

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 2



Spotlight

Tomorrow is Barkway Market 2026! Come along with friends and family to support the local traders!

Our lovely FOBB's team will be running our annual BBQ stall, so keep an eye out for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Barkway Market

9th May

* Bank Holidays

School will be closed
• 25th May

* Forest School

Reception & Y1
• 21st May
• 12th June
• 25th June

* Half Term

25th May – 1st June

“Living life in all it's fullness” – John 10

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful long weekend. The children returned full of joy and energy, and it has been lovely to see them so enthusiastic about their learning.

It has been a pleasure to hear the stories from Years 3 and 4 following their trip to PGL. The children exercised perseverance, teamwork and took part in a range of exciting activities including fencing, zip wiring and raft building.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 1 phonics screening meeting organised by Mrs Gould. The Year 1 team are busy preparing the children for the national phonics screening check.

I enjoyed visiting Year 2 this week and hearing about their story planning as they prepare for their upcoming writing.

In PE, Mrs Whitaker has been teaching Years 3 and 4 how to safely use a springboard to jump onto a mat. The children showed excellent progress and confidence as they developed their skills.

At Barkway, pupils have been rehearsing moving in different ways, focusing on coordination and control. It's always wonderful to hear about their progression and see it in action.

Please remember to come along to Barkway Market this Saturday, where we will be running a BBQ selling delicious burgers and sausages. Thank you to Mrs Whitaker and FOBBs for their continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Mière

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week's Star of the Week goes to Grace! Who has shown fantastic learning during our maths activities! Grace confidently sorted animals into long, short, and tall groups, demonstrating a great understanding of size and comparison. We were so impressed with her focus, enthusiasm, and willingness to join in. Grace used thoughtful observations and explained their ideas clearly—what a brilliant effort! Well done for your hard work and positive attitude. Keep it up!



Reception

Matthew is our shining star this week! This week, our Star of the Week has been working incredibly hard in our phonics lessons! Matthew has shown great care and determination in his writing, making sure each letter is the correct size and sits neatly on the line. We are especially proud of how he is beginning to segment longer words, such as freshness, showing growing confidence and increasing independence in spelling. Well done for your fantastic effort and focus—you are making wonderful progress. Keep it up!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Saffron. Saffron was a superstar in the Apple class yoga lesson this week. Saffron always enjoys our yoga lessons with Jane. She listens carefully and follows the instructions for the yoga flow movements and games. This week Saffron had lots of fun playing the big drum, carefully listening and copying the different rhythms. Well done Saffron!

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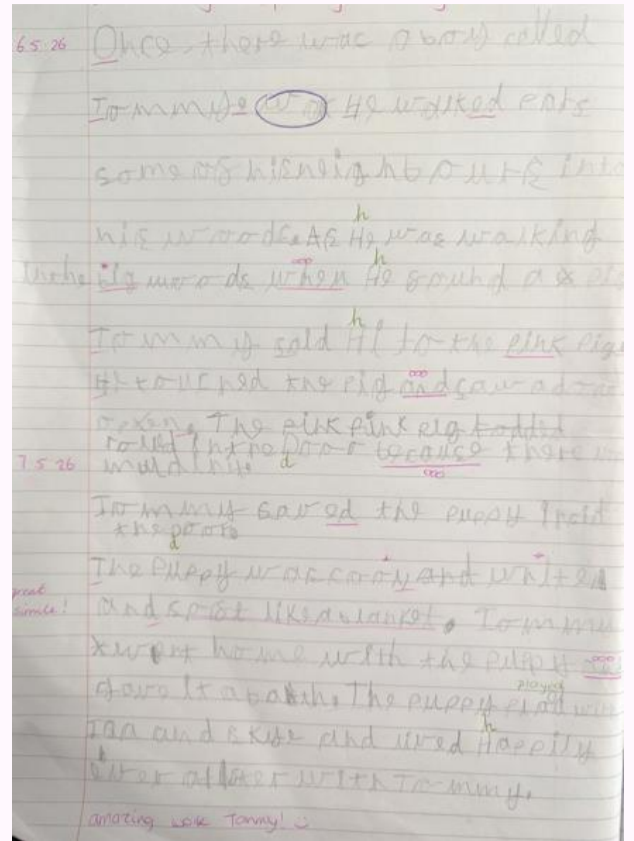
Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Tommy, Tommy wrote a fantastic story that ticked off everything on our learning objectives! He even extended himself by using a range of conjunctions and a simile!

