

The Nethersole CofE Academy Friday  
12th September 2025

## Headteacher Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we open the doors to a brand new school year, I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our families—those returning and those joining us for the first time. Whether you're familiar faces or new friends, we're so glad you're part of our school community.

This half term, we are championing the value of **hope**. In our classrooms, playgrounds, and corridors, hope will be the thread that runs through everything we do. Hope encourages our children to dream big, to persevere through challenges, and to believe in their ability to shape a brighter future—not just for themselves, but for others too.

In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain, our school remains a place where optimism thrives. We believe in nurturing not only academic excellence, but also the resilience and compassion that come from a hopeful heart.

Let's work together to make this year one filled with growth, joy, and endless possibilities. Here's to a wonderful start and a journey full of promise.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Goode

## Star and Shine Awards

In Shine Worship every Friday, we celebrate our Star and Shine Awards.

Star Awards - William (Bond) Paula (Milne) Harriet (Jemison) Sarah (Attenborough) Evie (Simmonds) Roux (Rosen) Seb (Zephaniah)

Shine Awards - Libby (Bond) Dominic (Milne) Amelia-Rose (Jemison) Vinne (Attenborough) Sophie (Simmonds) Olivia (Rosen) Freya (Zephaniah)

## Early Adopter Free Breakfast Club

We are continuing to offer our 'FREE' Breakfast Club this term. We hope the children will join us for fresh bagels, crumpets, toast, fresh fruit and fruit juice every morning. We also hope to continue to enjoy spending time outside playing football, using the gym equipment and getting lots of fresh air!

### **The Early Adopter Free Breakfast Club -**

What this means -

1. A free breakfast for all children if families want to access it.
2. 30 minutes of free childcare for all children if families want to access it.
3. Breakfast Club starts at 8.10am and runs until 8.40am Monday to Friday.
4. Booking sessions in advance so that we know how many children to expect. You can book for the whole half term or each week.

Our current Wraparound provision is still be available from 7.40am Monday to Friday, but families accessing this will only be charged for 30 minutes; the second 30 minutes will be free!

**Please encourage your children to come along and join us for breakfast after the summer holiday.**

**Booking is now open.**

## Class Updates - Carle and Donaldson



### Carle and Donaldson

What a fantastic start to the year the children have made in nursery! We have enjoyed welcoming all of our new children to both Carle and Donaldson classes. Over the summer, our two nursery classes have been relocated into the main school building. The children have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment and engaging with the new resources.

Last week, we looked at our school value of 'Hope'. The children were asked to talk about what they hoped to achieve in nursery this year. They also painted rainbows as a symbol of hope.

The children have enjoyed getting to know one another and are beginning to form lots of new friendships. Both classes have been on nature walks looking for early signs of Autumn. We also had our first PE session this week where the children played a variety of games and practised throwing and balancing. The children have enjoyed using the bikes and scooters on the playground.

We are really proud of how the children have adapted to their new environment and how quickly they have settled into nursery routines. Well done everyone!

Mrs Satchell and the Nursery Team









## Class Updates - Anning

The children have had a lovely start to Reception this year. We have been very busy exploring our new classroom and enjoying the different areas. We have been reading stories in the book corner, making dinners and picnics in the role play, working on our fine motor skills in the writing area and using the maths equipment to sort and make patterns. On Tuesday this week we had a mysterious parcel delivered. We found all the things we needed to make our own Everywhere Bear. We all helped to make the bear but adding stuffing and special hearts with wishes inside. The children named him Cuddles! It has been lovely getting to know the children and I think we are going to have a fun year!

