



North Star 265, Term 1, 2026, Week 4

Notes from our Head:



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week it was this week as we had the Fire Service visit the whole school. Key Stage 2 & 3 found out all about their role and they gave us some key safety tips. Please see the posters about water safety and I am hoping all our pupils now know what to do if they are ever unfortunate enough to have a piece of clothing catch fire. Stop, Drop and Roll.

A visit from the Fire Service provides our pupils with valuable learning opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. Through engaging, real-life experiences, children develop a better understanding of fire safety, risk awareness and personal responsibility. Pupils learn

how to keep themselves and others safe, what to do in an emergency and the important role that firefighters play in our community.

These visits also help to build confidence, encourage thoughtful decision-making and support our wider curriculum by bringing learning to life in a meaningful and memorable way. We are grateful for the opportunity to help our pupils develop essential life skills that will benefit them both now and in the future.

Giving experiences like this are a key part of our enrichment curriculum. This builds experiences for our children in Civic Engagement; the Arts and culture; Nature, the Outdoors and Adventure; Sport and Physical Activity and Wider Life and Future Skills. These experiences help our children to grow in confidence, maturity and helps them to be aspirational. Once you know you have challenged yourself to climb a tree and can do it, reading a book and knowing your times tables feels like an achievable goal.

Our biggest goal and aim for our pupils is for them to be able to return to their mainstream school or a new setting. This week we are very proud That Zach has finished his transition and has returned to his school. We spoke in our Assembly on Friday about reaching for the stars. People once considered going to space to be just a dream. NASA was 68 years old on Thursday though. They put a man on the moon and sent a rocket to Mars. The world changes all the time and what we think impossible today is suddenly possible tomorrow.

Well done to all our pupils who have transitioned back to school or who are building their strategies to be able to do this soon.

A final note, our Enrichment curriculum continues this week with our annual MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday. I hope to see many of you there. The pupils will be working hard all this week to get it organised.

Class News



Acorns

This week Sollie has been working on his fine motor skills and letter formation practice. He has also completed his phonics assessment and counted to 14! Sollie enjoyed reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar with Miss Sims and feeding the caterpillar all of the snacks he ate in the story.

Sollie worked very hard to colour in a picture of Socks, his pet rabbit. He made sure to hold his coloured pens and pencils correctly to ensure he had control and coloured neatly in the lines.

We are sad to say Goodbye to Zach this week as he moves back to school, but we are incredibly proud of the hard work this young man has put in. We know he will do well and we'll check in regularly.





Conkers

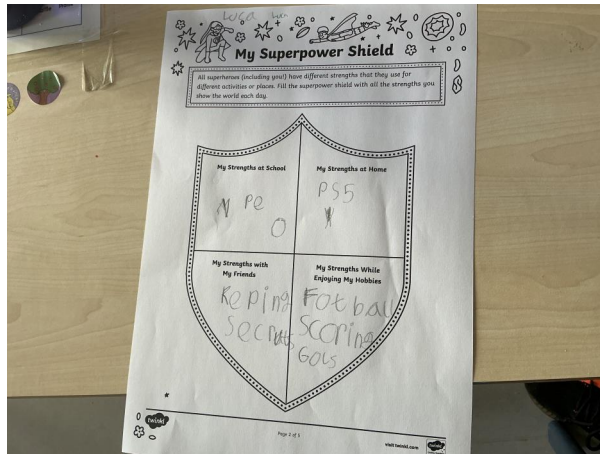
Wow, we are already halfway through our first term! This week has been another fantastic one in Conker Class, and we have been delighted to welcome some new pupils to our team. It has been wonderful seeing our new faces settle in and become part of Conker Class.

In English, we have been busy innovating our class story, changing different parts to make the story our own. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas, and it has been brilliant to see their creativity shining through. In Maths, we have continued building on our knowledge of place value and have been using lots of number lines to support our learning.

We have also been lucky enough to welcome lots of visitors this week. The school nurses joined us to share their expertise about the importance of sleep. Did you know that children in Years 3 and 4 should aim for around 9–12 hours of sleep each night, while adults should aim for 7–9 hours?

We also had an awesome visit from the fire service, where we learned all about water safety and the Float to Live technique. We then had the exciting opportunity to explore the fire engine and even turn on the lights and sirens! They certainly made a few members of staff jump!

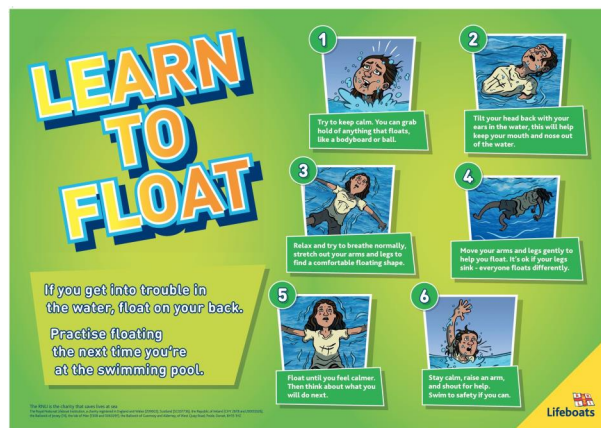
Overall, it has been another brilliant week, Conker Class. We are so proud of you all and can't wait to see what adventures and learning next week brings!