We are all super impressed with your writing Tommy!!!!

Once there was a boy called Tommy. He walked past some of his neighbours into his woods. As he was walking in the big woods when he found a pig. Tommy said hi to the pink pig. He touched the pig and saw a door open. The pink pig rolled in the door because there was mud in it. Tommy saved the puppy inside the door. The puppy was cool, white, and soft like a blanket. Tommy gave it a bath. The puppy played with Isla and Sky and lived happily ever with Tommy.



Year 3

Isaac is our star of the week and there isn't enough space to list all of his achievements this week.



He independently published his persuasive speech on the laptop. He persevered in PE using the springboard confidence. Isaac also shone in maths this week when we rehearsed drawing fractions and representing the "whole" in different ways.

Well done Isaac!

Year 4

This week, our star of the week is Lorena. We have been learning about decimals which is a new topic in Year 4 and



Lorena found it tricky at first. However, she persevered with her learning and is now quickly able to say what decimal is being shown and can write it as a fraction (hundredth) and as a decimal.

Well done Lorena, we are proud of your tenacity!

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Sports Star

We've been waiting for everyone to be together to share this one.

Elsie, Harry, Tommy and Ophelia have a shared star for their amazing running efforts at the mini marathon!

They were entered in to the older category which meant that they were the youngest members to run 2.6k out of 10,000 children.

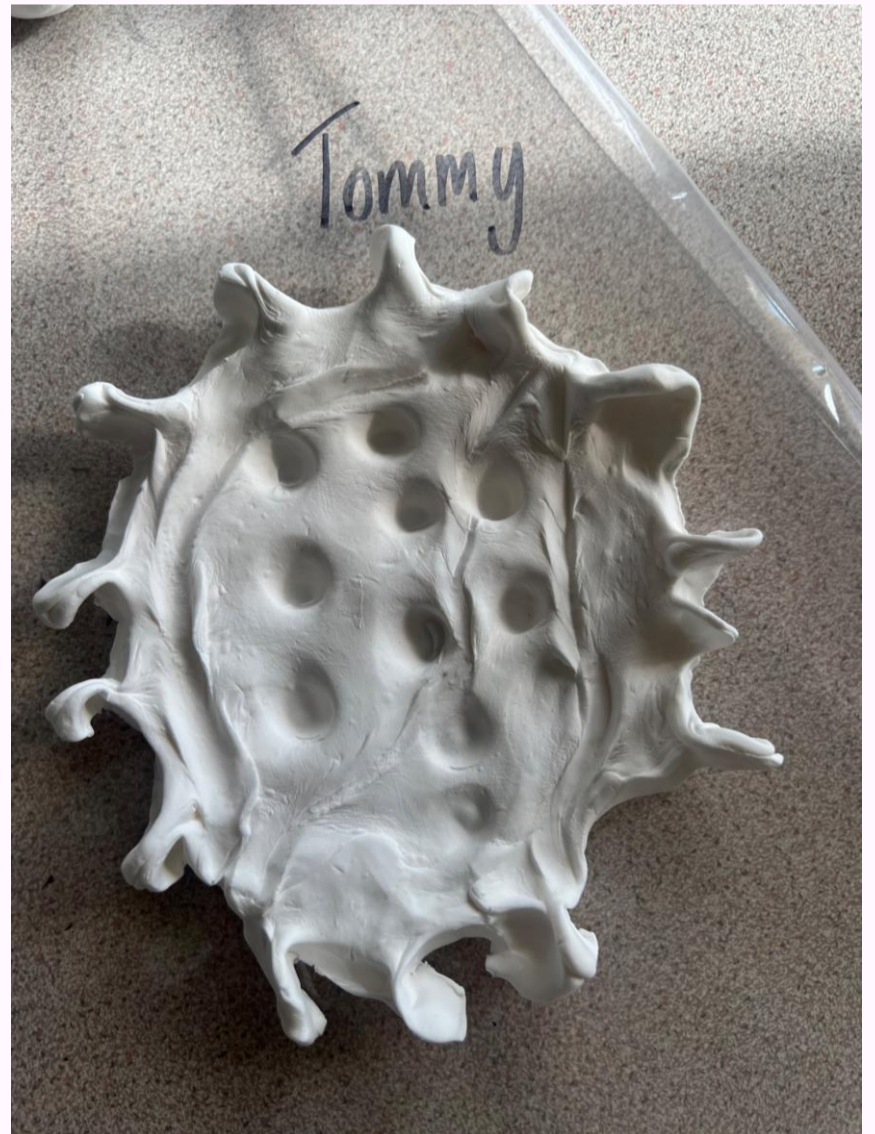
Could not be prouder of them and will celebrate this further with the other children that ran for our amazing school on their return from PGL.

