

## Weekly Newsletter

**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Value of the month  
**Caring**

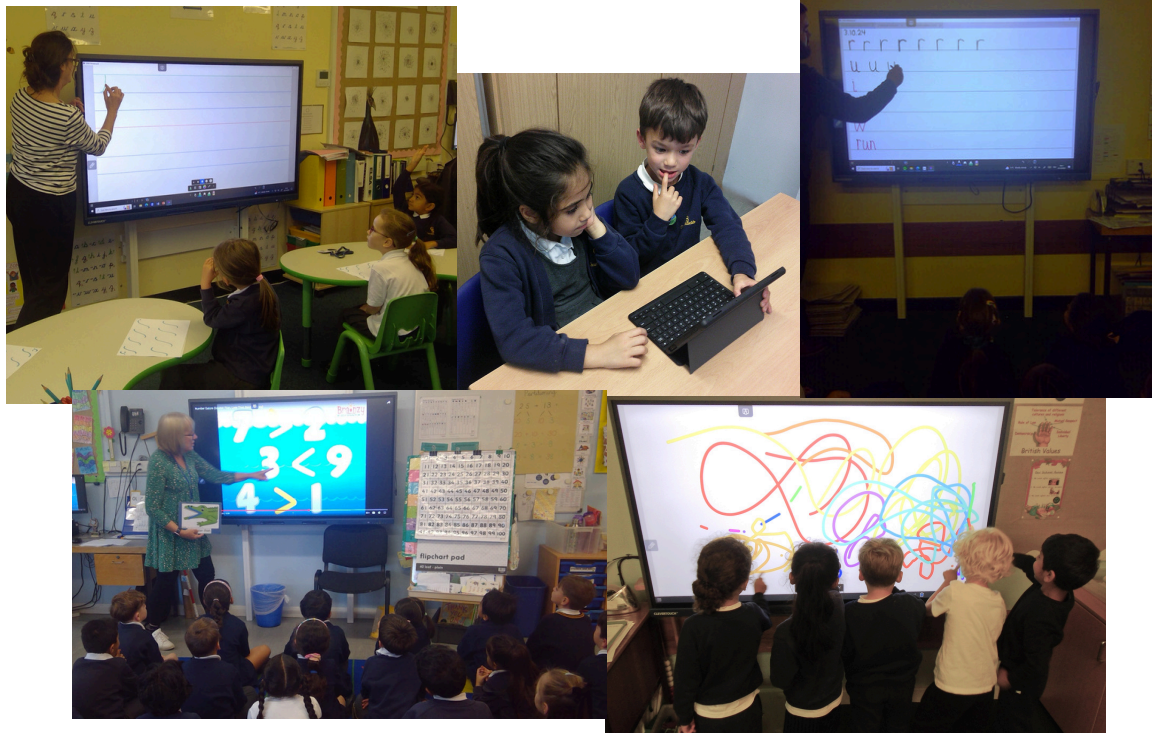
### Technology in School

Over the summer holidays, our new Clevertouch interactive whiteboards were installed in all classrooms across school. This has been a fantastic investment in resources to further support and enhance learning for all of our children.

In Computing, Year 1 children have been busy in role as 'Treasure Hunters'. They have started the half term by giving and following instructions; then they have worked together to write and follow instructions as 'Robot-Pirate'. They are now developing this knowledge to explore and understand input, program and output in the context of the Blue-Bot. Well done, Year 1!

Our Year 2 children have been exploring the importance of clear and precise instructions in the context of programming. They have then used this understanding to explore Scratch Junior, experimenting with controls to move a sprite around the screen. Children are now building on this further to form algorithms, begin debugging and add sound. Amazing work, Year 2!

Here are a few photographs of our new technology being used across a range of curriculum areas...



### Tiredness after School

Many parents have approached us on the gate about how tired children have been after school. For some parents, this has resulted in a change in behaviour which has surprised or worried you. Please be reassured that this is absolutely understandable as the children all work and play so hard in school and they could also 'use up' much good behaviour during the day. Do please come to see us if you are worried, but also try to enjoy your home time together. - Mrs Beck

### Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

**Would you rather be king of queen for the day or a superhero for a week?**

**Why?**

#### DIARY DATES:

#### School Photos

9th October

#### Big Read

11th October- Not Nursery  
(2:45-3:15pm)

#### Parent Consultations

w/b 14th October  
booking details to be sent in the next few days

#### Phonics Workshop (for Reception families)

18th October 2pm

#### PTA Cake Sale

24th October

#### PTA Halloween Disco

26th October

#### Half Term

28th October - 1st  
November

#### INSET Day

4th November

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Octopus & Starfish 100%
- 2nd Turtle 97%
- 3rd Panda 95%



Well done everyone!



