



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

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Value of the
month
Caring

Big Read TODAY!

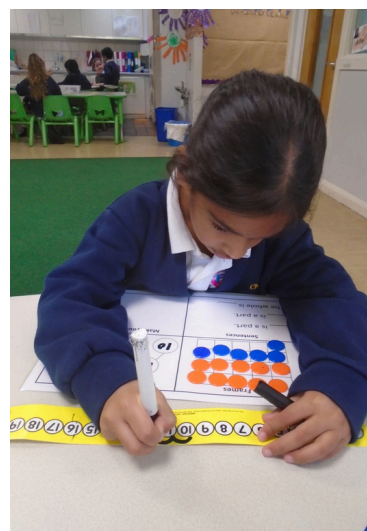
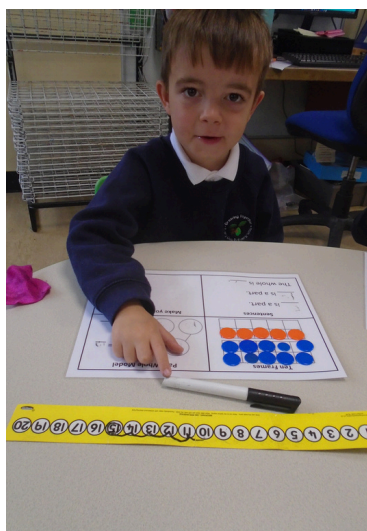
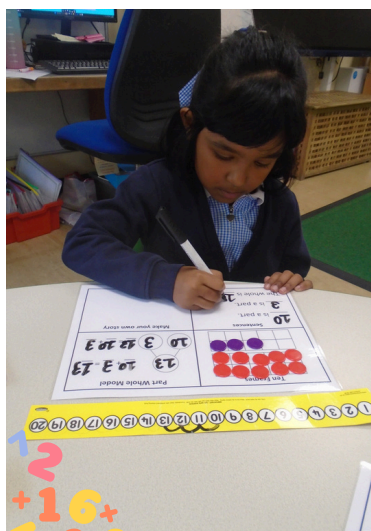
We look forward to welcoming you to our Big Read **today at 2:45pm** for an afternoon of reading. **This won't be for Nursery this time**, but there will be plenty of future opportunities. We look forward to seeing you and sharing lots of wonderful books!



Please note, **no phones are allowed to be used on site**. Additionally, if reading with your child outside, you should stay close to their classroom as staff need to be aware of where all children are. Please see letter sent on Thursday for more information about our Big Read sessions!

Maths in Year 1

This week, the children have been learning how to count on from a number using a number line, solve simple addition calculations and complete part-whole models. They then applied this knowledge to solve missing number problems. The teachers were incredibly impressed with the effort and determination shown by everyone!



Philosophy Friday

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

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

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Big Read

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

School Photos

7th October

Parent Consultations

w/b 12th/19th October

Reception Phonics Workshop

12th October 9-10am

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

19th October 9-10am

Half Term

26th October - 30th
October

INSET Day

2nd November

PTA Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our PTA Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to welcome families, particularly those new to Nursery and Reception, and provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet one another, chat with members of the PTA, and enjoy a tea or coffee together. We look forward to working together on more community events throughout the year.

All parents and carers are invited to join our PTA Community & Volunteers WhatsApp group for updates and news by clicking the link [here](#).



Uniform Reminder & Individual Photo Day

Please note individual photos will take place on **Wednesday 7th October**. See below for some reminders about uniform:

We ask that in the **Infants**:

- modesty shorts (if worn) should be in school colours
- over-the-top headbands (unicorns etc.) and earrings are not permitted in school
- socks and tights must be grey or white
- sensible plain black school shoes



In **Nursery**:



- a white polo shirt
- navy blue joggers or shorts
- black Velcro fastening shoes – no boots
- blue and white checked summer dress during the summer months – worn with sock not tights



See the school uniform policy [here](#) for more information.

For children in Penguin & Starfish class, who have P.E. on Wednesdays, **please do not wear P.E. kits to school** on this day only. Bring it in a separate bag as children will get changed into their kits after their school photos have been taken.