They also collectively raised £130 for their school.

Art Star

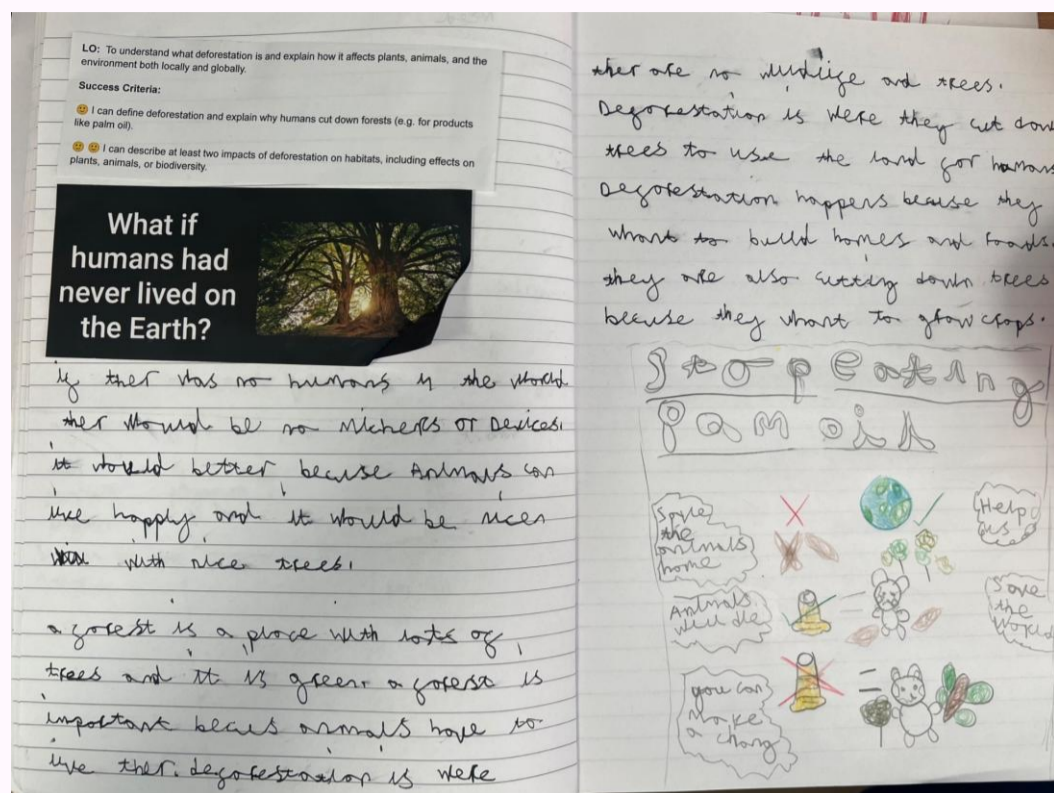
This week Tommy in Year 2 is our art star. We have been learning about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kasuma and this week we made sculptures inspired by her work. Tommy careful observed the shapes used by the artist and recreated them in his own sculpture.

Well done Tommy!



