

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 2



Spotlight

To our new starters: don't forget to get your uniform order into Mapac – alternatively we have a selection of second hand available for just £1 per item.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** Nursery & Reception Stay & Play dates:**

- 9th July – 9.00am until 12.00pm **Children only**

*** Transition Day**

- 9th July

*** End Of Term**

- 23rd July – EYFS & Y1 to finish at 12.30 and Y2, 3 and 4 finish at 12.45pm.

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

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a welcome change it has been to enjoy a much cooler week at BBF! After last week's hot weather, the cooler temperatures have certainly been appreciated by children and staff alike.

We began the week by sharing our staffing structure for the next academic year. There was lots of excitement around school the following day as the children discovered who their new teacher(s) will be. It is always a special milestone and wonderful to see everyone looking forward to the year ahead.

This week we also held our New to Year 1 meeting. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to hear about our exciting plans for next year and to meet Mrs Porter, who will be teaching Year 1. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We hope you found the session informative and are feeling excited about your child's next learning journey. If you were unable to make it, handouts are available, and both Mrs Porter and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Tuesday morning was a particularly special one as our Barkway children joined Barley for a whole Federation singing assembly. It was wonderful to see everyone together, and it provided a lovely transition opportunity for our Year 1 children ahead of their move in September. Afterwards, our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a fantastic PE lesson on the tennis courts, putting into practice the skills they have been developing over recent weeks.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and their families back for our second Stay and Play session. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves in Oak Class and becoming more familiar with their new surroundings. Our third session took place today, and we hope everyone had another enjoyable time together.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our BBF Sports Day this afternoon. We hope you enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon cheering on our children. A very special thank you goes to Mrs Whitaker for organising and leading such a fantastic event. Her enthusiasm, energy and commitment are truly appreciated, and they helped make the afternoon such a great success.

We will keep you updated on our house point totals over the coming weeks, so keep an eye on future newsletters! Thank you to all the families who came along to support the children, and bonus points to those who joined in the fun by wearing their child's house colour! Most importantly, well done to every one of our children. We are incredibly proud of the positive sportsmanship, determination and encouragement they showed throughout the afternoon.

There is plenty to look forward to next week. Our EYFS children will be visiting Hay Green Farm and enjoying their seaside-themed day, complete with a visit from Punch and Judy. Years 2, 3 and 4 will be taking part in a rounders tournament during PE, while Reception and Year 1 will be enjoying another Forest School session.

Finally, next Thursday, 9th July, is our whole-school Transition Day. All of our children will spend the day in their new classes, getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. It will also be an exciting day for our Year 4 children as they visit their new middle schools. We wish every one of them the very best of luck and hope they all have a wonderful day filled with excitement and new experiences.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another busy and exciting week together.

Best wishes,

Miss Mière

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

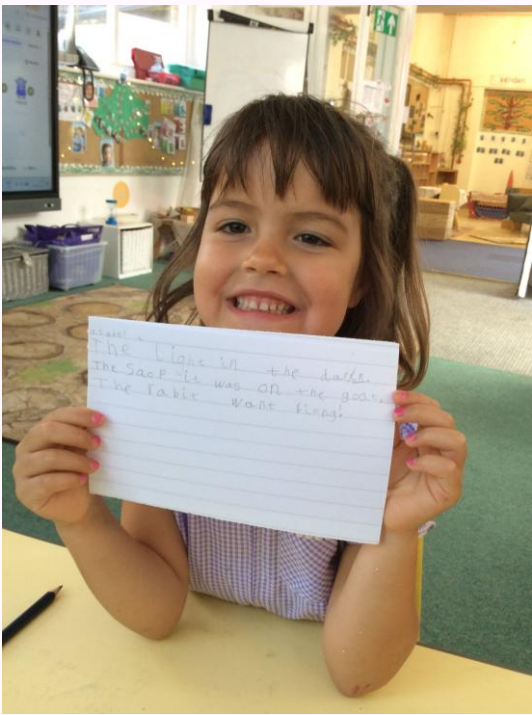
This week Grace is our shining star. We are so proud of her efforts in writing her name and her use of phonics. Grace has been trying so hard with her phonics and we are very proud of her efforts. She was able to write the



word “fish” independently and used it in her story., Grace also made a lovely play-doh fish and enjoyed talking about it. She is working really hard on recognising and writing her name, Grace, and is showing great determination. Well done, Grace — keep up the fantastic work!

