

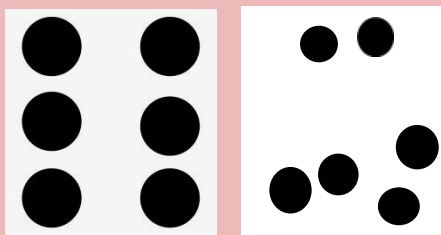


We hope you all had a fantastic bank holiday weekend! The children have been eager to share their adventures—from family celebrations and football tournaments to visits to historical landmarks and camping trips. These experiences are not only fun but also wonderfully enriching for the children.

This week, we've used talk-time to build on last week's conversations about 'Where I live,' exploring the many types of homes people call their own. Our focus has shifted to children living by the coast—discussing what that means, thinking about what it looks like and expanding our geographical vocabulary related to the coast. The children were brilliant in their interviews with the teacher, who took on the role of an inquisitive visitor from another planet eager to learn about Whitley Bay and life by the sea. Sitting in the 'hot seat' was a challenge, but they rose to it wonderfully—showcasing their impressive language skills and expanding their vocabulary along the way!



In PSED this week, our focus has been on friendships as part of our 'Relationships' topic, exploring the learning intention: "I know how to make friends to stop myself from feeling lonely." The children engaged thoughtfully, showing great empathy and understanding as they considered practical strategies for building friendships—both in the classroom and during outdoor play.



In maths this week, we've been building on the children's subitising skills, exploring increasingly complex arrangements. Some patterns are easier to subitise than others—for example, a set of six dots arranged in a structured die pattern is more readily recognisable than a

random arrangement of six dots.

We have also used the children's understanding of doubles to further support their subitising skills. By moving away from counting for sets that can be subitised, the children will develop their abstract understanding of number, which will help to support future calculation strategies.



Class photograph. This coming Monday, 12th May, Tempest Photography will be in school to take your child's photograph with their whole class. All children should be in school uniform so please bring in PE kits for those children taking part in after-school gymnastics to change into afterwards.

Important diary dates and information

12.5.25	Tempest Photography - Class photographs.
12.5.25	Gymnastics after school club with Gail (3 of 4 sessions)
12.5.25	Collect in the 'My Weekly Journals'.
14.5.25	Sporty Games Club (3 of 4 sessions)
16.5.25	9am Anxiety and Transition Parent Workshop - Connect Mental Health
23.5.25	Teacher Training Day
26.5.25 - 30.5.25	Half term
2.6.25	Return to school
17.6.25	Sports Day 2pm
27.6.25	New to Year 1 meeting 9am
1.7.25	Year 1 'open classroom' visit 3.30-5.30pm
4.7.25	Summer Fair 3.30pm

Reminders

- Children are not permitted to ride scooters or bikes on the playground. Please ensure your child dismounts their bike/ scooter once through the school gates and push the bike/ scooter to the bike hut.
- Please remember to leave your child's reading folder in their bookbag each day. Monday and Fridays are book changing days, but we do read with your children through the week.

Have a wonderful weekend.



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