

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to our third newsletter!

This week in school, our Maths Lead Mrs. Penfold and I have been in all classes looking at the delivery of our new maths approach 'Can Do Maths'. Please see a link to the website [here](#). We were pleased to see that all children are using manipulatives to support their understanding of mathematical concepts, and that our 'Maths on Track' meetings are happening every afternoon alongside our morning maths lessons. We plan to invite you in to see our Maths in action before the end of Autumn term.

Parent consultation information will be coming out to you on Monday so please check and make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher so that we can discuss progress so far this term. Each slot will be for ten minutes, if you require a longer meeting, then please arrange this via the office or separately with the teacher so that we can keep to schedule.

Can I just also please remind you about parking outside of school. I know we don't have much space, but please be mindful of the houses close by, and ensure that driveways are not blocked.

Wishing you a great weekend! Ms. Lucca and the Marshland Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

2nd - Harvest Festival in school hall @ 2.45pm, all welcome.

16th - 1/2B Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

23rd: Parent Consultations

24th: Training Day - Children should not attend school

November

6th New Reception Open session @ 2.15pm - Please share!

13th - 5/6P Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

20th - NRC Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

27th - 3/4A Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

More dates will be added each week so please do check.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please don't forget about our Harvest Festival on Thursday 2nd October at 2.45pm, all are welcome. We do still need donations of the following items so that we can make a difference to others.

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Tea bags - 40s
- Chocolate & children's treats

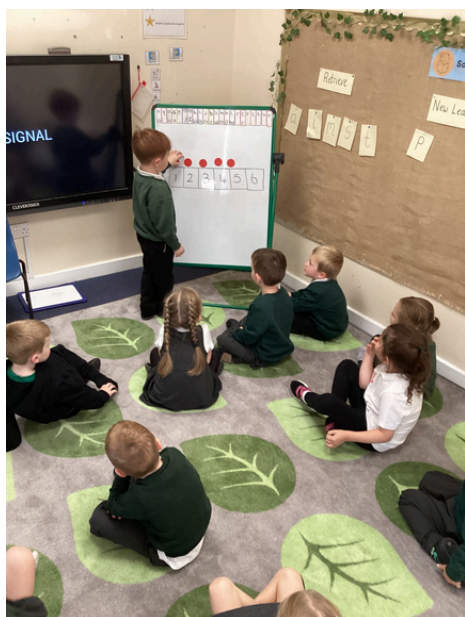


OUR CURRICULUM FOCUS: MATHS

As I said earlier, our learning walks this week have been planned around the teaching of maths in all areas of the school., here is a snippet of what has been happening!

NRC

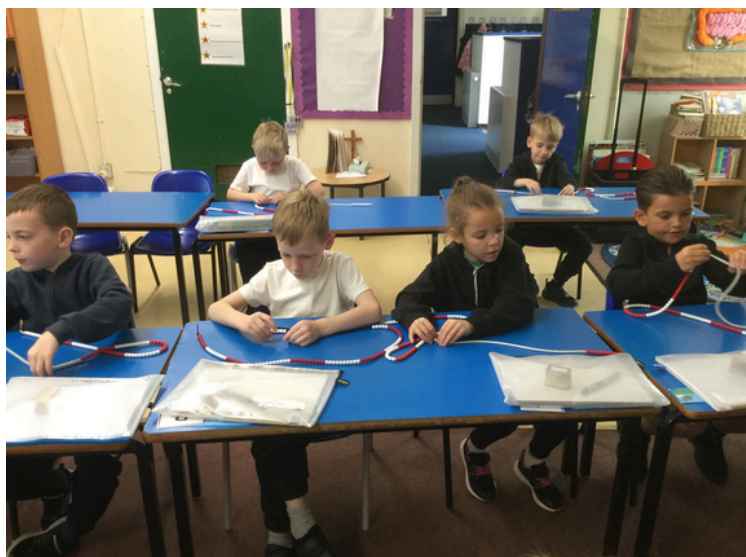
This week in our Maths lessons Reception children have continued to deepen their understanding of the number 5. We have listened to sounds and counted things we can see, hear and things we can't touch. At the end of the week, we enjoyed using number tracks to count objects up to 5 and have loved demonstrating to Colin how to do things the right way when he makes a mistake. In this lesson we understood that to count on a number track we must start on the number one and continue to follow the sequence or we will count our objects incorrectly. Nursery have been working with Mrs. Matthews developing their understanding of number 3. The children have enjoyed finding things in the classroom in groups of 3 and counting them together to check they have the right amount. Well done N/RC class.



1/2B

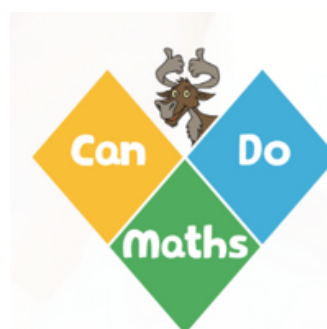
In 1/2B this week we have been having great fun learning to use our bead strings to count, as well as our tens frames and counters to develop our number recognition.