Reception

This week’s Star of the Week goes to Isabel. Isabel is doing really well in her phonics and is growing in confidence with her reading and writing. During Drawing Club sessions, she is working hard to remember her finger spaces, full stops, and capital letters in her sentences.



Isabel is also beginning to edit and improve her work carefully using the purple polishing pens. She should be very proud of all the effort she is putting into her learning. Well done, Isabel!



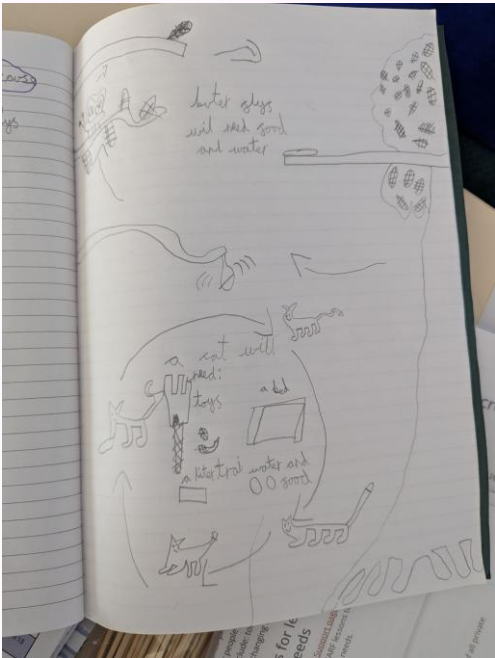
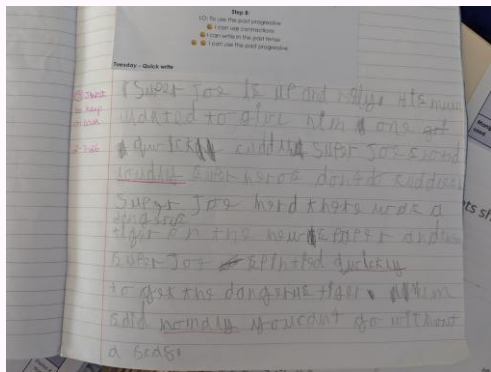
Year 1

This week our star of the week is Saffron. Saffron has really impressed us with her learning this week. In English, Saffron was able to confidently use her phonic sounds to write a variety of words. This is fantastic progress for Saffron and she was very proud of her work. In Maths Saffron did some great work creating numbers in tens! Well done Saffron!

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Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Tommy for his fantastic work in English. Tommy did some FABULOUS writing using a range of adverbs. I am so impressed with how well you have applied our learning in your work Tommy! Well done.



Year 3

This week Storm has worked accurately in maths to draw shapes using a ruler. We have been identifying angles in shapes to prove if a right was an acute angle, an obtuse angle or a right angle. Great work Storm!



Year 4

This week, our star of the week is Reign for her fantastic maths work this week. We have been looking at lines of symmetry and completing symmetrical patterns. Reign was able to see them really clearly and was able to complete some complex patterns with 2 lines of symmetry. Well done Reign!



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Stars of the Week

Science Star

This week Maisie is the science star.

Maisie was using her observation skills to compare different life cycles. She was able to share the differences between a butterfly (insect) and a cat (mammal).

She drew two lovely life cycles in her book and even included what the animals need to survive at different stages!

Well done Maisie.



