

Dates for your diary

16th June

YR visit to Mudeford Beach

22nd June

Y2 Educational Visit to Bristol

23rd June

Armed Forces Celebration Day

27th June

Y1 Educational Visit – London
Eye/Thames River Cruise

28th June

Acorns Nursery Sports day

29th June

Storyteller – GRT month
Move Up day

30th June

MERL in to celebrate GRT Month
Move Up Day

5th July

School Sports Day

w/c 10th July

School Reports sent home

12th July

Open Afternoon (parents to have
appointments to come and view their
child's work)

14th July

3.30pm-5.00pm PTA Summer Fayre

18th July

Y2 Leavers Event

19th July

Y2 Leavers Assembly

19th July

End of Summer Term **1.45pm**

School News

This week in school we have spent lots of time trying to keep cool while having fun! The hosepipe and sprinklers have been out and those children that wanted to, have been sprayed to keep them cool!

We have air conditioning units in each classroom to ensure the temperature remains as cool and consistent as possible, so please rest assured we are keeping everyone safe and happy.

Our Reception classes had their annual visit to Mudeford Beach on Friday as part of their topic this term and they certainly had the right weather for it!

Next Week

Next week we will start collecting items for the PTA's successful and popular Rainbow Tombola.



Please keep your eyes peeled for a separate letter detailing the colours for each class and suggested items. The Rainbow Tombola will be held at the PTA Summer Fayre on the 14th July.

Open Afternoon

Please can we ask that any parents that have been unable to book an appointment for open afternoon contact the school office and we will try to assist you.

Donations please

We have a volunteer company coming into school on July 14th to help us to spruce up our outdoor areas.

If anyone has any old scaffolding planks or wood that we could use to create some raised beds around the school, we would be extremely grateful. Please call us to let us know and we can arrange a drop off time.



PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Class

There have been lots of rainbows in Little Acorns again this week.

The children are enjoying learning more about the weather and what makes a rainbow as well as having some sensory fun with rainbow coloured sand and printing/painting with food to make beautiful rainbow pictures. Our song of the week is 'I can sing a rainbow' and we have learnt actions to go with the words as well as creating some musical masterpieces with instruments!

The book of the week 'Polar Bear Polar Bear, What Can you Hear?' has encouraged the children to use another one of their senses and find their listening ears. They have enjoyed making the animal noises to accompany the book and using puppets to re-tell the story as well as improve their fine motor control skills by writing on polar bear paper. The many fancy dress outfits have enabled collaborative role-play with friends.

In Maths, the children have been reminding themselves of the numbers song and counting 1-10 and up to 20 as well as being able to recognise numbers. They have been moulding different coloured play dough onto numbered play dough mats too.

We stayed cool this week: remembering to drink lots of water, re-applying sun cream before going outside, and wearing our sunhats outside. The children have enjoyed trying out different ball skills in the shade (mini golf, football, rugby, bowls, and rolling balls down a waterfall) and exploring various containers (funnels, jugs, sieves, wheels and tubes) in the water tray.

Next week, if the weather continues to be hot, we may find a mini paddling pool to cool our feet in the Little Acorns garden! Please remember that in Little Acorns the children enjoy Messy Play (with water, paint, sand, mud, food, etc.) and to send them in old clothes and with spare clothes in their bags. Thank you!

Acorns Class

We are so proud of all the Acorns children this week. They have coped so well in this heat and still learnt lots.

We have been having lots of fun with water this week. We had the marble run in water, the water tray had boats and numbered ducks in, for the children to test their number recognition. We also had the spray bottle to keep us cool. The teachers put a sprinkler on the hose pipe, and we had lots of fun running under it! The children have been looking after the plants and vegetables, making sure they have had plenty of water too.

We are pleased to say that Pip and Posy had their check up at the vets on Tuesday and they are back to full fitness. Although, because of the heat, only the adults have been allowed to handle them. The children have been very understanding and finding them fresh grass to eat.

In literacy we have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been using masks in the role play to play the parts of the story, changing their voices depending on the character they are.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in phonics we have been continuing to focus on reading and spelling the tricky words, as well as writing sentences. We have also been revising digraphs from phase 3 - ar, or, ur.

