

THE LEARNING LOOP

MESSAGES FROM SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! The children have all been settling back into their routines with their teams. It has been great to see them come back positively and getting stuck right in. As we have been around the school we have heard singing for morning routines, messy play getting used to different textures, reading and diving into new texts, forest school adventures and of course making the classrooms belong to the class.

Some of our classes have welcomed new children where new friendships will form. The children have been welcoming and showing them where they can go and how school works. It has been lovely to see. Classes are organising enrichment with swimming starting for Paxton and Grafham on Monday. Swimming is a great skill to have and we are lucky to have a safe facility and instructors that support us with techniques to get us going in the water.

A gentle reminder that journals from last academic year will be continued to be used this year, please send them back with your child.

We wish you a good weekend ready for a new week!

Carolyn and Jane.



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CLINICAL

This week has seen the launch of the new soft play in our sensory room. Our Occupational Therapist, Nicola Tatham has introduced the space to the children and staff. The children have enjoyed, climbing, jumping, crashing and rolling as part of developing their sensory and motor skills. The children will now benefit from a timetable to be able to access the space with their class. Nicola will be hosting morning drop-in sessions to train staff and children to use the soft play equipment in a structured way to support their physical and sensory development.



The clinical team.



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PAXTON

Paxton's week at school: we have had our first full week of the new school year. We have started learning focusing on new topics including: reading Stitch Head book in Literacy, Place Value activities in Numeracy, Outer Space in Science, Ancient Greece in History, People of Faith in Religious Education and The importance of trees in Geography.

We have enjoyed our Daily Mile walks, which have been accompanied by varying weather throughout the week with some pleasant sunny days and one or two wetter days.

Paxton are starting to make papier-mâché models of planets to link into our learning about Outer Space. We hope to be able to finish these off and decorate them to look like the planets in our solar system.

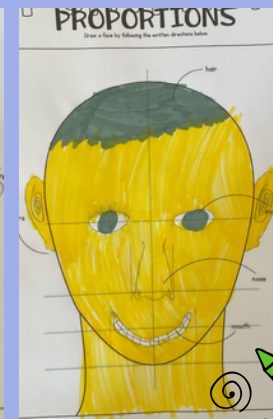


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GRAFHAM

Our journey through time has begun with William the Conqueror, and the students absolutely rose to the challenge. After diving into his story through video, they paired up to piece together his life events like historical detectives, even recalling the pivotal Battle of Hastings 🗡️. The teamwork and communication skills on display were simply brilliant!

Special mention! In art, we have explored portraits! 🎨 This week we studied the features and proportions that make portraits come alive, and the students gave it their all. The results are wonderful, each one showing their unique understanding and creative touch.



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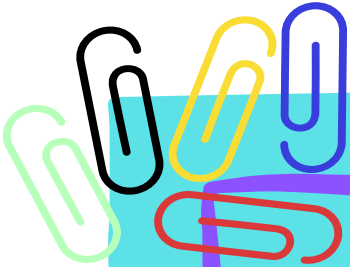
Caxton have had a lovely first full week.

We have been focusing on our class routine and getting used to each other's wants and needs.

We have had a focus on communicating and listening to others using a range of different methods.

We have loved getting messy in handwriting, Exploring the forest at forest school and going on our daily mile regularly come rain or shine!

It has been wonderful to watch confidence grow and students slowly coming out of the shells!



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BARTON

What an adventure 🌲 Barton class stepped into the forest for the very first time this week, and let me tell you, Mother Nature did not disappoint! Our explorer Ben led the charge as we became explorers, discovering the incredible textures hiding all around us. Feeling the rough bark on the trees 🖐️ the dried leaves crunched beneath our feet 🍂 and the squelch of sticky mud underneath our feet 🦶 We collected sticks of every size 🪵, each one telling its own story. The forest turned out to be the most amazing classroom. Can't wait to see what we discover next week! 🌿 ✨



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HARDWICK

Welcome back to Hardwick. It's only the first full week, but already we have:

- Begun reading and analysing our book "Planet Omar - Accidental Trouble Magnet"

- Exploring number partitions up to 1,000

- Completed a raft of baseline assessments

- Differentiated between a city, town and village

- Rearranged events into chronological order

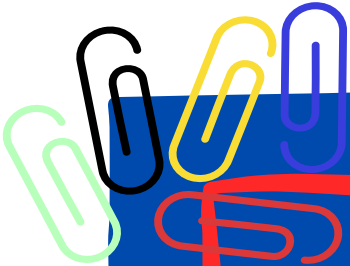
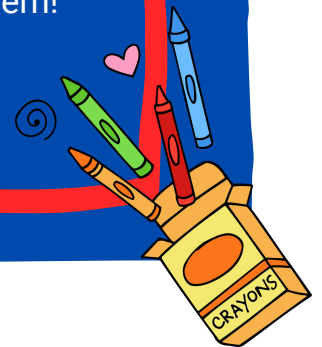
- Investigated different types of mechanisms and levers

- Taken a trip to Co-Op

- Played some functional-movement team games in PE

- In between of this, we've still found time to play, relax, collaborate and have some fun!