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This weeks activities

Oak Class

Oak Class have been thoroughly enjoying their water play activities this week. The children explored using oranges and lemons to make their own pretend tea, developing their imagination and communication skills through role play. They also practised forming letters in the water and used boats and small world people to create their own exciting stories and adventures together.

As part of their outdoor learning, the children have been learning how to play hockey and have been developing their teamwork skills brilliantly. They explored the importance of creating equal and unequal teams and discussed why it is important for teams to be fair and balanced. The children also practised recording their scores carefully and enjoyed working together during games and challenges.



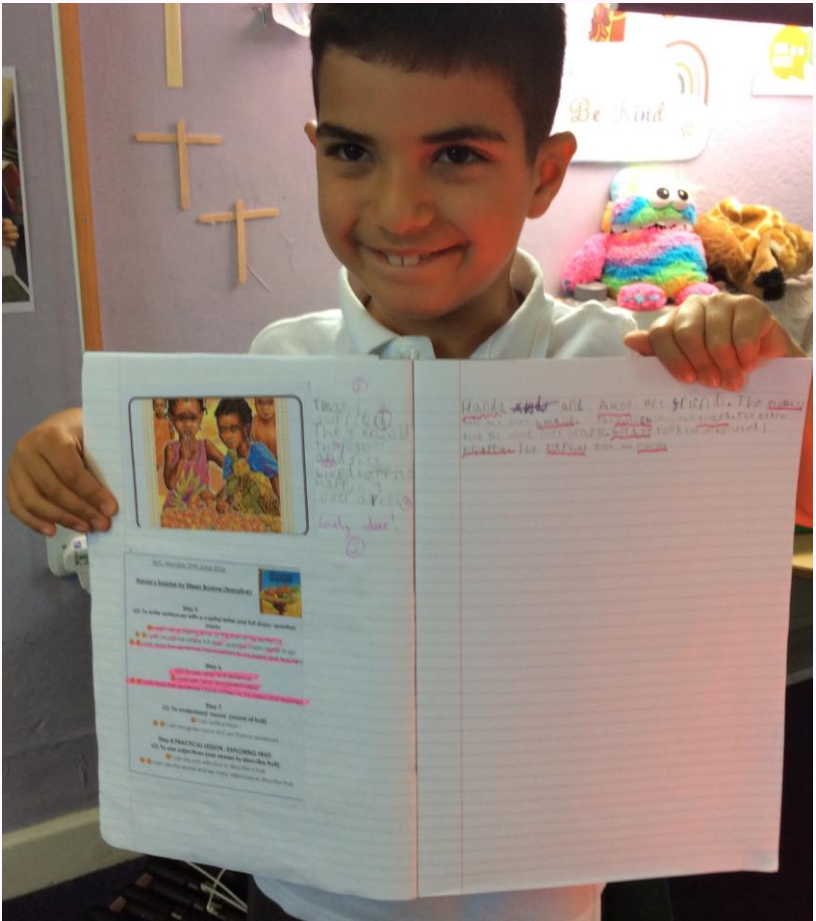
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Apple Class

For the last two weeks, Apple Class have been learning all about the story 'Handa's Suprise'. First, we created a class story map together, using time conjunctions and adjectives. The children were then able to recite the story using the story map which is fantastic for their speaking and listening skills. I was really impressed with some children who stood up in front of the class and recited the whole story to their friends.

The children were then able to use this story map to have a go at writing the story. The children knew the story well at this point and is was fantastic to see some lovely extended pieces of writing.

The children then moved on to learning all about nouns. They wrote sentences about the story and then used a pink pen to highlight the nouns. The children did a great job finding the nouns and provided good explanations for how they knew it was a noun.



