

What a fantastic start to the year! We have been so busy already! We welcomed 7 new Reception children into our class and two year one children. They have settled in really well. We have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. We also do a mile run on Thursday mornings so please leave the PE kit in school. Library books will be changed twice a week Mondays and Thursdays. Year one and year two have spelling tests on a Monday

Reception

Reception children have all settled well into school life and are making lots of new friends.

In Maths Make Sense, we have been using Goldilocks and the Three Bears to learn about size and positional language. We have been on a journey with Goldilocks and have gone over, under and through lots of places.



In RWI, we have started to learn our sounds. We are using the sounds to make words and trying to 'Fred talk' as well as learning how to form them correctly.

Years 1 & 2

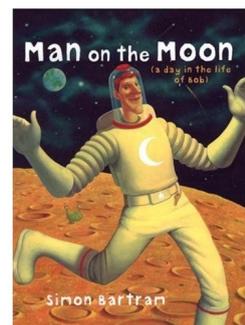
This week in SPAG, year one children have been focusing on recognising and writing letter names. Year two children have been looking at common nouns.

In Maths Makes Sense, Year one children have been writing and acting out maths stories, measuring using rulers and focusing on the 2x tables. Year two children have been completing vertical additions and subtractions. They have also been focusing on the 2x and 10x tables.

In RW Inc, year one children have been revisiting sounds. This week they have looked at the new sound a-e "make a cake". Year two children have been revisiting blends they used last year.

FS/KS1 whole-class During English, we are working on activities linked to the book 'The Man on The Moon' by Simon Bartram. We have written to one of the characters in the book and Bob replied asking for our help! We have designed and made a new rockets for Bob and have described some of his alien friends.

In RE, we have been looking at Harvest and why Christians around the world celebrate harvest.





Blackford Biweekly



Welcome back to school after what we hope was a lovely Summer break. We have had a busy start to the term with welcoming the new year 3s into the Juniors. They have settled well. This term our topic is 'Our world and Beyond'.

Years 3 & 4

We have started our English off this year looking at a range of Indian folktales which included 'The Tiger Child' by Joanna Troughton. We have been able to identify common features of folktales and looked at the descriptive language used. We have even written our own version of a folktale which were very good! Next week, we are continuing to explore different folktales and learning about how to use adverbs and fronted adverbials.

In maths, we have been learning about how to strategically add a set of numbers together in our heads. We have also been using our number facts to try and become quicker when adding and subtracting. Next week, we will be learning more formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

Years 5 & 6

We have been studying the book, Fox. So far, we've not read much of it but have learned an enormous amount about the two characters we have met so far—Dog and Magpie. Some fantastic work has taken place on developing vocabulary. We have used plasticine to create models of what the characters look like and have written some wonderful poems focusing on Dog and Magpie's feelings. We are continuing this work next week too.



In maths, we have looked at decimal numbers, rounding/estimating and written methods for addition. Next week, we'll be learning written methods for subtraction and practising them in different contexts.

KS 2 whole-class

During PE, the KS2 children have been developing their ball handling skills using a range of sports equipment and have been progressing well. In Art, we have started to look at various art from around the world and have focussed on 'aboriginal art' this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it! In Science, we have been doing lots of experiments on 'states of matter' which has got all the children very excited!