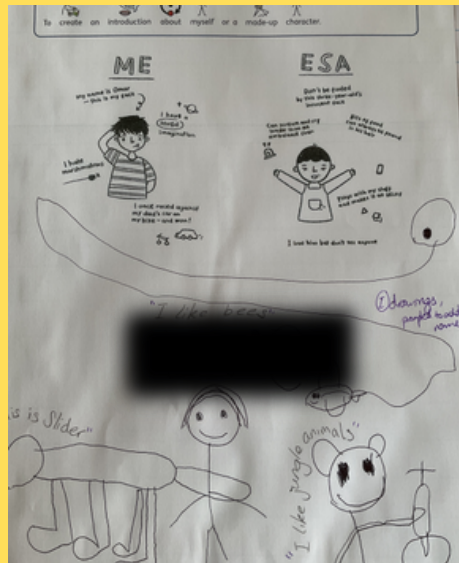
The children have got off to a really strong start this term - the whole staff team are really proud of them!



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WYTON

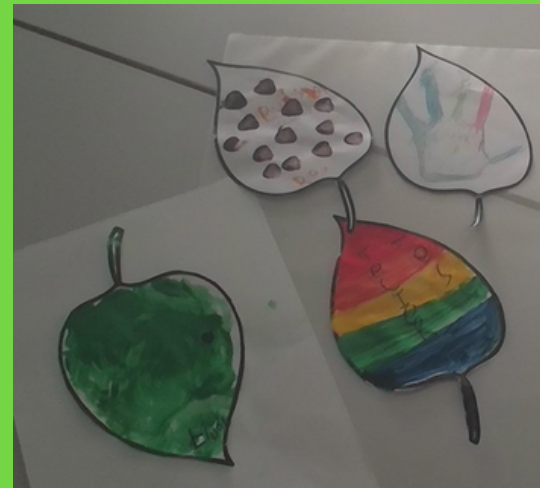
Wyton Class have loved spending time in the new Sensory Integration room with the clinical team! We've been developing motor skills, challenging ourselves to overcome fears and working together to help each other out.



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HILTON

What a wonderful week of discovery! Hilton class have been busy exploring careers, creating a growing career tree, and learning how timelines help us understand the past and plan for the future. In Maths, we have been building numbers using 10s and 1s, while Literacy has brought summer adventures to life through creative storyboards. We also explored music, rhythm and beats and ventured into space by making our own telescopes and taking them outside for some cosmic exploration! It has been a fantastic week filled with creativity, teamwork, imagination and lots of exciting learning.



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★ STAR MOMENTS ★



Students have enjoyed playing together in the garden, it has been fantastic to see them initiate conversations with minimal adult support.



One of our students enthusiastically contributing in a lesson writing the names of different computer output and input devices on the whiteboard.



Wyton have been making friends this week, with new classmates and familiar faces. We've seen some lovely examples of kindness and helpfulness - well done, Wyton!

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SCHOOL VALUES!

At Papworth Hall School we are committed to enhancing the lives of all our young people through education preparing them for life in the community.

We support our children to be:

Safe – be safe, feel safe, and understand risk
Understanding – be effective and successful communicators

Kind – be kind to all around them, to understand and respect the needs of others

Happy – be healthy and happy individuals who enjoy coming to school

Ambitious – have goals and dreams for their futures and be supported to achieve them

Successful – find regular achievement and celebrate this as part of a community.



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IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon -
14.00-15.00 : 25/09

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- We are a **nut-free** setting, please ensure lunches and snacks are free from all nut products.
<https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/education/>
- Any **devices** that are brought into school need to be turned off and handed over to the team once onsite.
- Please note our **sickness policy**: sickness and diarrhea require 48hrs from last bout of illness
- **Absence forms** available on our website - please ensure you give sufficient time for these to be reviewed by the team.

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