



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES:

8th - 12th June 2026

Phonics

This week in phonics, we have been revisiting our 'ch' sound and explored the two variations of its spelling <ch and tch>. Our awareness of sounds having more than one spelling has grown greatly with many children during writing opportunities inquiring which way certain sounds are spelt. This is tremendous! I'm here as their writing cheerleader and encouraging them all the way to 'have a go' and 'use the sounds that you know.'

At this stage, we really want the children to be having a go writing for themselves and drawing on all that they have learnt as best they can. It's definitely not about being perfect! As always, reading and lots of it is what is going to support them not only in their reading but also their writing.

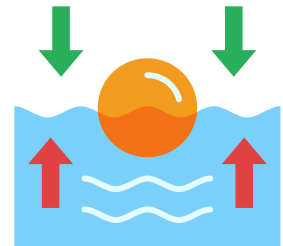
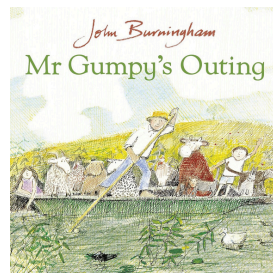
Maths

We have been revising some of the key concepts this week. We have looked at the concept of doubles as well odds and evens. The children had remembered so much about how to spot an even, relating it to the numberblocks who have 'flat heads' and those that don't being 'odd'. This visual connection is exactly what Mastery of maths is aiming to achieve; a deep and innate understanding of number.

We also continued to use our fingers to flash up doubles to really strengthen those neural connections. We used number sentences to describe the doubles we were producing on our fingers. For example, Double 1 is 2, 2 is made of 1 and 1. Double 2 is 4, 4 is made of 2 and 2.

Other things we have learned

Our story has been Mr Gumpy's Outing. In this classic story, Mr Gumpy decides to take his boat out on the river and one at a time, animal friends approach him asking if they can join. Mr Gumpy agrees providing each with a specific stipulation to follow. [SPOILER ALERT] In true storybook style, each animal simultaneously breaks this stipulation to a hilarious and soggy end! The children loved joining in with the re-telling of this story and had a go at writing their own letter to Mr Gumpy asking if they could join him.



We were scientists again this week, donning our 'fair scientist' hats and exploring materials that float and sink. The children had a really good grounding of these two concepts and were able to describe what they meant, what they looked like in water and suggest items that might float and sink. They were able to give every day examples and drew upon their own experiences when making predictions. They were able to make some great predictions incorporating thoughtful language such as 'heavy' and 'light' and even considered which items contained air. Mrs Hopkinson threw some interesting points to consider our way including if all light things float, how is it a boat can float? Well done scientists!

RESCHEDULED Sports Day - Friday 19th June 2026 9.15am - 11.45am (please come in PE kit, no need for change of clothes)

Fathers Day Sale - Thursday 18th June 2026 ((Children can bring money to school in a named envelope/purse. Maximum £5 please)

Fathers Day Assembly - Afternoon of Friday 19th June 2026

Summer Fayre - 3.30-5.30pm on Friday 19th June 2026.

Foundation Farm trip - Monday 22nd June 2026.

Parents / Grown-ups Afternoon (rescheduled) - Thursday 2nd July 2026 2pm - 3.30pm

