



The Waveney Valley Partnership Mendham Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 29th November 2024



Message from Mr Lea

I am always impressed by our pupils and the way they interact with me and visitors to our school. They are always respectful, and it is a pleasure to visit classes and see their learning.

Teachers are always sending pupils to show their work to me – looking at both the progress they have made and the pride they have in their work. I am so proud of our school.

Next week, December starts, and we look forward to all that Christmas brings to our school. Please find below a reminder of the events that are taking place.

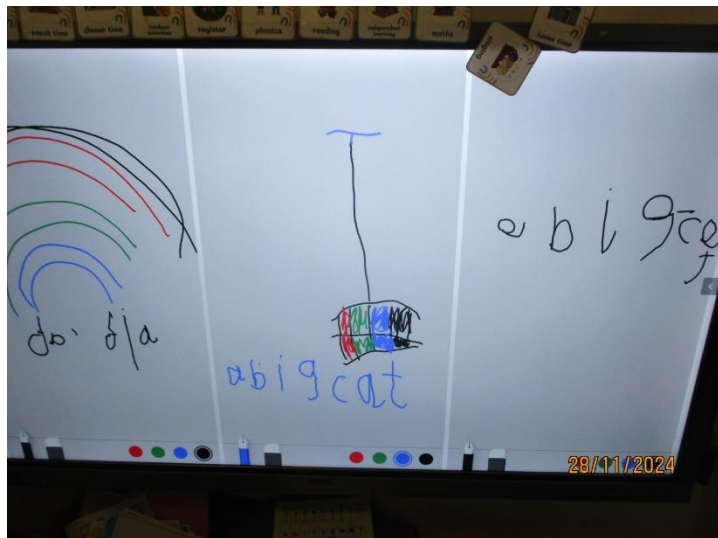
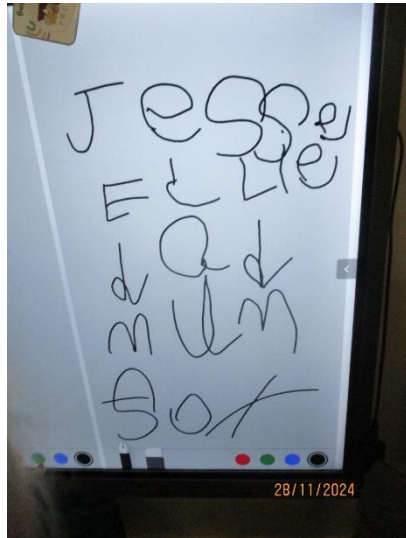
As always, thank you all for your ongoing support.

Mendham News



Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

Seedlings have been embracing mark making and writing this week. In phonics we have moved onto learning digraphs. This has excited the children and all they have wanted to do is write! They have found many different formats for their writing and used their phonics skills to sound talk, blend and write words and sentences independently.



Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

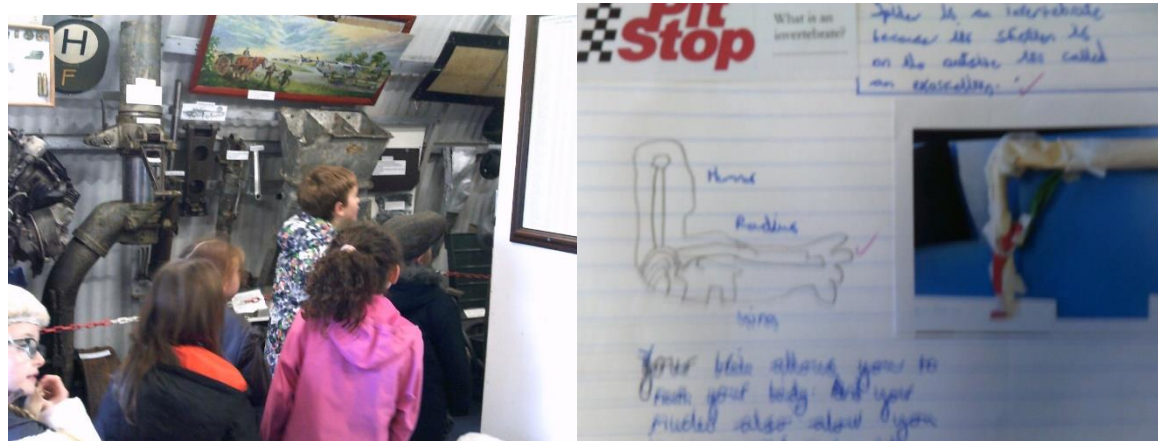
As you may have heard Pine Class found eggs in our outdoor area! We were detectives and searched for clues and discovered that they were dragon eggs!

