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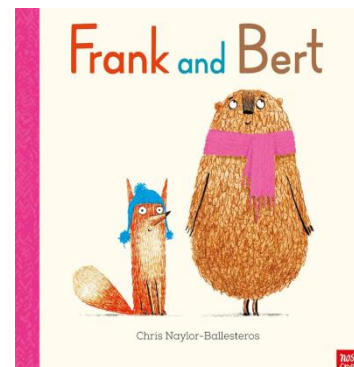
Blossom Class – Mrs Green

Another wonderful week completed and I'm so proud of how hard all the children have worked! We have welcomed a new member to our Blossoms class, and all the children have been so kind and welcoming.

We started the week with a focus on Remembrance Day. The children had the opportunity to create their own poppy art using a range of different techniques and media. We shared a book called 'Where the Poppies now grow' and we also learnt about the different coloured Poppies and their meanings.

This term in PE, we are developing our dance and movement skills. The children are learning about body control, core strength and moving their bodies in a range of ways with confidence.

Finally, in literacy this week, we have been reading 'Frank and Bert'. This is a story that celebrates friendship and their love of hide and seek. In adventure time, the children have been innovating the story and having the opportunity to become authors to change the storyline.



Willow Class – Anti-Bullying Week – Using Our Power for Good - Miss Jones

This week in KS1, the children have been learning about Anti-Bullying Week and the theme of *using our power for good*. We talked about how our words, actions, and choices have power every day.

The children explored how their words can lift others up and how their actions help create a school that is kind, safe, and welcoming. We thought about what it means to make others feel seen, heard, and valued.

Together, the children made promises about how they will use their power for good—speaking kindly, helping others, standing up for friends, and making sure everyone feels included. These promises are now displayed in our classroom as a daily reminder of the difference we can make.

We are very proud of how thoughtful and caring the children have been as they work to build a community where everyone feels respected and supported.

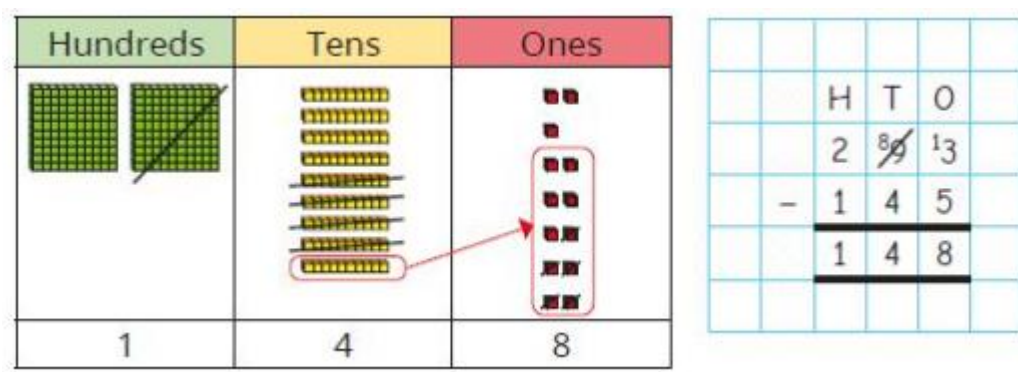
Maple Class – Mr Snook

This week, Maple Class has successfully begun column subtraction, focusing specifically on the crucial skill of exchanging (also known as 'borrowing').

What We're Practicing

Exchanging is essential when a top digit is smaller than the bottom digit in the same column. We teach the children to 'take' 1 from the column to the left (the larger place value) and convert it into 10 units for the column they are working in.

We have started by securing exchanging from the Tens to the Ones. We will now be moving onto looking at exchanging in the Hundreds and Thousands columns, using 3- and 4-digit numbers. This requires careful attention to place value! If you fancy having a go at supporting this at home, it would be greatly appreciated!



Redwood Class Ancient Greek Day – Friday 5th December 2025 - Mr Rogers

Redwood Class (Year 5/6) will be stepping back in time for an **Ancient Greek Enrichment Day** on **Friday 5th December 2025!**

Children are invited to come dressed in **Ancient Greek-inspired costumes** — think gods, goddesses, heroes, or simple togas.

It will be a fun day of themed activities linked to our Literacy and History learning.

👉 **Please see the letter sent home for full details.**

School Book Fair in Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

Next Wednesday 19th November after school, we are delighted to be hosting a School Book Fair in Redwood Class. Children and families are warmly invited to browse a wonderful selection of books that are no longer being used in class literacy lessons — from whole-class sets to once-popular library favourites. All titles will be available to purchase at a greatly reduced price, offering the chance to take home high-quality texts for a fraction of the usual cost. Every penny raised will go directly towards refreshing our class and library book collections, helping us continue to inspire a love of reading across the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wicked: For Good – A Note for Parents – Mr Rogers, RSE/PSHE Lead

The new Wicked: For Good movie arrives next week, and we know many of our pupils are excited to see it and explore the latest Wicked merchandise! We'd just like to remind families that the original Wicked novel is very different from the film and contains mature, graphic themes that are not suitable for children. For younger fans who'd like to enjoy the world of Wicked, we recommend some lovely alternatives: Wicked: Defying Gravity – The Illustrated Lyrics (Universal Pictures Wicked), I Am Glinda, and I Am Elphaba. These are available from Amazon and Waterstones.

Children in Need Day Success!

Today's Children in Need celebrations were a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many children wearing spots or something spotty to show their support for this amazing cause. A big thank you to all parents and carers for your generosity and encouragement—your support makes a real difference.



Remembrance Sunday... Grace J



On Sunday, I read the first name on the Remembrance list in church: Herbert Adams, who used to be our Head Teacher before he died in World War I. It was a bit scary, but I felt really proud to do it.



Wet Weather

Due to the recent wet weather, we kindly ask that children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** bring a pair of **wellies** to school and a change of clothes (socks trousers, tights). This will help them enjoy outdoor play without getting too muddy or wet. Thank you for your support!

Website Calendar

Don't forget to use this very useful tool. This will help you keep up to date with all that is happening in our busy school. To view the calendar you can use the QR code below.



<https://www.rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/2916>

Rocketeers Wraparound Care

Don't forget Rocketeers are available for ad hoc sessions. If you would like further information about their services please visit www.rocketeerschildcare.co.uk or contact enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk.

Amazon Wish List

We're incredibly grateful for your generous purchases over the last half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the deliveries at school and have already been making great use of the new items. Your support truly makes a difference! 😊



And finally... from Mr Rogers, RSE/PSHE Lead

Game Changer in Focus...

Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock – Space Scientist

Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock is an inspiring space scientist who encourages young people to look to the stars and dream big. As a leading scientist and presenter, she makes space and science exciting and accessible for everyone. She's a true game changer—breaking barriers, challenging stereotypes, and showing that with curiosity and determination, anyone can reach for the stars and make a difference in the world.