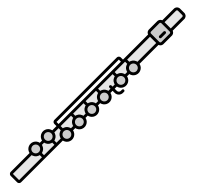
Woodwind Quartet

On Wednesday, the children from Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from Redbridge Music Service's wind ensemble.

They listened carefully as the musicians performed pieces of music from composers such as Tchaikovsky, as well as some other pieces from films, such as Frozen.

They learned about instruments like the flute and clarinet and how sound is produced in each of them. The musicians were very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of these instruments.

Hopefully this visit will inspire some of our children to learn to play musical instruments themselves!



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Koala & Panda 99%
- 2nd** Starfish 98%
- 3rd** Turtle & Penguin 97%

Well done everyone!



Nursery Stay and Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 10th 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.



Park and Stride Reminder

Instead of parking on Churchfields or the roads surrounding the school, we are asking parents that drive their children to school to 'Park and Stride' from the Derby Road Car Park (behind Tesco) which is a five-minute walk from the school.

The council have agreed **FREE** parking during these times:

- Morning drop from 8.15am and 9.15am
- Afternoon collection from 3.00pm to 4.00pm



Taking advantage of the 'Park and Stride' scheme will have the following benefits:

- Create a car free zone outside the school gates, making it a safer environment for children and families arriving and leaving the school
- Increase your children's daily exercise level during the final 'stride' to school
- Reduce pollution for everyone outside the school gates
- Provides the opportunity to practice essential road safety skills with your child on the short walk
- Allow parent drivers to avoid and reduce congestion along Churchfields.

Thank you for being part of the solution.

New Value– Caring

For the month of October we are focusing on the value of 'caring'. We will be thinking about how we can look after ourselves, others and the world around us. How we can demonstrate kindness to others and being aware of others feelings. Can you be caring at home too?



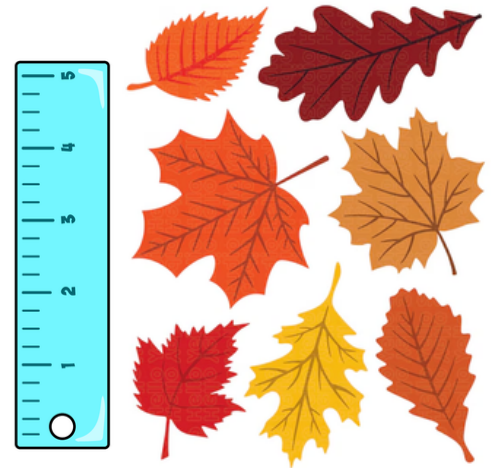
Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges:

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?

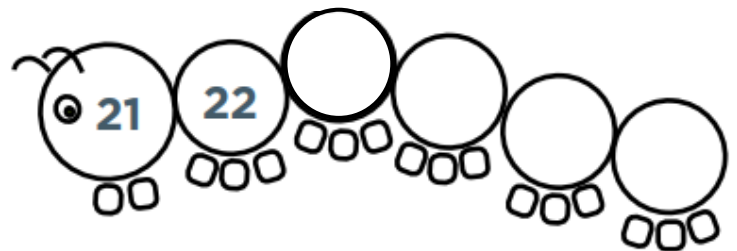
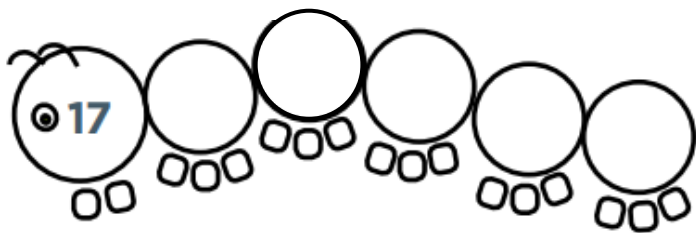
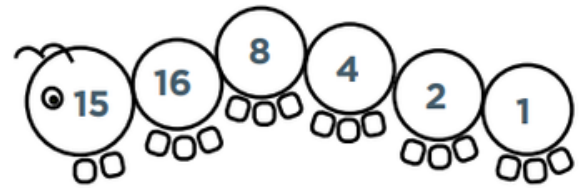
Helpful hints: Compare leaves to talk about length. Estimate which might be longer before checking. Use hands, fingers, cubes or other objects to measure. Only use a ruler if your child is confident using non-standard units of length, such as hands or counters.



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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