



Newsletter



Autumn Term 1

It's great to share that the new Early Years children have settled in beautifully, filling our classrooms with energy and curiosity. Likewise, children who have joined us from outside the area have been warmly welcomed into the Parklands family—it feels as though they've always been here! It's also a pleasure to introduce Miss Davis, our Year 6 teacher, who has joined us on secondment from Wolverham. Her enthusiasm and dedication have made a positive impact across the school community.

This term has been the long - an impressive eight weeks! We've accomplished so much, and there is plenty to celebrate. Mrs. Ephgrave deserves special recognition, as she is now also contributing her expertise to the English Hub, where she is helping other schools develop their phonics programmes. We've also enjoyed monthly visits from Father Mark from St. Paul's Church, who has brought inspiring messages to our assemblies. Additionally, some of our children have taken part in various sports events, including netball, rugby, and bowling, and we're excited to share that we placed second in bowling! The week was capped off by an amazing poetry performance that included wonderful singing from Years 5 and 6.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support—it helps make our community a great place for every child to learn and grow.

Mrs Cairns
Head Teacher

Gold Award Winners

Amalia
Lincoln, Charlie H, Ivy-Rose P
Daisy
Arlo
Esme
Thomas J & Thea
Tilly & Emma
Ivy G



Nursery

Nursery have had a fantastic half term with the new intake and all the children. The team have been so proud of the way they have all settled in. The children have had a fantastic time getting to know the classroom and learning to use all the areas. It has been wonderful to have so many fantastic conversations with the children and to see them playing so well within our environment and with each other. The class started off looking at books to learn more about themselves, and talking about how everyone is special and celebrating all our wonderful differences. Towards the end of the half term, children have had a fabulous time exploring nature. They have loved talking about autumn and Halloween. They had a lot of fun collecting autumnal items on the autumn walk and have carried on doing this during our play, in the outside area.



Reception

Reception have had a fantastic first half term and have settled in beautifully. They have shown great progress in turn-taking and sharing, and are becoming increasingly responsible during tidy-up time, working well together as a team. The children have thoroughly enjoyed PE in the hall, especially using the large apparatus, which has helped develop their physical skills and confidence. As part of their autumn exploration, they went on an autumn walk and created stunning nature-inspired artwork in the style of artist Andy Goldsworthy. They have also enjoyed listening to many books, including *The Something* by Rebecca Cobb, which has sparked their imaginations and fostered a love of reading



Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy first term. They have settled in brilliantly and are quickly becoming independent in all aspects of the curriculum. The children have been busy in continuous provision learning new skills such as teamwork, creativity, and independence. They have enjoyed learning running skills in PE and have even learnt to use a keyboard in Computing. Some highlights of this term included a visit from Cheshire Police to teach the children about safety online and the year 1 stay and learn where the children loved having their grown-ups share their learning. Well done on a super term year 1!

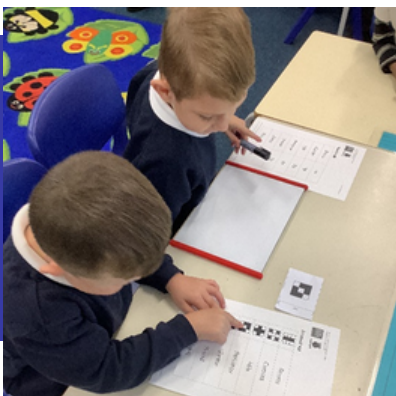


Year 2

This half term has been incredible, with the children working hard and achieving so much. In History, they have focused on the Great Fire of London, learning about how the city has changed over time and exploring Samuel Pepys' famous diary. The children loved hearing about Pepys burying his cheese and wine during the fire and discussing what they would hide themselves! Year 2 also had a wonderful visit from the Ellesmere Port fire crew, asking insightful questions about fire safety and why the fire spread so quickly.

In English, 'The Night Gardener' by the Fan Brothers inspired beautiful setting narratives, with children using adjectives to vividly describe the dragon tree. In Mathematics, they have developed skills in place value, addition, and subtraction, working hard to apply new methods.

Science lessons focused on everyday materials, with exciting investigations to explore transparency and test the strength of different materials through bending and stretching. Other highlights included celebrating Languages Day, a trip to St. Paul's Church, and a cyber safety workshop with PC Andy.

