



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### Message from Mr Lea

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the new academic year!

I would like to begin by saying what a fantastic start all of our pupils have made! It truly is a pleasure to walk around the school and see the amazing work that your children are completing - they are displaying a great deal of enthusiasm in their learning!

Thanks to all of the families who have already signed up to Class Dojo - it is proving to be a very useful tool in bringing home and school together.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended the first of my 'Discover more ..' sessions - I hope they found it useful and there will be more throughout the year.

I am sure you will have seen how improved the front of the school and the surrounding wall looks - we have more developments coming soon!

**WE HAVE AN EXCITING WORKSHOP COMING UP FOR KS2 SOON - WE NEED BOXES, BOTTLES AND TUBES! IF YOU HAVE ANY PLEASE BRING THEM IN - YOUR CHILD MIGHT EVEN EARN A HOUSE DOJO POINT!**

### Mendham News

**Dates:**

21-22.09.23 Bikeability Year 6  
02.10.23 Individual Photographs  
06.10.23 FOMSA AGM 3.15pm at School  
09.11.23 Flu vaccinations

**Transition:**

27.09.23 SHS open evening,  
21.09.23 Harleston open evening,

### Consortium Trust Parental Survey Information

Dear All,

Welcome to a new academic year!

We would like to thank all parents who completed the surveys last year and invite all new parents/carers to the Trust to take part in the termly surveys this year, these surveys help us to track the parent view across all our settings.

The results of the survey will be shared with Academy Heads and the Trust Board on a school by school basis and in time the cycle of surveys will provide us with a snapshot of where parents are and allow us to develop plans to respond to any emerging issues.

We would very much like to encourage you to complete the Autumn Term survey by clicking on the following link <https://forms.gle/8tK9CJQQ7dH8Dg158>

Please complete the survey by Monday 25th September 2023.

#### Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

As we returned to school children in Seedlings showed an interest in the fruit growing in the school orchard. Windfall apples have been cleared to make compost, cut up and cooked in the mud kitchen, squashed with a mortar and pestle to extract the juice in the potion station and used for painting and printing on the outdoor easel.



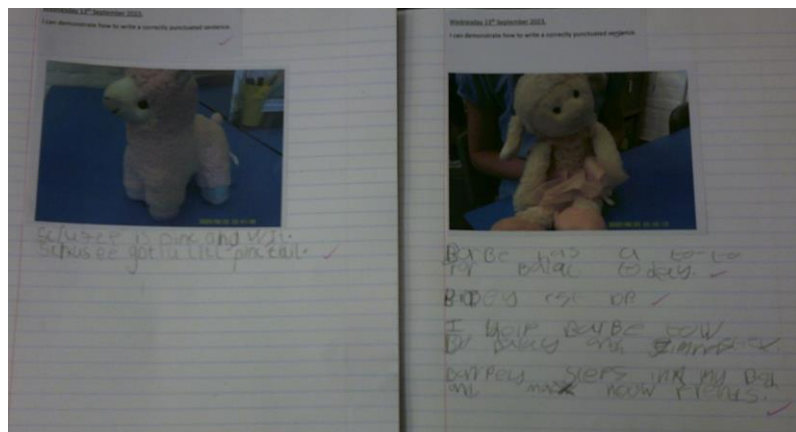
In the classroom we made apple crumble with apples picked from the trees. The children were able to bring this home to share with their families.



#### Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

What a fantastic start to the new academic year Pine Class have had! The children have settled quickly into the new routines and are already learning so much. They are all eager to contribute to lessons and this gives us an exciting class environment where the children are very much an active part of their learning.

In literacy we have been working on writing perfect sentences. On Wednesday the children brought in their favourite teddy bears and wrote super sentences about them, using capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and even some adjectives!

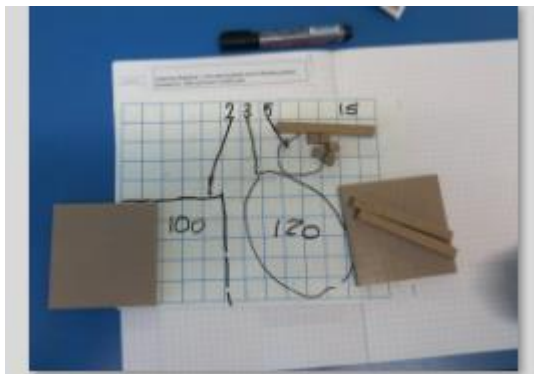




Science this term is about what humans need to survive, grow and stay healthy. Last week we planned what we would need for a trip to Mars and this week we found out about healthy and unhealthy foods- sorting them into groups before drawing our own plate of healthy food. Next week we will be having a visit from a calf so we can consider how animals change and grow. Photos to follow!

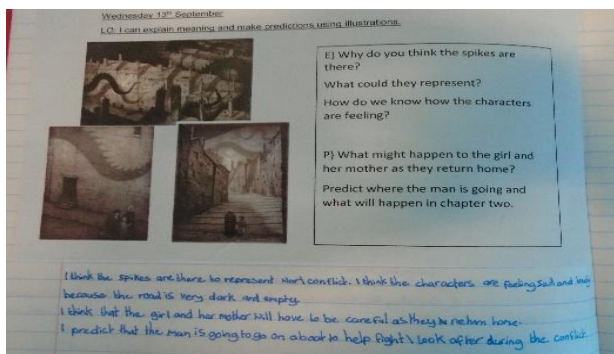
### Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

In Juniper class we have been looking at local habitats and finding out about where different living things live. We looked under rocks and in trees to discover what was living there. The children found lots of species and they drew pictures of them and their habitats. We have also discussed that plants and trees are also living things which require different habitats to survive.



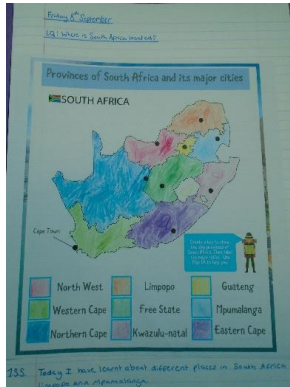
In maths we have been learning about place value. The children have been making numbers with base ten and calculating how many 1000s, 100s, 10s and 1s are in their number. We have also been breaking the numbers into different values to show that numbers can be made differently.

### Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class



Children in Sycamore class have started the term off in an excellent manner! They have started to look at our theme for this term which is 'Do all societies impact the planet the same way?'

In our whole class reading sessions this week we have been discussing the picture book 'The Arrival'. Using their skills of curiosity, the children have just started to delve into the book and look at the issues of immigration and refugees. There have been some fantastic thoughts, questions and answers!



We have just started our Geography lessons for this term and will focus on Geography skills whilst we study 'South Africa'. We will look into population, environments and how these can have an impact on our planet!