Miss Millington





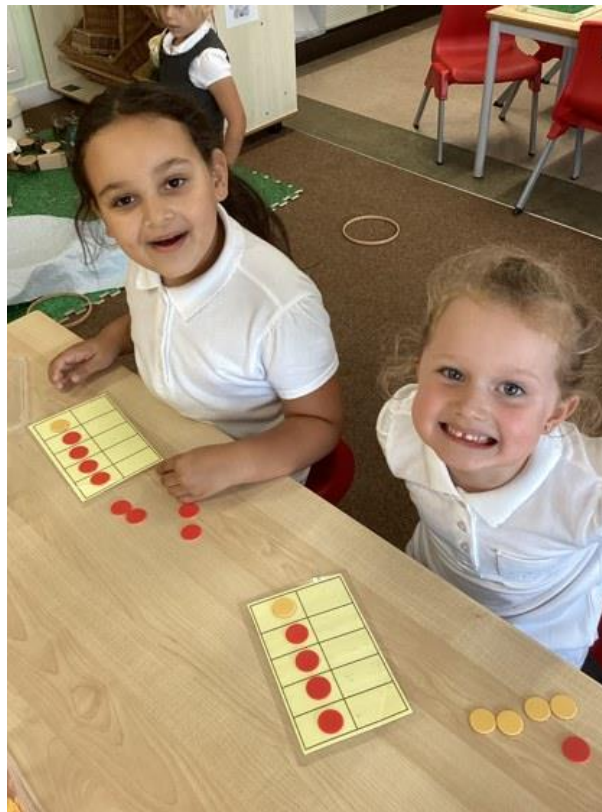




### *Class Updates - Bond*

Bond class have had a fantastic start to the new school year! They have settled really well into their new routines and have been extremely busy with their new learning and exploring the continuous provision within the classroom. Last week, we started the term with Values Day, where we explored our new value, Hope. We discussed and recorded our own hopes and dreams and created 'hope wands' to help make them happen! In English, we started our new class text, 'That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown.' We have been describing characters and settings and have worked hard to write sentences. In Maths, the children have been counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less using concrete resources such as ten frames and counters and numicon. In History, we started our new unit on Toys, we looked at and compared toys from the present and the past. In Art, we created a collaborative piece of artwork using different types of line. We have been so impressed with Bond class, keep up the good work!

Mrs Tweed and Mrs Wallace







### *Class Updates - Milne*

This week in Year 2, we started by thinking about our school value of Hope. The children shared lovely ideas and made colourful hope flowers to decorate our classroom.

On Wednesday, we explored the work of our author focus, A.A. Milne, and wrote diary entries as Eeyore — full of feeling and imagination!

In Maths, we've been using counters to help us solve problems and explain our thinking. The children have shown brilliant focus and teamwork!

We ended the week with some art activities exploring the artist Bridget Riley and learned some interesting techniques for drawing!

Well done, Year 2 — a fantastic week of learning!

Miss Ennis



### *Class Updates - Jemison*

What a lovely start to the year! We have had a great time in Jemison class getting to know each other and I'm really proud of all of the children and how they've settled back in!

We started our term with a day about our value of 'Hope'. We discussed what hope means, made a hope catcher and then learned and wrote about how Mae Jemison showed hope in her life. We made astronauts and wrote 'hope stars' to say what our hopes are for the year ahead!

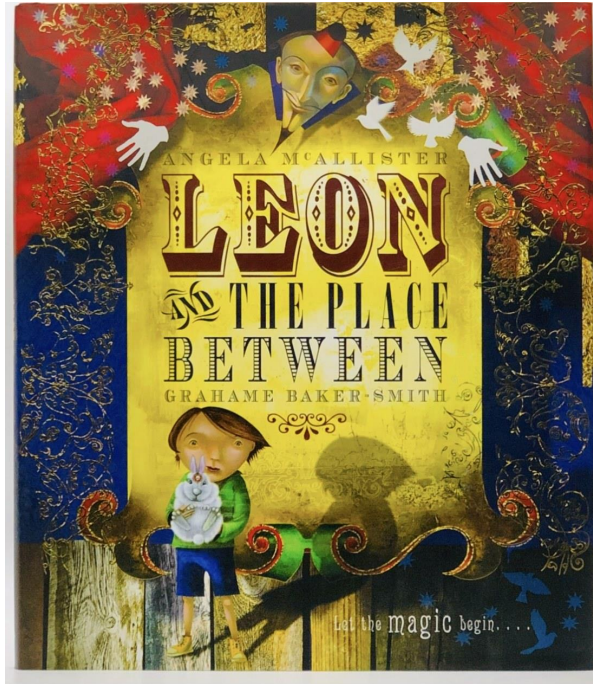
In English, we started our new story - 'Leon and the Place Between'. It's a very intriguing story so far and we've enjoyed using our imaginations to write predictions and explore the language in the story. We have also enjoyed starting our new History topic of 'Anglo-Saxons', learning about how and why they came to Britain and what influences of theirs we still see today (including place names!).