Maple

This week in Maple Class, we have been busy writing, editing and publishing our own stories. In Maths, we have been using number lines to explore numbers up to 1,000 and strengthen our understanding of place value. In Science, we used classification keys to begin grouping living things and deepen our understanding of how they are organised. The class has worked hard and shown great enthusiasm in all of their learning, we are very proud!

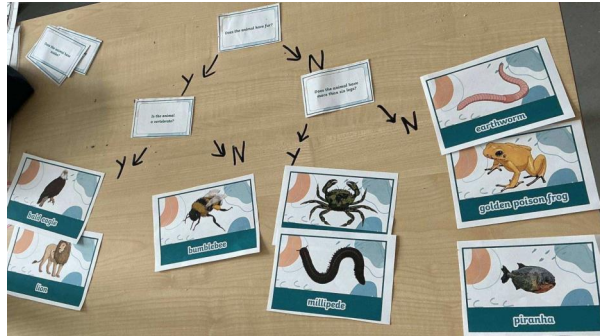
In our Project lesson, we began imagining our future careers and creating a vision of what we might like to do, and the skills we might need, when we are older. During Computing, we continued using Scratch, where we practised sequencing code to create sounds, actions and

commands. We also enjoyed a Forest School session, using tools safely and responsibly to make our own wooden hogs!

In Cooking, we made a healthy pesto chicken pasta, and our Navigate curriculum helped us learn about the emotion of disgust and how we can look after our feelings in a healthy way. We were also lucky enough to welcome a visit from the fire service, where we explored a fire engine, learned about the important role of firefighters, and discovered more about how they help our community.

Well done, Maple Class, for another fantastic week of learning, exploration and fun!





Chestnut

A busy and varied week for Chestnut class. We have undertaken many new experiences and challenges in our learning - facing them head-on and moving ourselves forward!

The visit from the fire service was a particular highlight, where we got to learn more about keeping ourselves safe, and what the job role of a fireman entails. Having a guided tour of the fire engine was very interesting; we were shocked to feel how heavy the equipment is to carry!

In cooking, we made some impressive flatbreads using a simple but delicious dough recipe, which we topped with tomato sauce, onions, peppers and lots of cheese - yummy! In English, we have begun to innovate our own storylines, inspired by our class text 'Rosie Revere Engineer', drawing on our own personal interests and hobbies.

We have also been engaging in some mature and honest conversations about our feelings during Navigation sessions, and exploring the topic of online safety in our PSHE lessons.





Oak

This week we welcomed Dexter into Oak class. It has been really good to have another student with us and all at North Star look forward working with him in the coming weeks. We finally have the big sports pitch back after its refurbishment and can now take advantage of having such a wonderful asset. Oak class have been thrilled try out the brand-new surface!

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the Fire Service this week. We had the opportunity to ask questions about the engine and we even got to sit inside and try on some of the fire gear. We then had an informative talk about how to get into the service and what potential career paths can be followed to do so.

The visit from the Fire service provided a perfect link to our Project class where we have been researching different jobs and personal job aspirations. The highlight of this weeks class were the posters the students made advertising their chosen 'Future Businesses'.

We will look forward to seeing 'Lenny's Gym, Honor's Solicitors and Violet's school' come to fruition!



Lime

This week has been an exciting week for the students as the Fire Service came to visit us. The children were very interested in many aspects of the fire service and were allowed to have a look inside the fire engine. Some even dressed up and realised a fire fighter's suit is quite heavy!

