

Dates for your diary

9th June

Governor Visit Day

9th June

School photographer – class photos only

12th June

Y1 Phonics Screening (all week)

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

Welcome back to the start of our final term!

It has been an exciting week in school as it was Science Week. All of the year groups in school took part in activities with a science focus. Check out your child's

Year 2 have had a very active week and visited Garland for a sports afternoon as part of our transition process to Year 3. The children all had great fun and the weather was marvellous.



We all said Cheeeeeeeeeese today as Tempest photography were in to take the class photographs. Well done everyone for staying so smart as the morning went on!

Our lovely PTA were also in on Friday and the children enjoyed choosing and wrapping their gifts for Father's Day. Thank you all for your donations, your purchases and to the PTA for organising.

Our School Governors were in and found it useful to hear some of your comments regarding the proposed federation of Bland's and Garland. They also visited classes to observe the learning which took place. Our Class ambassadors represented their classes and shared current learning, with our Governors. We were very pleased with everyone's behaviour on the day and the Governors saw some excellent examples of our school values in action. Well done everyone!

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 –

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Class

The Little Acorns children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the book of the week 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Can you See?' and some of them have even taken it in turns to 'read' the book to all of their friends during Carpet Time. The puppets have also helped them to bring the story to life and re-tell it several times as well as discuss alternative endings!

For Science Week at Little Acorns, we have had lots of mini scientists performing experiments to investigate the colours of the rainbow – see if your children can tell you all about how they investigated and conducted their research. They were very inquisitive asking lots of lovely questions to improve their learning. 'How Many Colours in a Rainbow?' is our topic of the term and so we have started to learn all about the weather and especially how rainbows are formed.

Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed learning the words and actions for the song of the term 'It's Raining It's Pouring' and have even extended our learning to several verses. We have explored our musical creativity with musical instruments, Tap Tap Box, rhyme time spoons and the nursery rhyme basket. The children are getting so good at their singing capabilities that some of them are trying solos and even making up their own songs!

In Maths, the children have been learning the days of the week by singing the Days of the Week song every day, as well as continuing to review numbers, patterns and 2D shapes. To develop our fine motor control skills we have been moulding playdough into different features for lots of different faces and also using tweezers to place rainbow pompoms into pots.

Acorns Class

This week in nursery, the children have been amazing scientists! We have been looking at the different ways to learn science - bug hunting, our bodies, mixing paints together and the world around us. The children have had lots of fun being scientists in the role play area, wearing goggles and using pipettes to suck up the water in the water tray.

In literacy, we read the story of 'Mousepaint'. The children were excited to find out that if we mix colours together they make new colours... some children thought this was more like magic than science! In the art area we tried mixing colours together and we made lots of different shades of colours by adding white - to make it lighter or black to make it darker.

In maths, we have been learning how to 'estimate' numbers. We looked at a small group of objects and made a 'sensible guess' about how many objects were there. Then we carefully counted to see if we were close.

In outdoor learning we became bug hunters, using nets to swish in the long grass and then emptying them onto white paper to see what we found. Lots of children were very brave and picked up bugs they found under the logs!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we had Science week, and were focusing on how to help the environment and how to be more environmentally aware by talking about recycling, saving energy and not dropping litter.

We also went up to Garlands and explored their wild area comparing the insects we found there with ones we had found here at Mrs Blands. Some children helped Mr Brown plant flowers that were donated from Thatcham Garden Centre.



In Phonics we have been focusing on reading and spelling the tricky words. Please continue to practise these at home, I will add a list of words to seesaw for your reference.

In Maths we have started to explore doubling, through printing butterflies, using mirrors, dice patterns and dominoes.

We also read the story 'The Fish Who Wished' and wrote sentences about what we would wish for and played games with rhyming words.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year One, we have started our new topic about 'London'.

In English we have been busy learning and reciting a poem about The Great Fire of London. The children showed lots of enthusiasm for this activity and their performances were great! See if your child can repeat some of the words and actions at home.

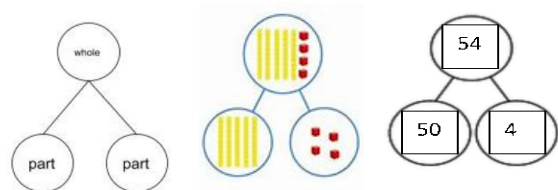
Our new author of the term is Michael Bond, so we have started to read some Paddington Bear stories.

In maths, we have moved on to focussing on numbers 50-100. We have completed sequences of numbers, forwards and backwards and learnt to recognise and partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. We also talked about 'multiples' of ten. See if your child can answer: "What digit do all the multiples of ten have at the end?" As part of our learning this week, the children enjoyed finding as many small natural objects they could find in a minute to fill some tens frames. They then worked out the number they had made altogether by counting in tens and ones. Perhaps they could repeat this kind of activity at home.



An example tens frame:

The children also used part-whole models for partitioning into tens and ones:



In the afternoons, for Science Week, we have enjoyed researching and exploring the topic of 'sustainability'. We did some litter picking and discussed the issue of rubbish and how we can reduce, reuse and recycle to lessen the damage done to the environment. We explored the nature both in our school grounds and at the 'wild area' at Garland's school to compare the habitats and think about how we can protect and encourage more wildlife to thrive. We also made some signs to remind us how to look after our outdoor areas.

This week was science week so we have been learning about science every day. As the theme for the week was 'connections', we decided to explore the connection between us and the world around us, thinking about how we all have an impact on the world. We posed the question, 'how sustainable are our lunch boxes?' To answer this, we collected and sorted the waste packaging from all of the KS1 lunch boxes throughout the week and then sorted this into groups. We tallied the different types of packaging and then presented our data in block diagrams. At the end of the week, we discussed the most used packaging types and thought about the impact it has on the world. Finally, we thought about how we could make our food packaging more sustainable.

We have also been lucky enough to visit Garland School twice this week and to meet some of the Year 3 staff, who will be teaching us next year. On Wednesday, we used the Garland outdoor area to complete a minibeast and habitat survey. We found so many different creatures! On Thursday, we were invited to a sports afternoon organised by the Year 5 children. We had a fantastic time taking part in lots of different sporting activities including football, basketball and javelin.

Finally, we have started our new topic 'The Age of Discovery'. Over this term we will be learning about great explorers who travelled the world in search of new lands and made amazing discoveries.



Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees



Welcome back. We hope you all have had a chance to admire our scarecrow- 'Cinderella'. The children worked very hard and were very proud of her. We have enjoyed being outside this week, but please remember to send your child in with a named hat, especially as it seems to get warmer as the day goes on!

We have enjoyed playing turn taking games inside. We have been working together outside to skip and play bat and ball.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Emma - Yr R

Dinner Star



Annie - Yr 2

Playtime



Riyan - Yr 1

Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



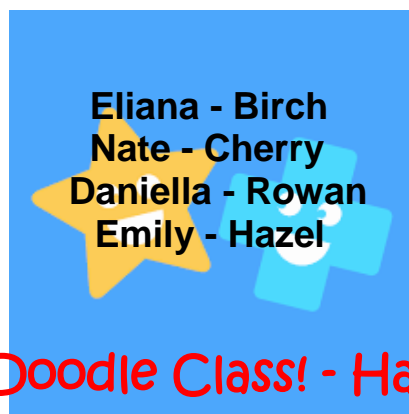
Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Top Maths Doodlers



Top Doodle Class! - Hazel

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The PTA

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