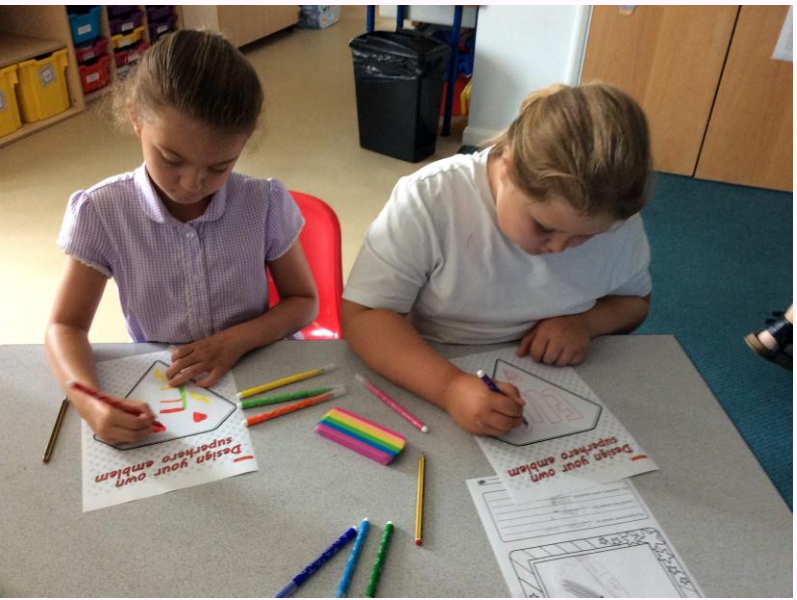
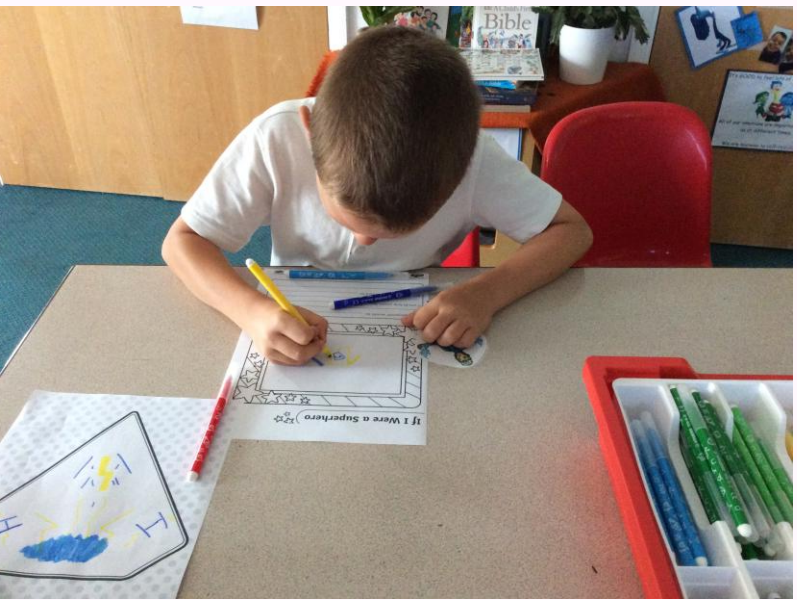
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Hazel Class

In year 2 we have been reading the book “SuperJoe does not do cuddles”.

This week we were designing our own characters and thinking about what happens in a superhero stories and role playing them by building cities and having competitions between the superhero and the arch nemesis.

