



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 17th November 2023



Message from Mr Lea

Here we are again - another week has flown by! This week we have had visitors from the Consortium Trust in our school - they were extremely complimentary about everything they saw during their visit.

We also had the pleasure of parents joining us for our Open Day - thank you to all of those who were able to spend time with us.

This week we shared our Christmas plans with you all - we are looking forward to welcoming you to our events.

And finally, we all participated in Anti-Bullying week this week by wearing Odd Socks! All the children designed socks that were unique to them! We created a whole school display of these to recognise we are ALL DIFFERENT, ALL EQUAL!



Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

In Seedlings we have been learning about the Hindu festival of lights; Diwali.

We have learned about Rama and Sita, the goddess Lakshmi and Ganesha - who the children liked as he looks like an elephant with 4 arms.



The children have been creating their own Rangoli patterns, making and decorating diya lamps and designing their own Mendhi hand and foot designs.

The classroom has been enhanced with (battery operated) candles and traditional dress including a beautiful wedding Sari.



### Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

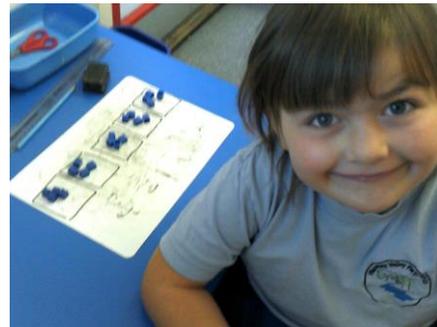
We have been working hard on learning to write a recount based on our outdoor learning last week. So far we have written about the listening walk, the scavenger hunt and building minibeast homes. We will continue with writing about the minibeasts that we found and then finally about drinking the delicious hot chocolate. All the skills we are learning will then be used to write a recount of our educational visit to Jimmy's farm next week.



We have started rehearsals for our part in the Christmas celebrations and look forward very much to sharing our performance of, "A Very Special Baby" with you all.

### Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

It has been a very busy week in Juniper class! We have been learning all about multiplication and division in Maths. We went outside to collect groups of natural resources to make arrays - which help us to understand how times tables are adding groups of items together. We have also been sharing items into groups to deepen our understanding of division.

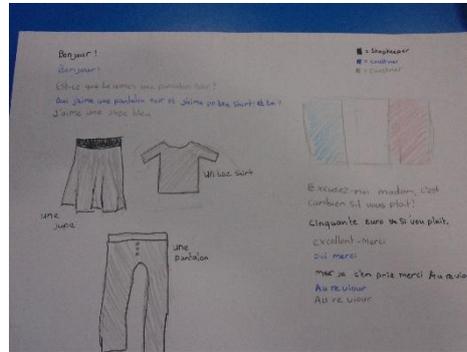
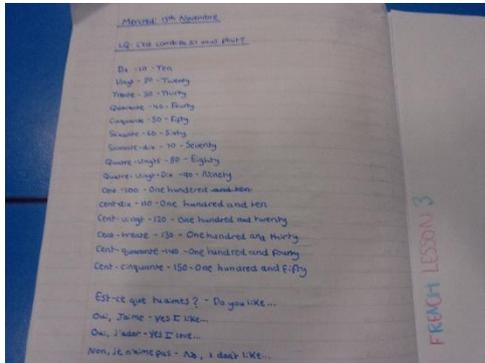


In Design and Technology, we are creating different stitches to create a map of the history of Dunwich. We have created a design template for our sewing which we will then translate into different stitches. This week we have focused on the running stitch to begin our embroideries.

## Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

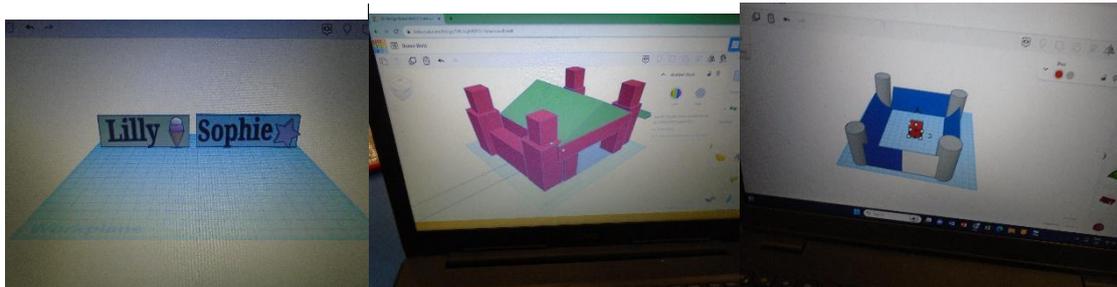
### Qu'est-ce que je porte? (What am I wearing?)

Children in Sycamore class have been learning to identify and name different items of clothing in French. They have started to generate conversations, using short sentences. They have also been revisiting numbers in French and counting in multiples of ten!



### ICT- 3D Modelling

We have also been learning how to make and manipulate shapes and icons using 'tinkercad'. They have created various designs, and this week created their own name tags!



## Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:

[www.suffolksp.org.uk](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk)

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.