flip the bubble wrap onto paper or place paper on top of the bubble wrap. This would mean that we had transferred and printed our picture.



Our results were fantastic!

To see more pictures of our visit our class dojo portfolios.



## Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class



Much excitement in Pine Class when Miss Lewis visited and brought a calf with her! We thought about how the calf will change and grow as it gets older as part of our science lessons. The calf had no name and Pine Class decided to call him Oreo- what a great choice! Next week we are looking at how humans grow and change. Please continue to send me photos of the children when they were babies, so we can compare them to how they look now!

We are loving learning about the place value of numbers in maths. Both year groups were comparing objects and numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. Year 2 have done some super work on counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, first looking at the patterns and then showing me how to count in these intervals, by drawing number lines. (On the tables!) Next, we move on to addition and subtraction.



### Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

This week Juniper have been writing sentences to make an historical diary entry. We have been writing as though we are a spectator at an amphitheatre. The children acted out being gladiators and tigers to help them understand what spectacles there were at a gladiator fight.

The drama also helped them to describe the performance using great vocabulary.



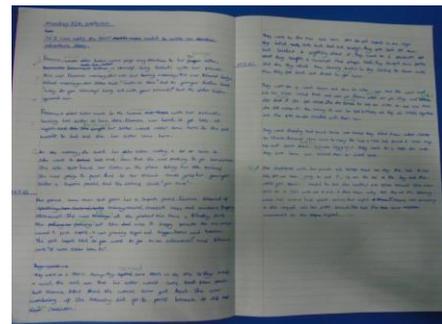
We have also all enjoyed a fabulous trip to Dunwich. We visited the museum to learn what happened to Dunwich and we now know that there has been a lot of erosion to the cliffs over many years and it has washed the town into the sea. We then had a tour around Dunwich with a bare-foot Nun from the order of Clare. We went to the old abbey and saw the last remaining grave in Dunwich. We will be linking this to our learning hexagon 'engaging with debate' on

Monday by asking the question 'Should the last grave be moved to preserve it or left where it is?'

### Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

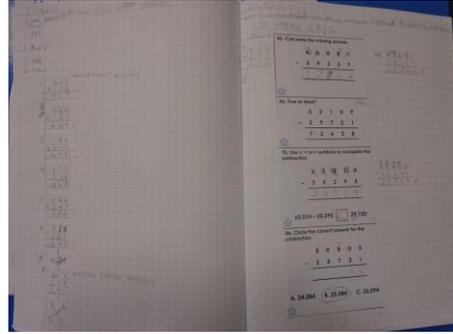
This week the children in Sycamore have started to write their first independent pieces of writing in literacy. They have been using the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Brown and have worked hard on unpicking the different techniques required to make their own stories effective. There have been some wonderfully creative and imaginative ideas which I am thoroughly looking forward to reading!

In Maths, the children are focusing on place value and the number system. They have worked really independently at times and have enjoyed being collaborative with some maths games to help embed their learning!



Our newest activity (which the children have really enjoyed) has been 'Blooket' an online platform, similar to Kahoot, which sets up games and quizzes that have linked into our learning!

Mr Lea came in and enjoyed the fun too!



Date for your diary:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Individual school photographs