I'm very excited for the year ahead - we're off to a great start Jemison class - keep it up!

Mrs Johnson







## Attenborough

Attenborough class have had an exciting start to the autumn term. The children have settled into their new classroom and enjoyed exploring our value of the half term 'Hope'. We have shared our hopes for the year and also looked into how David Attenborough uses hope to advocate for nature. Attenborough class have demonstrated how they let God's light shine through their own acts of kindness by adopting a tiger, which the class voted for. The children have voted for both a member of the class to be on the worship council and the reading council. The children have been reading 'Leon and the place between' by Angela Mccalister in English and trying their hand at their own creative writing piece inspired by 'what a wonderful world' by Louis Armstrong. Our year 4'S have been focusing on place value up to 1000, including exchange. Our maths focus in year 3 has been adding 3 single digit number together. In years 3 and 4 we have been learning about how Britain was invaded by the Anglo-Saxon's. We have also been exploring different techniques to use to support out drawing skills.

Miss Stevens

## *Class Updates - Simmonds*

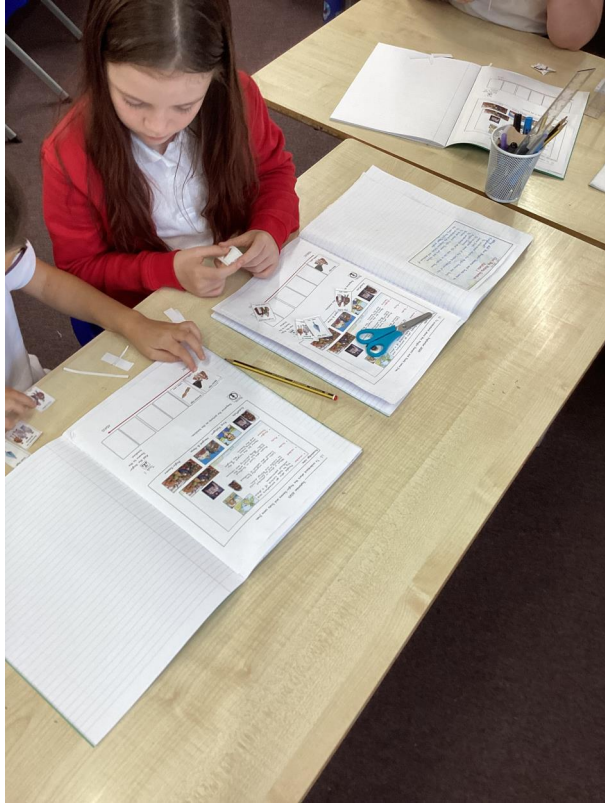
We have been off to a fantastic start these last few weeks in Simmonds class, we started off with our values day, and had a very lovely message sent from Ellie Simmonds herself! Ellie told the children how pleased she was that we have named our classroom after her this year,

and she can't wait to hear about what we get up to! You can hopefully find this video on Tapestry if you wish to watch it with your children. The class have settled very well into our school routine, and wow, what a lovely bunch we have! We have such a kind and caring class, the children are polite and are working hard, I am proud to be their teacher. On the first day back, we learnt about our value for this half term which is hope, and the children made a hope catcher (a bit like a dream catcher) to display all of their hopes and dreams for the year ahead. We then started to learn about our class name a little more, and how Ellie has had to harness the value of hope throughout her life!

Academically, we have started learning about our new book in English, called Leon and the place between. So far, we have read about a group of children who are at a circus, and are watching the magic of the show. One of the children, Leon, gets invited up on to the stage and goes inside a magic box. We don't know what is inside the box yet, but we will find out soon. Ask your child what they think is inside of the box! Next week, we will find out...