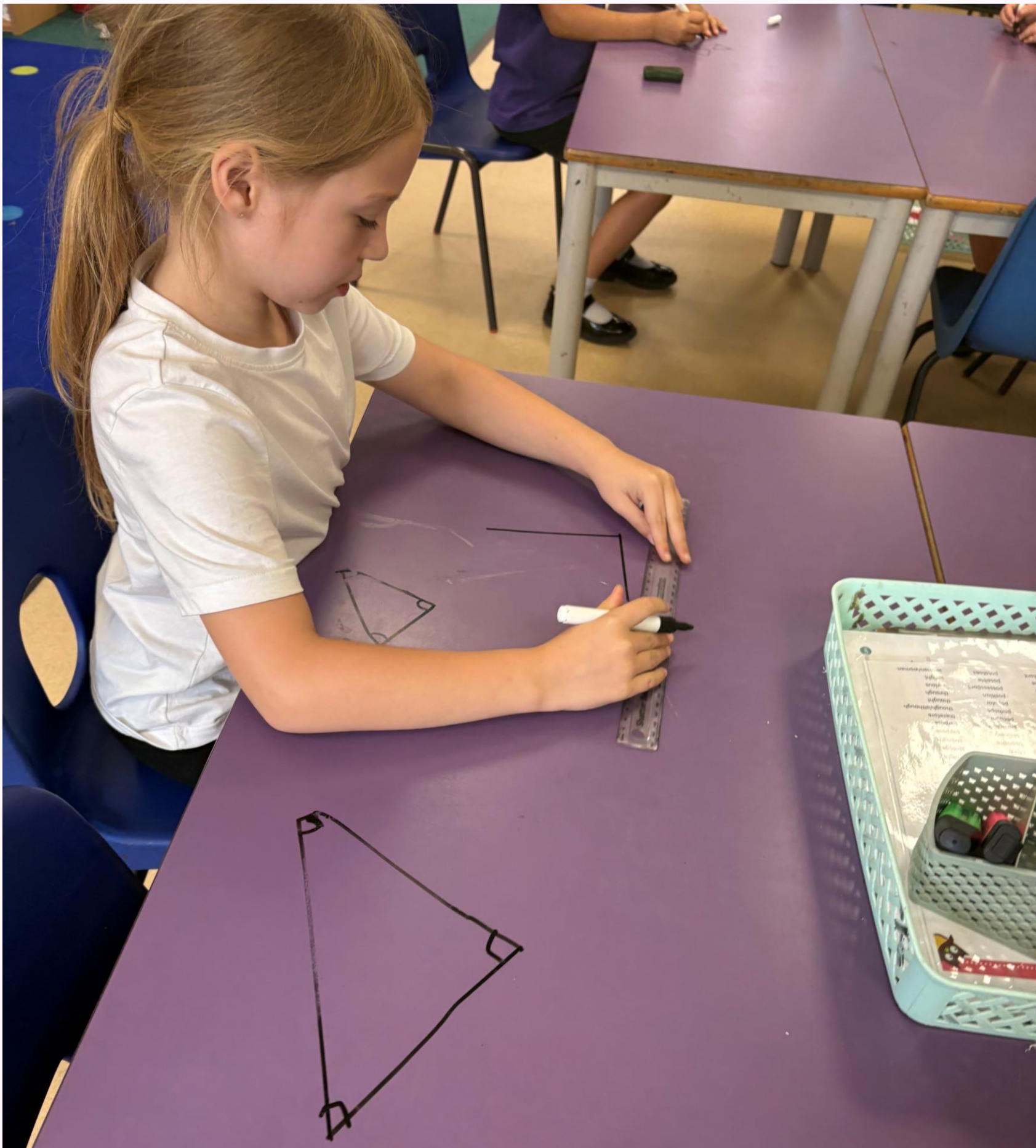
They put up CCTV to keep an eye on the baddies to protect their cities! Unfortunately Harry Hurricane, Tobias Thunder and The Maisie lightening strike defeated Ellie, Ez and IV (invisible Ophelia)!! Tommy, Reggie, Hunter and Vincent played Star Wars villains against Lilypad, luckily Star Wars won!!



This weeks activities

Beech Class

This week in year 3 the children have been using a ruler to identify angles within shapes. We used a "right angle checker" to find right angles in our environment before drawing triangles and quadrilaterals to identify whether the angles were acute, obtuse or right angles.