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Science Star

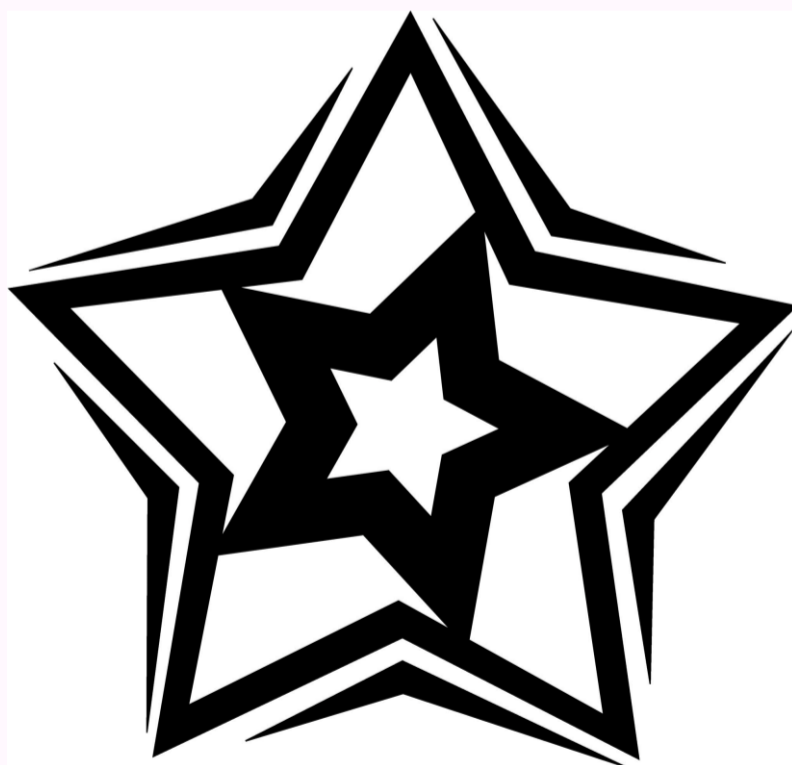
This week Aria in Year 4 is our science star. We have been learning about deforestation and what it means for the world around us.

Aria could describe the effects of deforestation on habitats and created an excellent poster explaining how people can help by avoiding products containing palm oil.

Oracy Star

This week our Oracy Star is Reggie in Year 2. Mrs Porter was so impressed with your story telling and loved hearing the confidence with which Reggie spoke to her. His story was about a child who went off to PGL on a coach! I wonder where he got his magnificent ideas from.

Well done Reggie!



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Happy Birthday

A big
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to
Sir David Attenborough
who is celebrating his
100th Birthday this
week!



This weeks activities

Oak Class

This week in EYFS, the children have been exploring the exciting world of space through learning about the Artemis rocket launch, led by NASA. The children were fascinated to discover how powerful rockets travel beyond Earth and help astronauts explore the Moon and beyond.

Through stories, discussions, and imaginative play, the children learned about what astronauts do in space. They explored how astronauts live, work, and even sleep in a spacecraft, as well as the special suits they wear to stay safe. The children especially enjoyed pretending to be astronauts themselves, going on their own “missions” and working together as a team.

In our creative area, the children took part in a range of space-themed art activities. They created colourful paintings of planets, experimenting with mixing colours and different textures. The children also enjoyed printing planets using a variety of tools, creating wonderful patterns to represent the surfaces of different worlds.

This topic has supported the children’s curiosity and encouraged them to ask thoughtful questions about the world beyond our planet. It has also helped to develop their communication, creativity, and understanding of the wider world in a fun and engaging way.

We are very proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to continuing our space-themed learning adventures!



This weeks activities

Apple Class

Apple Class absolutely love their PE lessons with the fabulous Mrs Whitaker! Last week, they had great fun working together to draw maps of the playground for an orienteering session. This provided some lovely cross curricular work with Geography and Maths!

This week they continued to build on their teamwork skills. The children had to rely on each other to work together to guide their tyres around a course and to problem solve how to transport tennis balls from one end of the playground to the other without them touching the floor.

Great work everyone!

