



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



### Message from Mr Lea

As we near the end of January I must praise the pupils and all of you, our families, in ensuring that they continue to attend school in spite of the terrible storms we have experienced recently. I really do hope that you have all not been significantly affected by these.

Every day I spend time in our school I find myself feeling a great sense of pride. Our staff are working tremendously hard to ensure the best outcomes for everyone. Already they are planning events including World Book Day and Mental Health Week, which is fast approaching: Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February.

As ever, if you have any ideas for any aspect of school then please do get in contact with me.

If you are still to complete the Parents Survey, here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/4ZWqk79bD2nvebY67>

Thanks for your continued support.

### Mendham Dates

Swimming – Juniper class	Spring 1 at Diss pool
Class photos	01.02.24
Education visit – Juniper to Sizewell	06.02.24
Learn more with Mr Lea – SPAG	08.02.24 2.30pm
Half term	19 -23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024

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

## Contacting our school reminders

### How to contact us

For absences please call and leave a message  
01379 852520



To reach the office please phone or email



For brief updates only use Arbor in app messaging



For class teachers:

To arrange an appointment,  
or discuss your child please email



For brief updates only use Class Dojo



## Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

Seedlings are working hard being respectful active citizens, clearing and tidying the outdoor area. To begin we collected rubbish, raked and cleared leaves and sorted the toys. Then we turned and moved the compost pile and found new homes for some of our outdoor resources.



### Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class



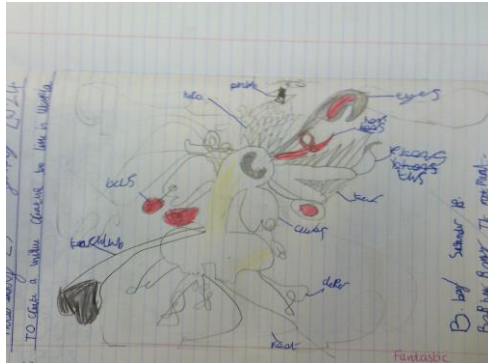
In Pine we have been practising skills of balancing and climbing using the large equipment. Each week the children have been getting braver and some have even walked across the high ladder backwards! We have also been learning to jump and land safely.

In RE we have been finding out about the Hindu celebration of Holi. This week we heard the story behind Holi about Prahlad and Holika. The children choose whether to add flames to a picture of Prahlad and Holika or to paint the God Vishnu. Here are their creations...



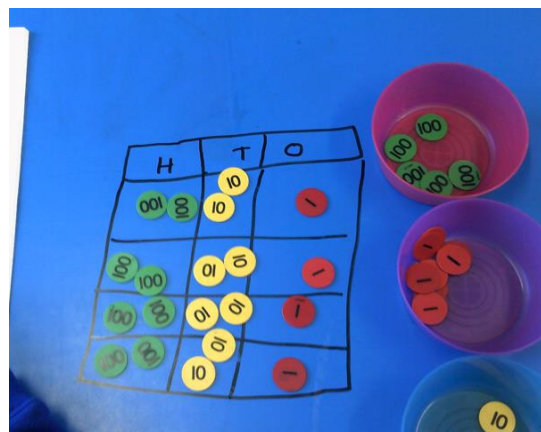
### Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

In Literacy we have been writing a story based on the Lost Thing by Shaun Tan. On Tuesday we had an experience lesson to support our learning. We all created our own 'Thing'. We had to decide what it would eat and how it would move. It could have any features such as wing or mechanical parts. We created some fantastic things with some very strange diets!



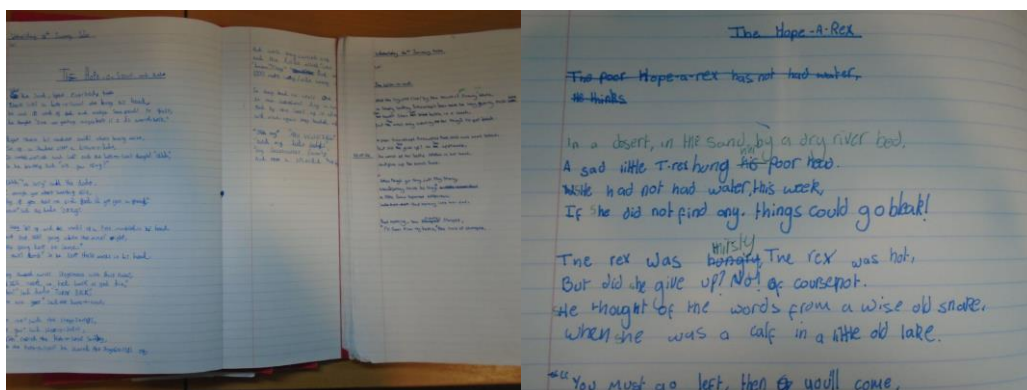
In Science we have been learning about electricity. We have been making circuits with light bulbs. The children have been challenged to make the bulb light up with no wires and to create a switch for their circuit! Everyone managed to create working circuits and then we recorded how in our books.

We have also been challenging ourselves in Maths by dividing two- and three-digit numbers by a one digit number. To help us to solve the problems we have been grouping counters on the tables. We were all very excited to be allowed to draw on our desks!



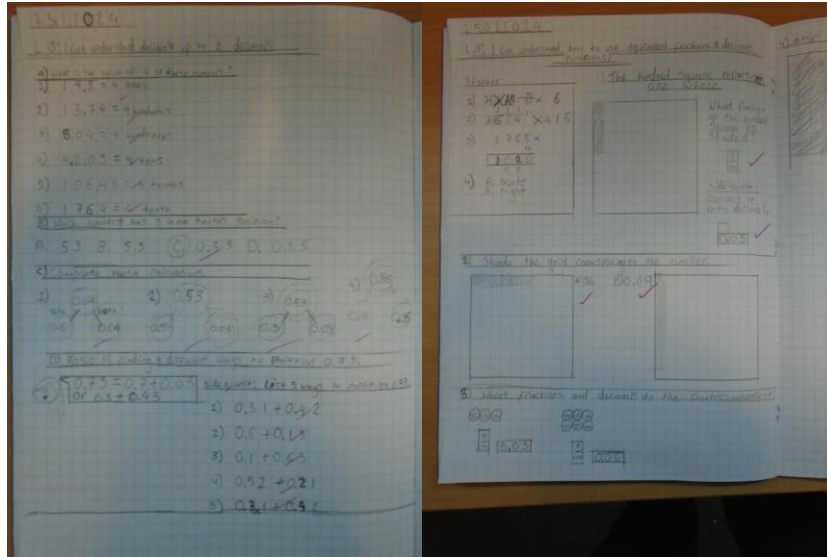
### Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

Sycamore have been busy learning about narrative poetry this term. They have been learning and trying extremely hard with rhyme. The children have been focusing on creating characters and writing poems based around the theme of hope, overcoming obstacles, and being determined. They have started their drafts for these with Mrs Newton over the past few days and I have been very impressed with the work produced so far. We are even hoping to produce them as their own illustrated books to share with the other children once they are finished! Watch this space!





In Maths, children have started to investigate using decimals. They have discussed when these might be used in real-life situations and came up with ideas such as time, money, and measurements. They have looked into how decimals can be written as equivalent fractions and the connections these have. Some great work with a real focus on their presentation!



## 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.