



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Simplicity

Year 1's Geography Expedition

In Geography, Year 1 have been learning about human and physical features and have been searching their immediate environment (the school grounds) to see which can be found!

This week they went a little further afield to find which human and physical features they could spot in the local area. Children began with a walk to Mill Plain and then walked down the High Road; finding a huge range of (mostly human in an area such as ours!) features they have been learning about.

We would like to thank the children for behaving impeccably as always, and the parents who accompanied us for their support in keeping the children safe and happy! Visit our website [here](#) for more photos from the adventure!

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather choose butterflies as big as giants or giants as small as butterflies?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

- YN- 28/01
- Y1- 29/01
- Y2- 25/02

Parent Consultations

- 6th February
- 10th February

PTA Cake Sale

- 13th February

Last Day of Term

- 14th February

Half Term

- 17th-21st February

Inset Day

- 24th February

First Day of Term

- 25th February

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



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Panda, Giraffe & Octopus 99%
- 2nd** Starfish, Turtle & Jaguar 98%
- 3rd** Koala 97%

Well done everyone!



Changes to PE Days – Year 1 & Year 2

As you may already be aware, children at Churchfields Infants' are lucky enough to benefit from the expertise of Coach Jai in some of their PE sessions. We keep this fair so that all year groups have the opportunity to work with him over the course of the year - so far, Year 1 have been lucky enough to enjoy basketball and football sessions supported by Coach Jai, and he will now be working with Year 2 on developing their hockey skills. Due to the days of our timetabled sessions with Coach Jai, we will change PE Days for Years 1 and 2, **starting next week**.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on the following day:

Monday: Penguin and Starfish

Tuesday: Jaguar and Panda

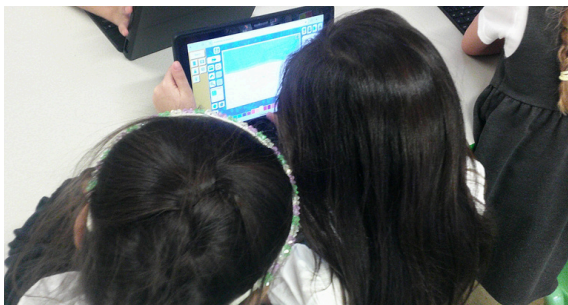
Wednesday: Giraffe and Koala

Thursday: Octopus and Turtle

We thank you for your support and look forward to showing you how the children are getting on in their PE sessions in the coming weeks!

Computing

This week, the children in Reception have been introduced to programming using BeeBots. They have talked about what they can see and thought about what BeeBots might be used for. After this, they have been shown how to input/complete a simple instruction and how to reset. As part of their choosing time, they have then enjoyed being able to use the BeeBots independently.



Year 1 have started their 'We Are Digital Artists' unit of work this half term. To begin with, they have created colour blocks in the style of Rothko. Their next challenge is to create concentric circles in the style of Kandinsky and select a line tool to create an outline drawing in the style of Picasso's 'Dove of Peace'.

What fantastic digital artists Year 1 are proving to be!

In Year 2, the children have commenced their 'We Are Photographers' work. To start with, they have been exploring online photographs and considering what makes a good photograph. This has included looking at Pixabay and focusing on why we have to ask permission to use photos. As the unit progresses, they will be developing their skills in taking effective photos and editing/enhancing these.



Nursery Routine Reminders

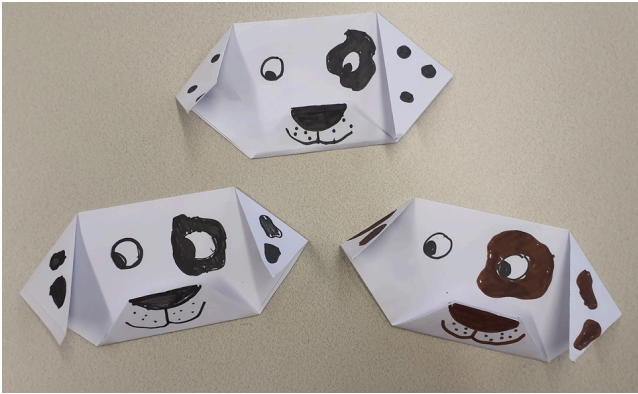
Please note that timings and routines for nursery children are slightly different than those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

- The Nursery doors open at 8.45am in the morning and shut at 8.55am.
- If people are bringing nursery and infant children they should bring the nursery child first and then go down to school.
- For the afternoon, the doors open at 12.45pm and closes at 12.55pm.