In maths, the year 3 children are either with Mrs Johnson or Miss McManus, and the Year 4's are with myself (Miss Sinclair). We have all been recapping on place value and simple column addition. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using place value charts and counters over the last two weeks and they seem to be looking forward to what's to come. Our history focus this half term is all about the Anglo-Saxons, and you may be surprised to learn that parts of our Polesworth Abbey were built during Anglo-Saxon times too! The children have been practising their sketching and shading skills in art, and are focusing on agility skills in PE. In RE, our focus is about our worldview for this half term, and thinking about the world from different perspectives; how this can be shaped by beliefs, values and lived experiences.

I am so looking forward to getting to know all of the children better, and even more, what fun we are going to get up to! – Miss Sinclair and Mrs Burrows 😊



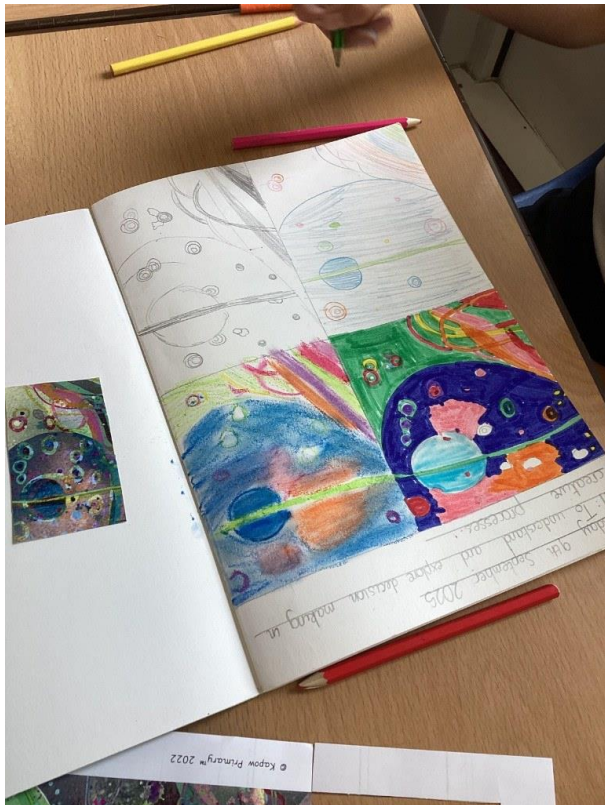


## Rosen

We have been off to a fantastic start in Rosen class since returning last week! The children have settled in really well and are getting into the swing of Year 5/6 life! In English, we have been reading *Oranges in No Man's Land* which is a story all about a young girl named Ayesha in the Lebanese civil war - we have enjoyed answering a range of questions on it in our reading lessons and are using it as a stimulus for writing a third-person narrative in our writing lessons. In maths, we have begun with some work on place value and children have enjoyed showing what they know with place value counters and Dienes. History has been all about the Vikings and so far, we have learnt about their raids and their longboats. In art, we have been exploring the style of retrofuturism and in R.E, we are considering the ways in which worldviews/religions have changed over the years. Rosen have been working exceptionally hard and their behaviour has been excellent! I look forward to seeing where the rest of the year takes us!