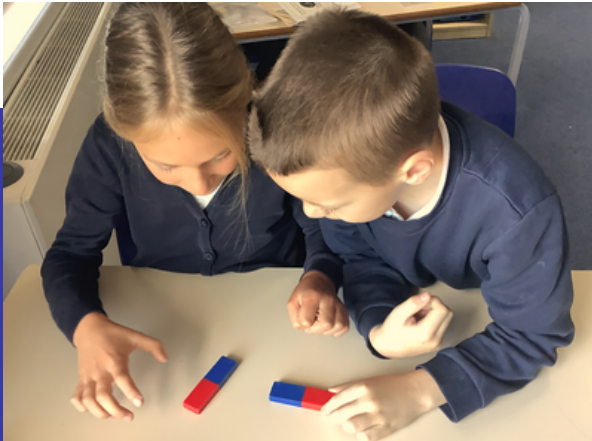
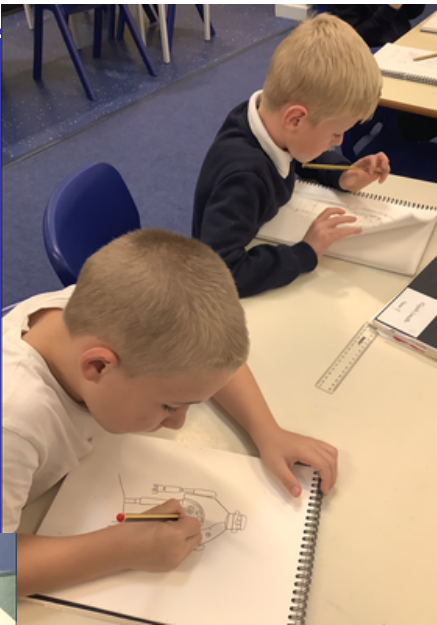


Year 3

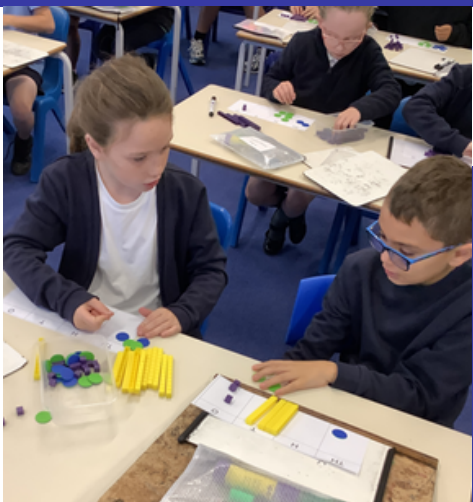
In English, Year 3 have been reading the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children have been looking at writing a threat narrative and the outcome was incredible. They have also created some fantastic art inspired by this book.

In mathematics, children have been exploring place value up to 1,000. The children have partitioned numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. Science lessons focused on forces and magnets. The class have also looked at identifying magnetic and non-magnetic objects. The children showed great enthusiasm when considering the different types of magnets.

In history, our learning is all about the Stone Age. They have looked at the different types of houses which people lived in and how they gathered their food.



Year 4



Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the new school year! In English, they have written both thoughtfully and scientifically following their class text, Leaf, telling the tales of a lonely polar bear. They have shown resilience through place value, addition, subtraction and measurements in Maths, all while working hard to master their times tables.

The year 4 team are so proud of the curiosity they have shown in learning about the Romans in History, watercolour landscapes in Art and solids, liquids and gases in science. They have faced each challenged with ambition and strived to produce quality work. Year 4 have thrived in PE, creating cat movements in dance and working well as a team in Netball.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed having the adults in for 'A Day in the Life' and hope everyone that came enjoyed their busy afternoon.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to autumn term. In English, the children have been studying the book 'Farther' and have written some wonderful setting narratives which were lovely to read. Over the last couple of weeks, the children have worked hard on their handwriting and have made good progress with this. In mathematics, the children have been focusing on place value and addition and subtraction which they are enjoying. Another highlight from the half term was the children having some of their families come into class for the afternoon to experience school life; they were all very well behaved! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play to glockenspiel and the recorder during music lessons. During the last week, the children had a fire safety workshop delivered to them by Cheshire Fire and Rescue service; they asked relevant questions and enjoyed exploring the fire engine.



Year 6

It's been an amazing start to the year in Year 6! The children have shown mature, positive attitudes toward school and learning. They've delved into our World War II topic across all subjects.

In English, reading 'Rose Blanche' has inspired wonderful diary entries, letters, and even a bravery speech, showcasing the children's skill with formal language. They've also researched events like evacuation, the Blitz, and the Holocaust, organizing them on a historical timeline. Our recital of 'Granny Can You Rap?' was a hit, with students mastering expression, movement, and audience engagement.

In Mathematics, they covered place value up to ten million and have now moved on to fractions, which they're really enjoying. The children have also strengthened their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

In Science, they've explored changing and separating materials, highlighted by hands-on activities with URENCO, including chromatography and filtering. Art lessons have focused on the work of Henri Rousseau, inspiring students to experiment with shading and tinting. In PE, we've loved learning netball, with weekly sessions a definite favorite! Visitors and workshops—Hoops For Health, the Fire Service, Cyber Safety, author Zooms, and a special "Day in the Life of Year 6"—have added to our incredible half-term.