In History we have looked at how seaside holidays have changed over time and compared what we do at the beach now with pictures and artefacts from Victorian times.

In Maths we have been sharing shells, play food and counters, making sure that each group have the same number and it is fair.

We have been really looking forward to our Beach trip all week and the day certainly did not disappoint! The weather was amazing and the children had a blast playing in the sand and paddling in the sea – a really lovely day! Well done to our children for their amazing behaviour and thank you to all our parent helpers, we are so lucky to have you!



Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week Year 1 have learnt some more details about The Great Fire of London and what life was like in the city in 1666. In history, they watched an immersive video, showing London in the 17th century, with its tightly packed wooden houses. They learnt about the poor health and hygiene conditions and the type of jobs people had at that time. See if your child can remember what unpleasant job 'Gong Farmers' did.

In English, the children have been writing their own narratives based on the story of Toby and the Great Fire of London. Their grammar focus has been to learn the difference between common and proper nouns, so we have encouraged their use of proper nouns, with capital letters, in their stories.

In maths this week, the children have been solving 1 more and 1 less problems, focussing on numbers 50-100. They have been using hundred squares to help them. Some of the children have had difficulty when crossing a ten: E.g. What is 1 more than 79? What is 1 less than 90? It would be helpful if you could practise these style questions at home. If your child needs more challenge, see if they can answer these or similar: One more than ___ is 70? One less than ___ is 59?

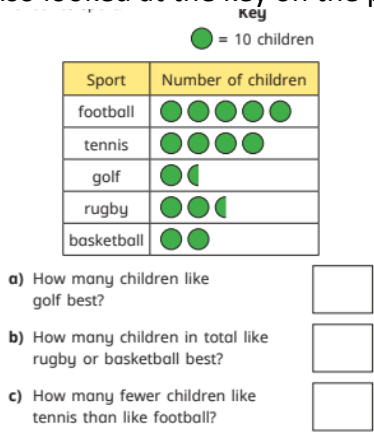
For science, both classes have been recording weather data each day. The children have taken it in turns to read the outside thermometer and observe the conditions in the sky. What a hot week it has been! We have started to compare our data for this half-term with the data we collected in February. We have spoken about the link between the seasons and weather changes. See if your child can name the seasons in the correct order and describe the key features of each season.

In geography, we used Google Earth/maps to explore the differences between Burghfield Common and London. We identified their different physical and human geography features. We learnt that physical features are those that are natural, e.g., rivers, hills and human features are man-made, e.g., bridges, houses.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What a warm week! We have still been busy. At the beginning of the week the children enjoyed rewriting the story of Hansel and Gretel, the children were able to write at length. We also spent time writing a fact file about ourselves for our new teachers to read.

In maths we have continued to look at statistics and transferring data from a tally chart to a pictogram. We have also looked at the key on the pictogram to see how many a picture represents and answered questions - e.g.



In computing we have recapped on Scratch Jnr and creating algorithms to make a sprite move across. We have explored different buttons for movements and understand that we need to have a start and finish block to make the algorithm work.

For science we have been looking at the human lifecycle - how are we are a baby first, then a toddler, then a child, then a teenager, then an adult and finally an elderly person. The children had to discuss and talk about the different things you can do at the specific ages. We were able to go outside for a bit of outdoor learning this week. We found some shade and worked in pairs where one person was blindfolded and had to be give directional and positional language to move around.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS LONG TROUSERS (LIGHTWEIGHT, CAN BE LEGGINGS) AND A LONG SLEEVE TOP FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING. OUR OUTDOOR AREA CURRENTLY HAS LONG GRASSY AREAS. PLEASE BRING IN ON A MONDAY INCASE THE DAYS CHANGE.



This week the children have been practising their drawing skills, creating a picture for a 'special adult' at home. We have had fun with the Peppa Pig set this week and also enjoyed building a 3D jigsaw together. The children have been very good in this heat and have been keeping cool inside.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Top Maths Doodlers



Top Doodle Class! - Rowan

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The PTA

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