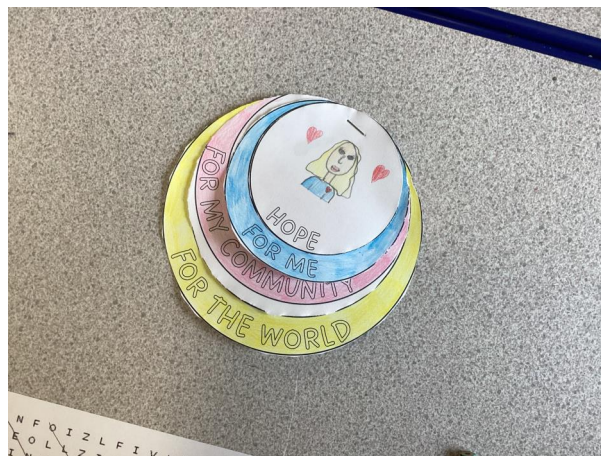
Miss Smith

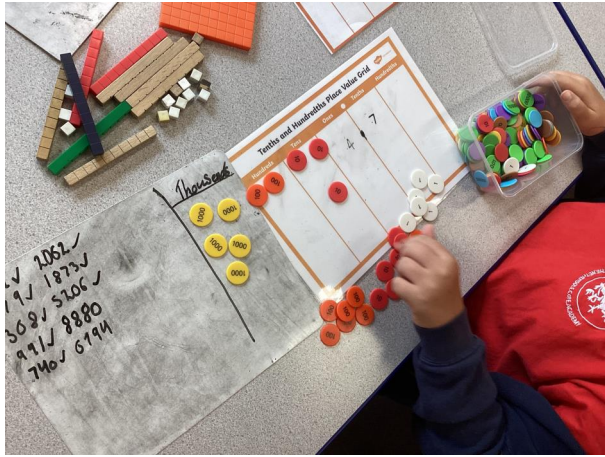
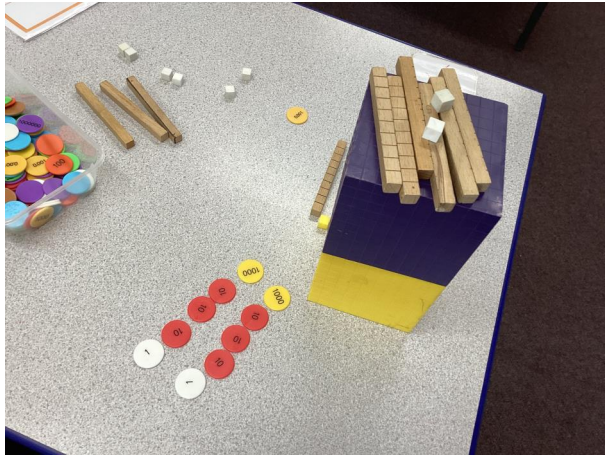
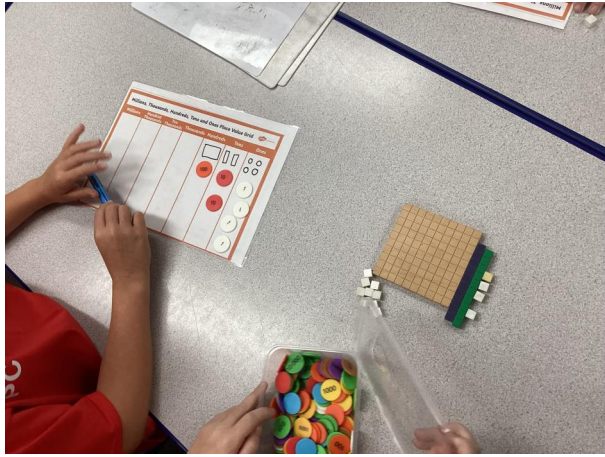