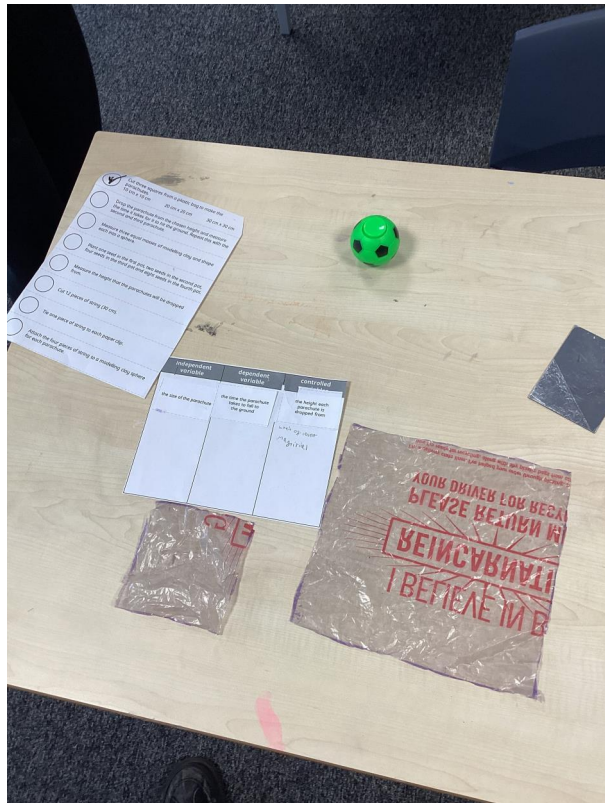
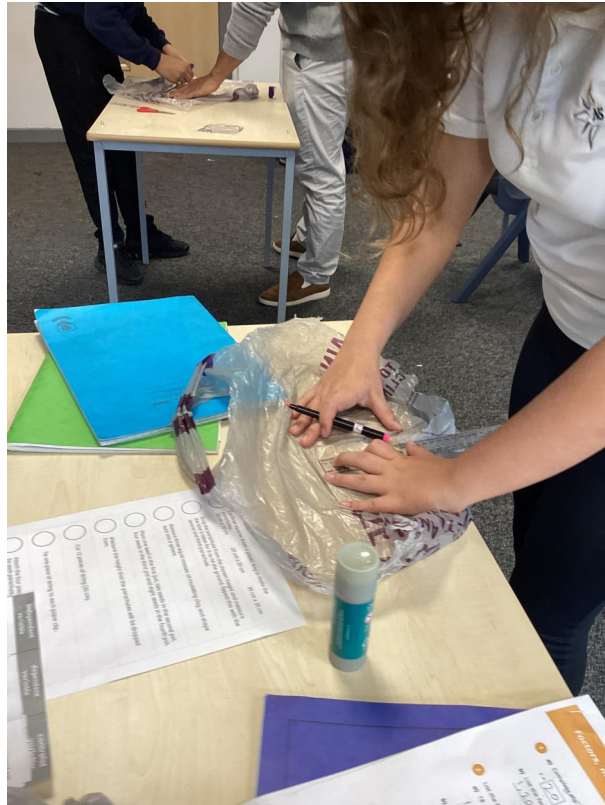
In English we are now at the point where the students have started innovating their story. Hopefully, next week they will be able to show off their writing skills and write an engaging narrative.

We have also made preparations for our science experiment. The students have crafted three parachutes from various materials and each a different size. They will be testing them next week to see which one will hit the ground first when dropped from height. We have looked at which variables need to be kept the same to make it a fair test.

The week after next we will be visiting the church in Sea Mills. Your child will come home with a letter. Please do sign and return to school if you would like your child to take part.

The balmy summer weather seems to be continuing into the weekend, so enjoy the last rays of sunshine before autumn announces itself!





PE Weekly Update

It has been another really positive week in PE, and there was lots of excitement towards the end of the week as our AstroTurf Multi-Use Games Area was back in action! The students were really excited to get back onto the area, and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and energy.

Students have continued to develop their Invasion Games skills, focusing on passing, receiving, throwing and moving into space. Towards the end of our lessons, we have started to bring these skills together through gameplay, giving students the opportunity to put what they have practised into action.

The students have handled this really well, and it has been great to see them encouraging and supporting each other while showing respect throughout the games. We have seen some lovely examples of teamwork, communication and positive sportsmanship.

Overall, engagement has been fantastic this week, and it has been really pleasing to see students enjoying themselves, working together and developing their confidence in PE.

A big well done to everyone for another great week — keep up the fantastic work! 🙌







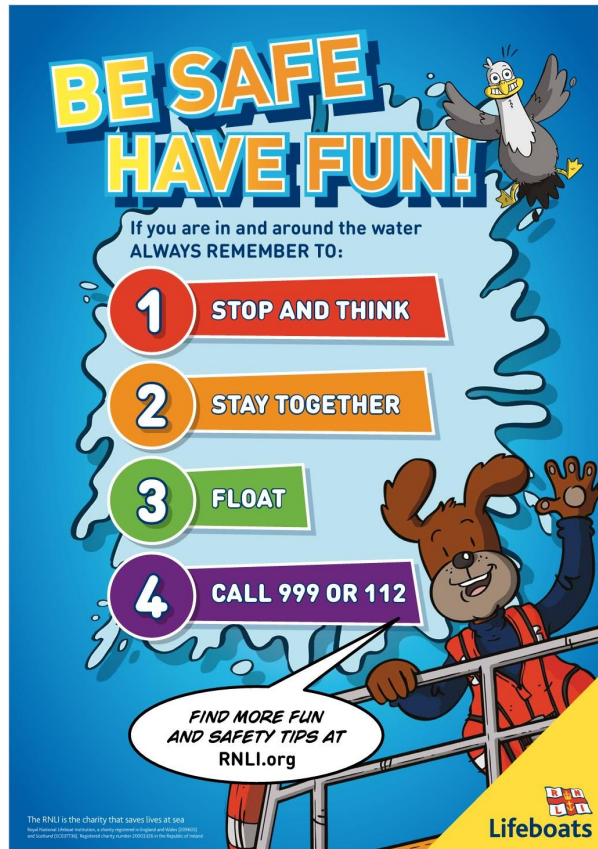












A message from the office

Free school Meals/Pupil premium: Your child could be entitled to receive free school meals as well as pupil premium funding for the school. You can apply to see if you are eligible for here: [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

In the event your child is ill please contact the school office on NS240 01173772275/ NS82 01173772175/NS180 01225832212 NS265 01173320717. Choosing option 2 to report the absence.

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