



The Waveney Valley Partnership
Mendham Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 31st January 2025

Message from Mr Lea

Dear Parents

Already one month in 2025 - only 2 weeks until half term - where does the time go?

Firstly, I want to thank every single one of my staff for their commitment to our school. They work extremely hard to make our school the success it is. This time of year, when illnesses strike, they have continued to ensure that all of our pupils have work planned for them even if they are absent from school.

As ever, our pupils continue to impress me - their enthusiasm for learning, their efforts in lessons and their eagerness to show off their work has to be commended.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Learn More workshops this week - the powerpoint from the session is available on our school's website. I would also like to pass on my thanks to everyone who has completed the Parents Survey. We will be sharing all of the findings with you as soon as we can!

Have a great weekend and thanks for all of your support.

Mendham News

Please find attached the updated half termly calendar – this will be included with every Newsletter.

Any feedback about this would be most welcome!

Pupil Responsibility News

Our Diversity Champions will be leading a Whole School Assembly on Chinese New Year next week as well as our Wellbeing Champions who will discuss Children's Mental Health Week!

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be talking about how to cross the road safely and parking near the school on Thursday 13th February. They will be asking the children to create posters to highlight these key areas – there will be prizes for the most imaginative and informative ones!

And finally.... Our Head Pupils will be presenting awards for our key characteristics of being COLLABORATIVE, PURPOSEFUL and RESPECTFUL in each Celebration Assembly.

Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

Continuing our work around Superheroes Seedlings have been investigating the best substance to trap a superhero. The children helped to make some jelly, cornflour and water gloop and were given a jug of water. Following discussion, it was decided they would put a superhero in the jelly and put it in the fridge, put a superhero in some gloop and place one in classroom and one in the fridge. Then finally to put some water with a superhero and place it in the freezer. We will find out which was the best substance to trap a Superhero very soon!



Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

We have been busy in foundation subjects this half term so far. In Music the children have loved watching and listening to the story of Peter and the Wolf. We have learnt which instruments are played for each animal and thought about the sounds made represent how the animal moves. This week we looked at how music is written, and the children designed their own way to write down a short sequence.

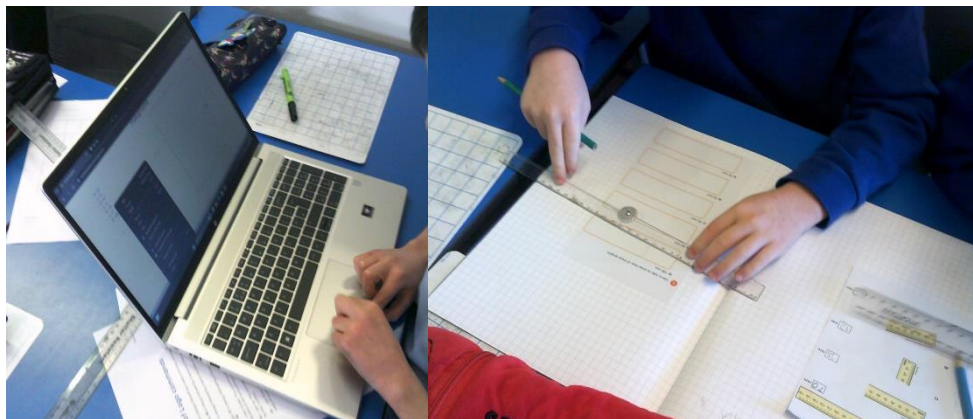
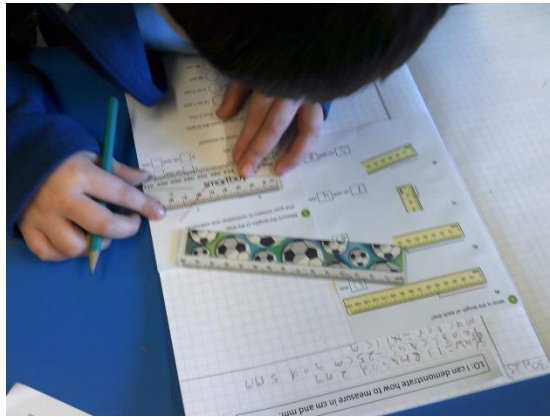


In Geography we are learning to compare the geographical features of a country different to our own and have been learning about Ecuador. The children were interested to find out that Quito is the nearest capital city to the equator and that Ecuador only has two seasons, wet and dry! We will be moving on to learn about the rainforests of Ecuador including the layers of the rainforest, the creatures that live there and the people that make the rainforest their home.

Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

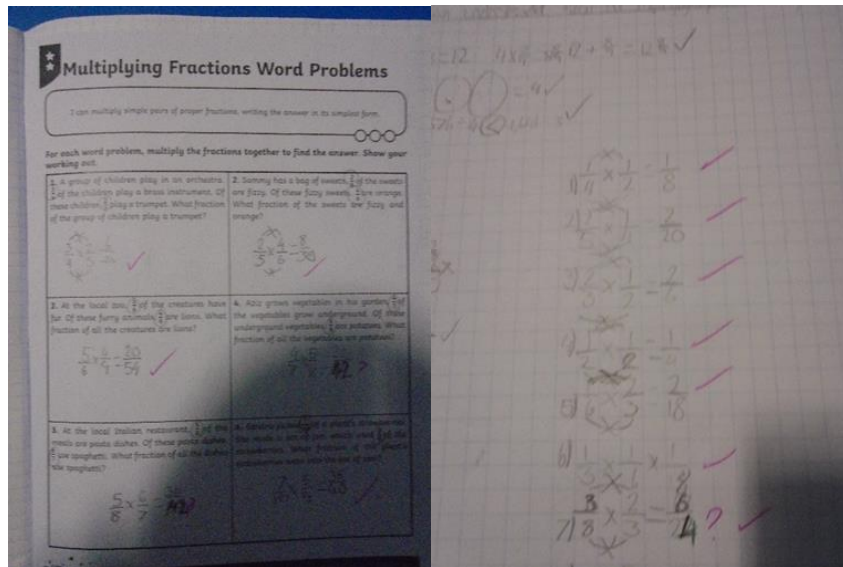
In maths, Juniper have been very purposeful measuring items in cm and mm. We had to measure accurately making sure we started at zero on our rulers. We have also been using our rulers to draw accurate lengths. We are looking forward to using meter rules to measure too. We have also been thinking about the best unit to measure distances in.

In computing we have been programming a sprite to make different letters. We have been typing in commands carefully to enable the sprite to move around the screen. The children have been experimenting with FD commands, turns and making the sprite move only to the edge of the screen.

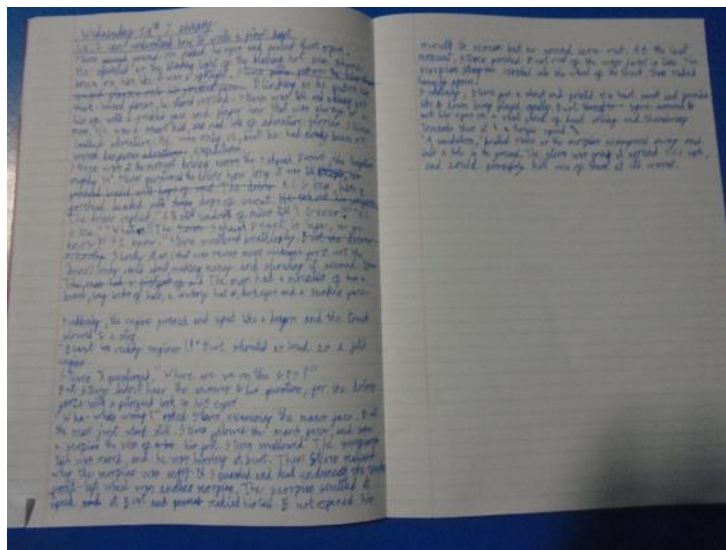


Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

The children in Sycamore have been working hard learning all about fractions! They have been learning how to multiply fractions by integers and fractions by fractions as well as dividing fractions from both unit and non-unit fractions and mixed number fractions.



They have also started writing their drafts of their adventure stories. They have been studying the book 'The Explorer' and have now begun using their own creativity and imaginations to create their own work as an author! I am looking forward to reading these!



Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:
www.suffolksp.org.uk

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.

Diary dates:

03.02.25 Children's mental health week
07.02.25 NSPCC number day
10.02.25 Parental engagement : Sycamore 3-3.30 pm
11.02.25 Seedlings - Dramatots
11.02.25 Safer Internet day
13.02.25 Nursery stay and play: 1.30-3pm
14.02.25 Sharing assembly 8.45 am
14.02.25 Parental engagement : Juniper 3-3.30 pm
14.02.25 Parental engagement : Pine 3-3.30 pm

w/b 17.02.25 HALF TERM

25.02.25 SHS Sycamore transition drama morning
21.03.25 Comic relief
28.03.25 Exploring science educational visit Pine class