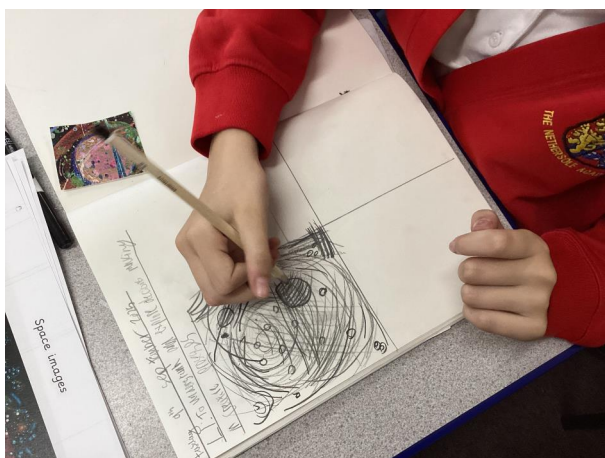
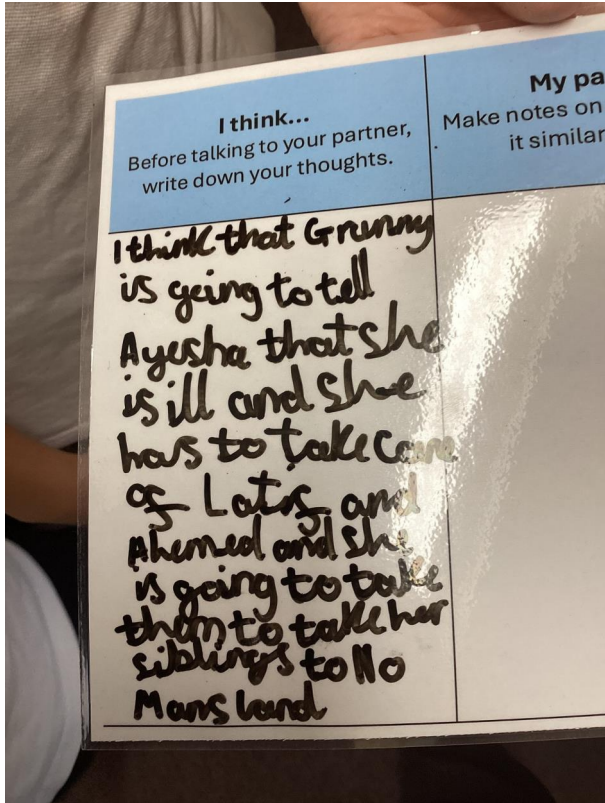
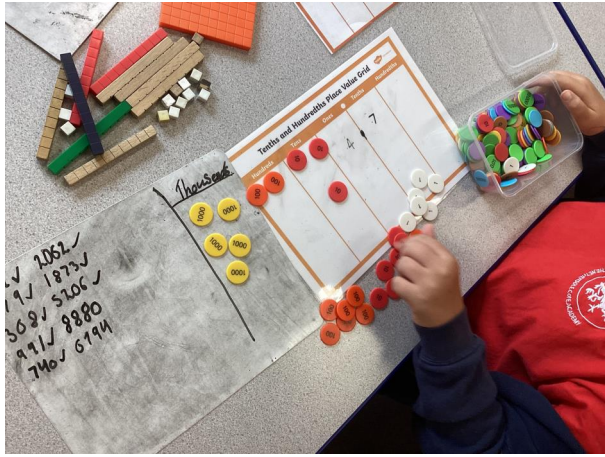


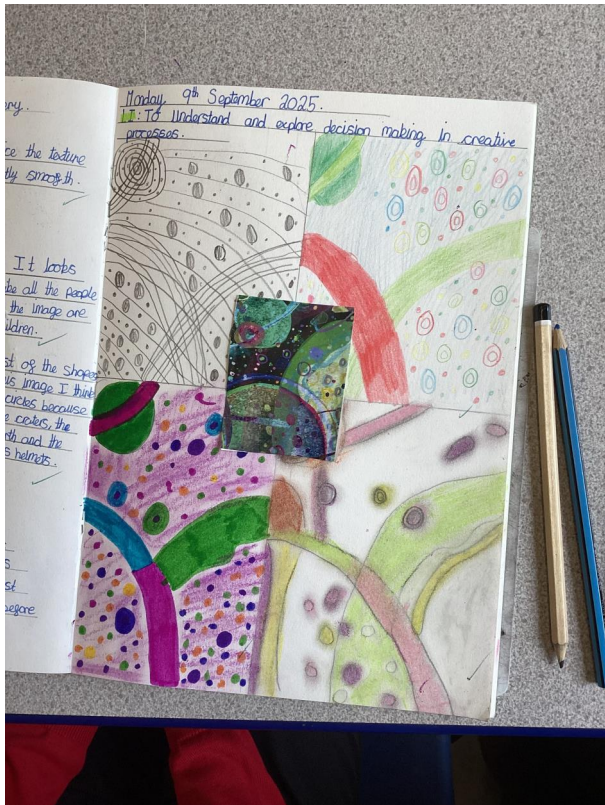
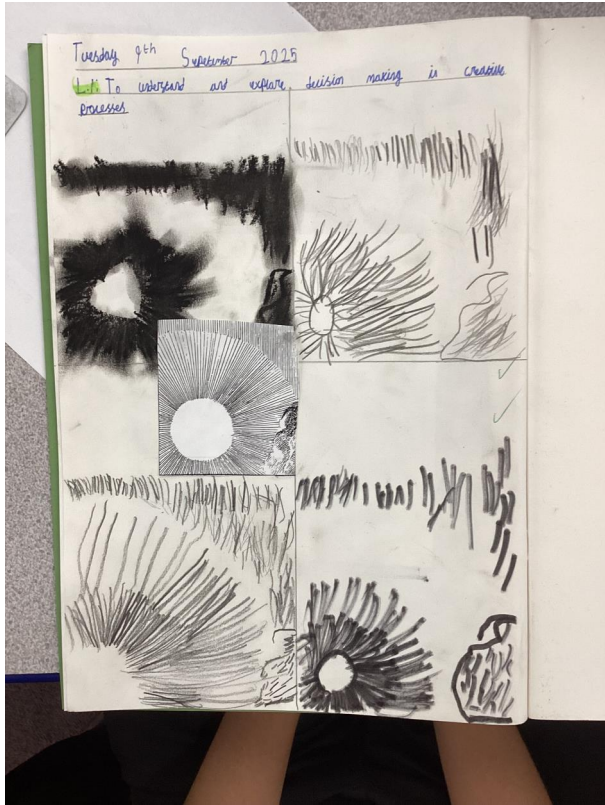
## Zephaniah