We wrote incidents reports based on our findings, and we are now learning how to write instructions so that we can write a set about "How to catch a dragon." - See photo below of roleplaying catching a dragon. The aim is for the children to then plan and write their own set of instructions about how to catch a different creature.



In Maths, we have been looking closely at the place value of numbers up to 100. Splitting them into tens and ones, building them in many ways and ordering and comparing numbers. We now move on to learning about 2D and 3D shapes, including recognising and naming shapes, sorting them by their properties and making patterns.

Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

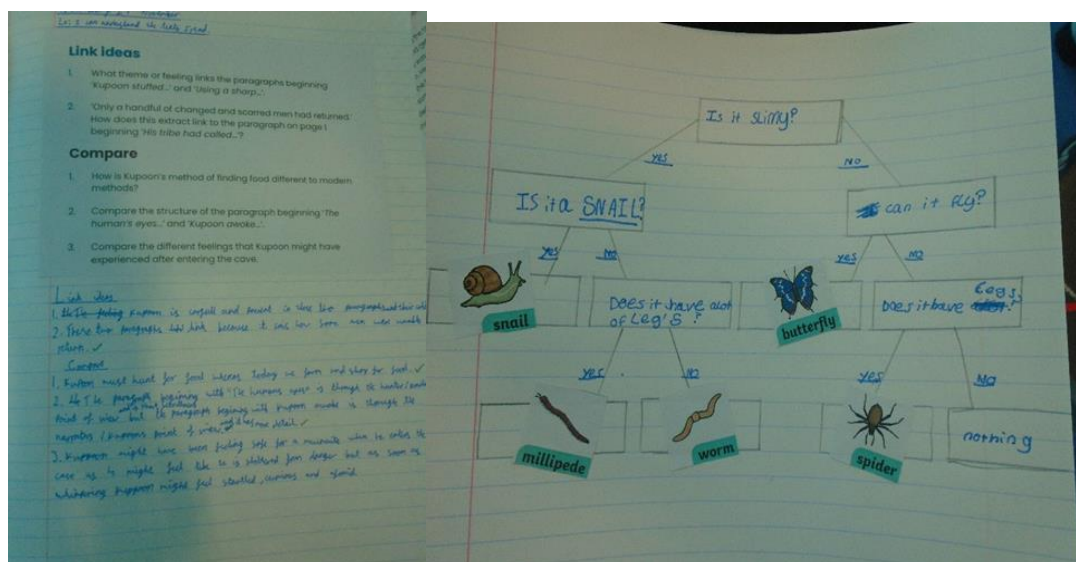


Juniper have had a very busy week! We started the week looking at how our skeletons move! We now know that our muscles pull our skeletons up and down. We also know that our joints are held together with tendons. We carefully recorded our findings in our books.

Then on Tuesday we went for a fantastic visit to Flixton. We had the opportunity to try flight simulators and how to use WW2 computers to calculate how long it would take us to fly from Norwich to Rotterdam. We then travelled back in time to 1940 to experience being in an air raid! It was a great experience and really helped us to understand how many different roles people played in the Second World War.

Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

Pupils have been developing their reading skills this week, looking at our text 'Silver'. They have been using skills of inference, retrieval and prediction. Some of the children have been challenging themselves with questions based on linking and comparing ideas across the paragraphs!



In Science, the pupils have started to look at how to use classification keys to classify animals and will move onto learning about how to classify plants.

They have been learning all about living things and working scientifically by using scientific diagrams and learning lots of new vocabulary!

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

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.