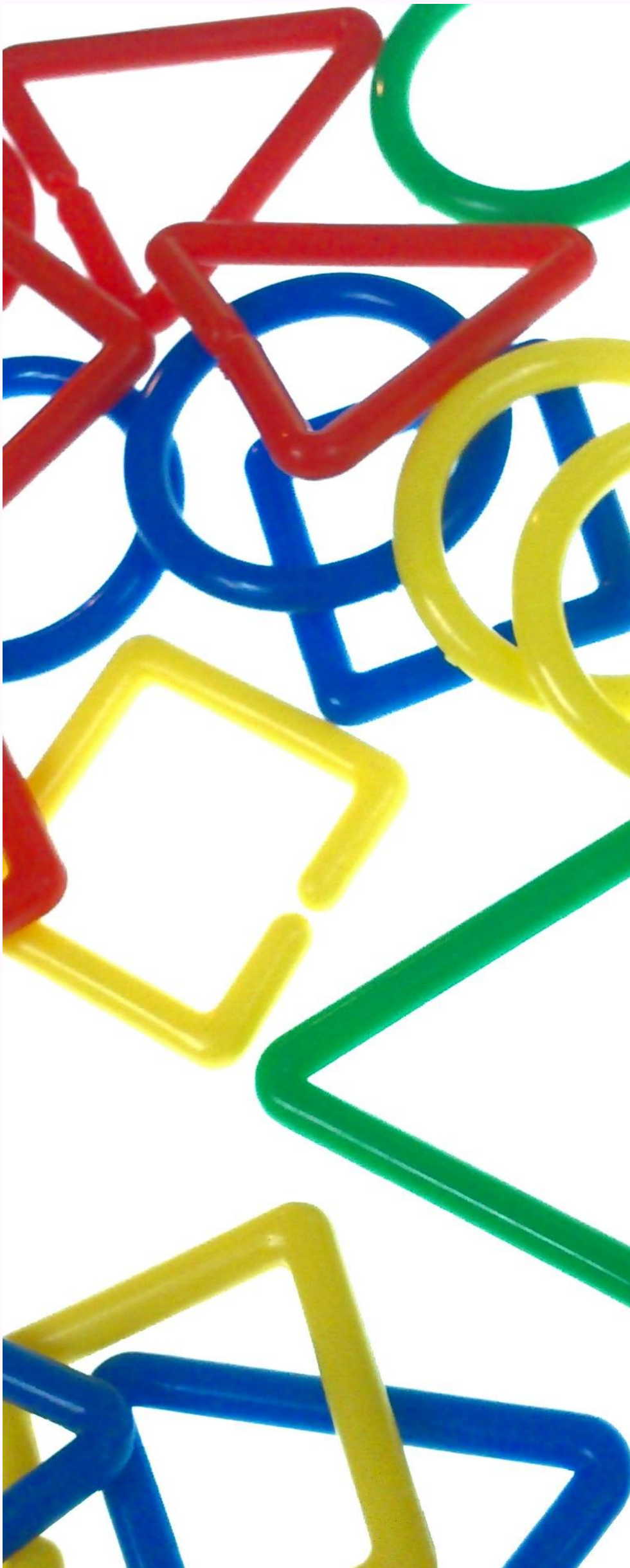
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Sycamore Class

In Year 4 this week we have been looking at naming different shapes. We have learnt that there are 3 types of triangle called equilateral, isosceles and scalene.

We have also found out about rectangles, parallelograms, rhombus and trapeziums which are all types of quadrilateral, four sided shapes.

Our most interesting fact about quadrilaterals is that a square is actually a special type of rectangle!





STAY & PLAY

For new Federation Pupils

Parents/Carers to attend

Tuesday 23rd June - 9.30am until 10.30am

Wednesday 1st July - 9.30am until 10.30am

Friday 3rd July - Nursery only - 10.45am until 11.45am

Children Only

Thursday 9th July - 9.00am until 12.00pm

Email us or give us a call to confirm your attendance:

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