Fine Motor in Acorns

The Spring Term handwriting group commenced in Acorns with Mrs Pert this week. We began with a 15 minute fine motor exercise to further develop the important muscles in our fingers and to increase flexibility needed for cursive formation and joining.

The children then enjoyed making origami dogs to take home. Whilst being fun and creative, this also enhances their ability to focus and follow instructions for folding and creasing before adding the detail of the dog. This contributes to spatial visualisation awareness. There are exciting weeks ahead with Mrs Pert which will assist your children in becoming independent, confident cursive writers!



'Hats off' to Nursery!

We have been learning about hats in nursery! We really enjoyed the story "Hooray for Hat!" by Brian Won and we have been finding out about all sorts of different hats and head coverings. We have learned about the head coverings which people wear because of their religion and also hats which people wear to protect themselves, as well as just having fun wearing hats ourselves. We have even been making up our own hat designs, using all sorts of different materials.



Redbridge Education Awards

Please see the following link for details of the Redbridge Education Awards. There are a wide range of categories that you can nominate someone for. Please take a look at each one and nominate the person or people you think truly deserve that award.

Nominations must be received by 31st January.

<https://redbridgeeducation.co.uk/redbridge-education-awards/>



Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

This week, we have been thinking about the number 7. Can you find examples of number 7 within the environment? Can you show 7 in different ways?



Years 1 and 2

This week, Miss Williams delivered a special assembly to celebrate NumBots. She gave out lots of certificates for children who have: worked hard to spend slightly longer on NumBots each week, made amazing progress in terms of accuracy, and unlocked new stages/levels within the past two weeks. Well done, Years 1 and 2!

Can you keep working towards your weekly challenges and targets?

We can't wait to see which class gets the trophy and who receives certificates next week!



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



As Safer Internet Day approaches (11th February 2025), please remember these handy tips written for parents and carers to discuss with their children:

Inspire change by spending time online together

As your child starts to spend more time online and on devices, there will be opportunities for them to interact with others, make decisions and see a wide variety of content. Spending time with your child online together is an important part of them learning how they should behave and what to do if they are ever worried, upset or unsure about something on the internet.

Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world

As your child learns about the internet, they will likely have lots of thoughts and questions. Having regular discussions with your child gives them opportunities to tell you about the things they like doing online, as well as any concerns and worries they may have. A great time to have these conversations is whilst you are spending time online as a family.

Manage influence by being aware of the different things which engage your child online

Your child might be influenced by a range of different things when online, such as exciting adverts, their favourite characters, and even by their friends. Not all influence online is negative, but it is important to be aware of what is engaging your child online and the impact this could have on them as they get older. Balance online influences with your own and your child's thoughts by talking about what they see and hear.

Navigate change by having a clear picture of your child's developing interests

As your child grows up, their interests and hobbies will constantly change, and the things they are doing online are no different. Something they liked yesterday may be something they've lost interest in today. It is important to be curious and stay up to date with the games, apps and sites they are using and the safety settings available, so that you can help keep them safe as they start to explore the online world more.

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PTA NEWS



A heartfelt plea -
Your PTA Needs You!

After years of dedicated service from our current team of parent volunteers, we're looking for enthusiastic members of the Churchfields community to take the PTA forward.

Volunteers needed to take on the roles of:

Chair
Treasurer
Secretary

These positions are crucial to the success of our school PTA and are open to parents, grandparents, family members, and friends of Churchfields students.

Why Join?

Make a real difference to our children's school experience
Meet other parents and be part of our community
Flexible commitment - roles can be shared between multiple people

Full handover and support provided

No previous experience necessary - just enthusiasm!



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