## Nursery Stay and Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Wednesday 6th November**.

**Morning session 8:45 - 10:00 am**

**Afternoon session 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

**(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)**

Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



## Ode To Our Lending Library for Poetry Day

As you know, at Churchfields we love reading and getting lost in a good book,

Have you seen our lending library? Please come and take a look.

What could be better than discovering a new plot?  
How exciting this is! We hope you want to read the lot!

We would love for you to borrow one or two books at a time,  
Please make a quick decision so others don't have to wait in line.

Do you like non fiction? Or are stories more up your street?  
We have so many to choose from, so many books for you to complete!

Did you know we also have books for adults to explore?  
We just hope you love reading as much as us and don't see it as a chore!

Once you've enjoyed the story be sure to return it,  
Find somewhere upon the shelves for it to sit.

We ask for donations of books that are nearly new,  
If we all club together I'm sure we can get more than a few.

Do share your recommendations,  
What was your favourite book?

What an exciting opportunity for us all,  
Now come inside and take a look!



## Big Read

We are very excited to welcome parents/carers into school for our Big Read, on **Friday 11th October, between 2:45 and 3:15pm.**

At Churchfields we want to share our passion for reading and know that this works best when a love of reading is modelled and developed both in school and at home. Our Big Reads are a chance to come into school, read and share stories with your child/ren. Weather permitting, we will set up books both inside and outside your child's classroom. It would be helpful if you could bring a blanket if you wish to sit outside. Please arrive promptly as reading begins straight away. If you have other commitments, please feel free to send another relative but school staff are always available to read with children.



**Unfortunately, this won't be for Nursery this time. We look forward to seeing you and sharing lots of wonderful books!**

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## Independence Skills in the Nursery

The recent wet weather has meant that we have made an early start on teaching all of our nursery children to put on their own coats, using the highly effective 'flip method.'

Have a look at the video on our website [here](#), which gives a demonstration of how the method works. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the video.



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## School Admissions 2025

If your child is starting Reception, transferring from infant to junior school, or transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2024, you must apply online at:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/school-admissions/>

Application rounds are now open and must be submitted by **15th January 2025.**

Details of our dates for Reception 2025 are now on our website, [here](#).



## Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges. If you'd like to share any pictures of your child/ren completing these, please send them to the school admin email address (for the attention of Miss Williams, our Maths Champion). We'd love to feature some of these on next week's newsletter!

### Reception

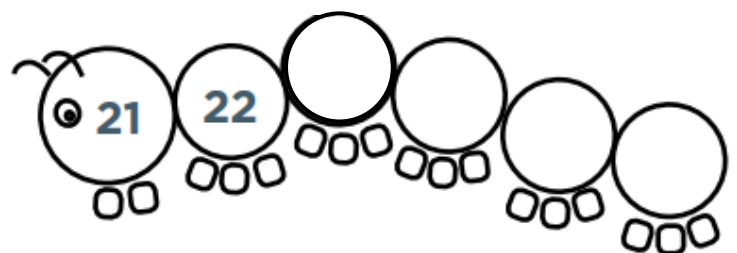
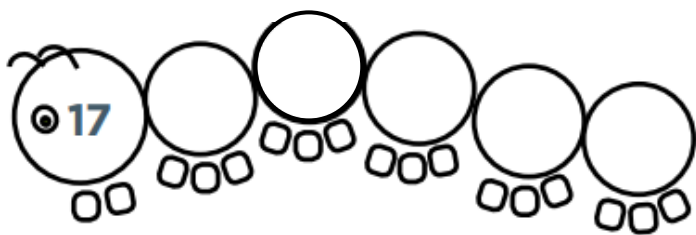
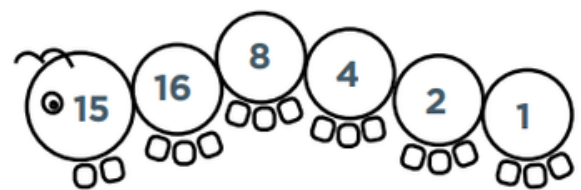
Find some autumn leaves - which is the longest you can find? Is it longer than your hand? Which is the shortest? What could you use to measure the leaf?

Helpful hints: Compare leaves to talk about length. Estimate which might be longer before checking. Use hands, fingers, cubes or other objects to measure. Only use a ruler if your child is confident using non-standard units of length, such as hands or counters.

### Years 1 and 2

Complete a caterpillar by adding 1 if a number is odd, or if a number is even- halve it.

Carry on until you get to 1. The first one has been done for you.



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!



### Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

- PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

- X-Box

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

- Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-o-Switch-Family/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls>

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