All children's mathematical understanding is developing as we use manipulatives to model the concepts being taught - well done everyone, you are working so hard!



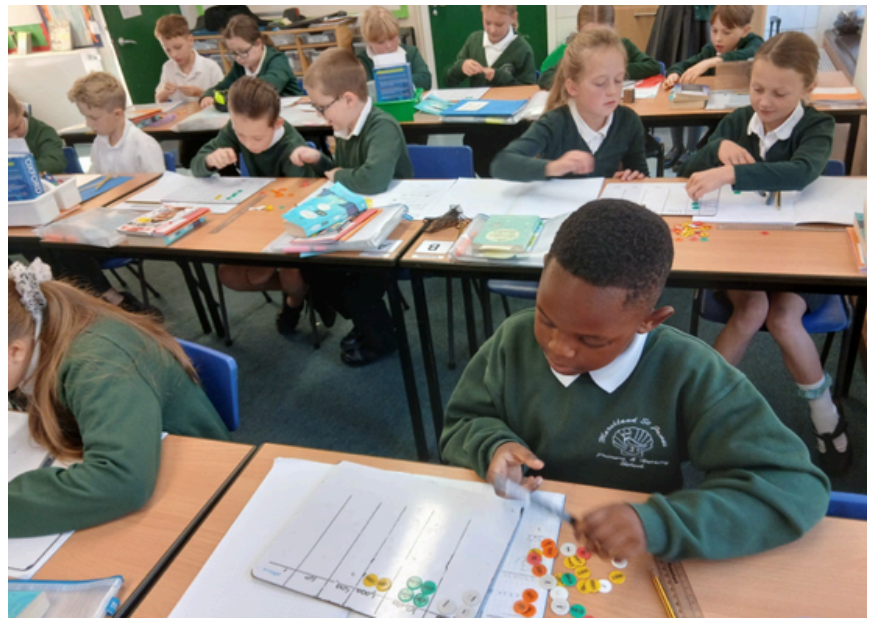
3/4A

This week the children in Year 3 and 4 have been developing their Place Value knowledge. They have been representing numbers in different ways using a variety of practical resources (manipulatives) such as counters and base-ten blocks. These activities are helping them to understand the value of each digit in a number and to build a strong foundation for future maths learning



5/6P

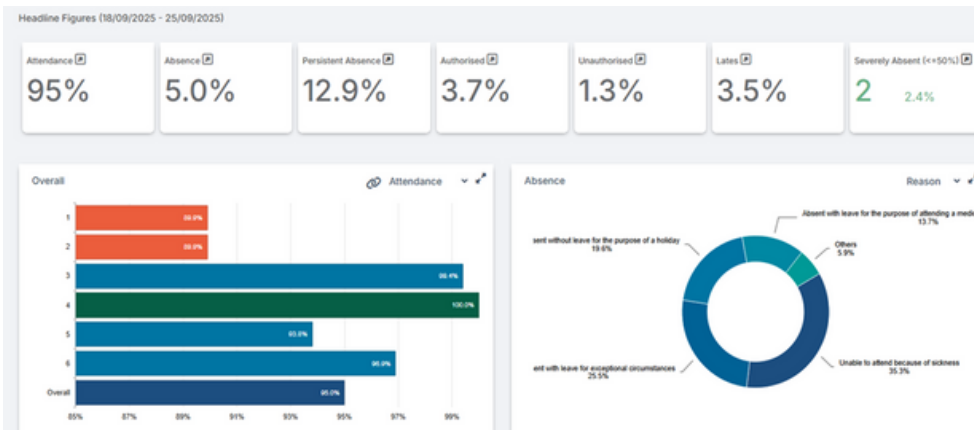
In Maths this week, Year 5s having been exploring numbers with up to 6 digits, understanding their values and really looking at the composition of number. Year 6s have begun to explore negative numbers in context and started to calculate with them. In our Maths on Track meetings, we have been focusing on the 7 times tables as well as solidifying and consolidating our learning from last week. We are working really hard on talking about our Maths, saying what we notice using correct vocabulary to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.



Maths in action
across the
curriculum!



ATTENDANCE & SAFEGUARDING



Whole school attendance has gone up, which is excellent news!

Let's beat this next week!

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If your child is not in school and we have not heard from you, I will carry out a safe and well check to your home address to check that all is well - this is because we care about you and your child and need to know our families are safe.

Reading books for all children should have been sent home today. Reception Years 1 and 2 should have a phonics book that they can read themselves and to you, containing the sounds they have already learnt. All children should also have brought home a book of their own choice to share with an adult. KS2 phonics assessments are being carried out, and matched books will be sent home next week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to:



ROSA, MAYA, and HENRY, IRIS and JACK (from last week) for being our stars of the week. You should be very proud of yourselves!

Thank you to all the parents that attended our special celebration Collective Worship this morning - it is always lovely to have you in, I'm so sorry I could not be there today.