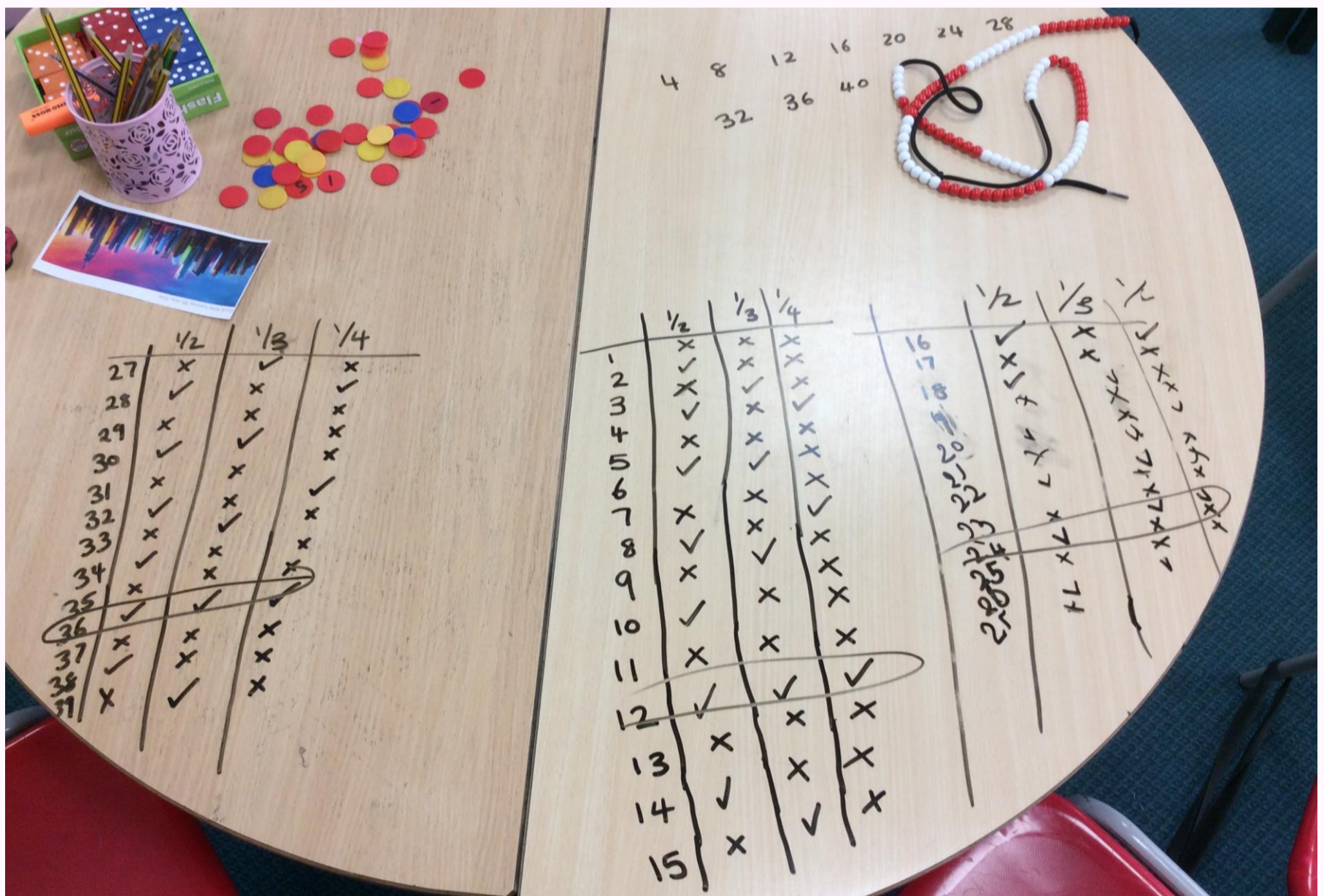


This weeks activities

Hazel Class

Year 2 have worked incredibly hard on their fractions this week. On Tuesday afternoon, the children collaborated brilliantly to complete a tricky maths challenge: finding which numbers can be split equally into halves, quarters and thirds.

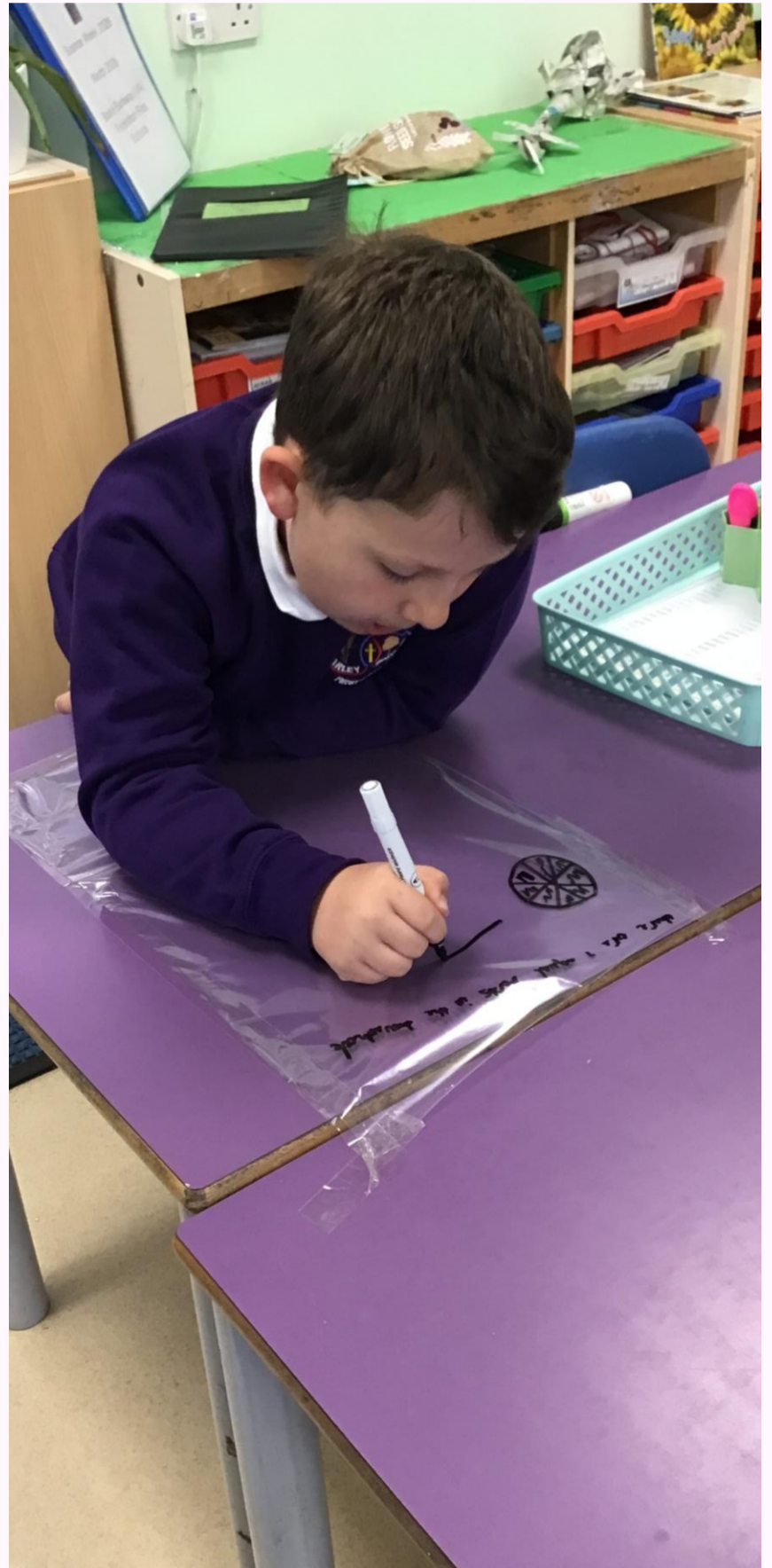
Using counters to share amounts into equal groups, the children explored how fractions work in a practical way before applying their times tables knowledge to spot patterns and make predictions. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, reasoning skills and growing confidence as mathematicians throughout the activity.



This weeks activities

Beech Class

Year 3 showed fantastic fraction learning this week in maths. They learnt how to add and subtract fractions and represent the whole. They used precise mathematical vocabulary including numerator, denominator, the whole and equal parts.



This weeks activities

Sycamore Class

Year 4 have been continuing to learn about decimals this week. We have been making the whole with tenths and hundredths using different maths equipment. The thing we enjoyed the most was drawing on our 100 squares with the white board pens to show how many hundredths we had!

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0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20
0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.30
0.31	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40
0.41	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50
0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.57	0.58	0.59	0.60
0.61	0.62	0.63	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.70
0.71	0.72	0.73	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.80
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This weeks activities

Pupil Voice Results

Eliza – We, the school council met this week to talk about our Attendance Matters Project.

Maisie: We reviewed pupil voice collect and the winning chant is **A.I.M – Attend Improve Move Forward!!!**

Ellie-May: Say it with us

ALL: A.I.M – Attend Improve Move Forward!!!

Annie: The winning song was:

ALL: Song: **On Time,**
 We Shine,
 No Miss,
 High Five!!

Willow: We looked at pupil voice on rewards for whole class great attendance and the winners were:

Alice:

- **Golden Time (WHOLE afternoon)**
- **Trip to local park**
- **Water Fun (WHOLE afternoon)**
- **Lego Building**

Eliza: On a Monday at the end of Collective Worship we can announce the winning class from last week. We can put the rewards in a pot and pull one out to see which one we get!



BARLEY BARKWAY BAKE OFF

*Friday 15th May 2026 at 4pm
Barley School Site*

ENTER FOR FREE

3 judges - prizes for the winner and runner-up

Grab a slice starting from 50p and upwards

Drinks will be available to buy throughout
the competition

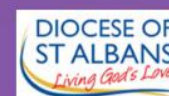
Or why not have a cup of tea for free?

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