We have had a great first couple of weeks in Zephaniah class! We have made our class charter, decided on our jobs and are really showing our value of Hope. We started with our Values day where we looked at the value of hope. We made some fabulous hope discs thinking about hopes for ourselves, our community and our world. We have also started new topics in all of our subjects. In Maths, we have been looking at place value and have started to look at numbers up to 1,000,000! The children are making fabulous connections between concrete manipulatives such as Deines and place value counters, pictorial representations drawing our place value charts, and abstract numerals. In Reading, we have started reading Oranges in No Man's Land which is about a young girl called Ayesha living with her Granny and younger brothers in war-torn Lebanon. We have been really enjoying the story and answering questions about it. We are also following this in our writing lessons and the children have just begun writing their third person narratives. In Science, we have used the iPads to research two famous scientists, Alice Ball and Marie Maynard Daly. In History, we have been learning about the Vikings and looking at their raids and different kinds of boats. In RE, we have been looking at whether religions change or stay the same. In Art, we have been looking at retrofuturistic art and had some fantastic conversations about the 'Space Race'. Year 5/6 are settling in really well and working hard! Keep it up Zephaniah!











## School Uniform and PE Uniform

At The Nethersole CE Academy we have high expectations of school uniform and we believe that having the correct school uniform instils a sense of school pride in our children. It is a parent or carers responsibility to ensure that their child or children attend school with a full school uniform and that they are smart and have a haircut that meets the school's expectations.

As part of their uniform, children come into school wearing the correct PE kit on the days that they have PE. (Days to be confirmed in September 2025 for each class).

Teachers regularly check school uniform to ensure that it is correct and that children are smartly dressed; staff speak to parents on the same day when a child is not wearing the correct uniform. Where needed staff may label uniform for children. It is expected that all staff will remind children of presentation and remind them to wear the uniform correctly with shirts tucked in and jumpers either worn or on their chairs or pegs (not tied around their waist or around their shoulders).

All clothing, including coats and PE kits, should be clearly labelled.

### **Uniform**

White shirt / blouse or Polo Shirt

Grey or black trousers, skirt, or pinafore dress, red checked summer dress

Red Cardigan or sweatshirt

Black shoes (not trainers or 'ballet' style pumps)

White or grey socks. Red or grey tights.

### **P.E. Kit**

**Plain Red T shirt with the school logo (this is a change for next year)**

Plain black shorts

Plain black jogging trousers/tracksuit pants

Plain black sweatshirt/tracksuit jacket

Black plimsolls and outdoor trainers.

Nethersole branded PE Kit is available, reasonably priced at:

<https://crazyaunt.co.uk/polesworth-nethersoles>

where you can view the kit and place orders.

This is a reminder that there should be no branded items, including football shirts, worn in PE. We will give the children spare PE kit to wear if they do not come to school in the correct school PE kit. Your support with this is appreciated.

## Reminder Key Dates for Academic Year 2024 to 2025



### Term Dates 2025 to 2026 Reminder

#### AUTUMN TERM

##### September

Monday 15 September and Tuesday 16 September- Photographer in school

Wednesday 24 September- Times Tables workshop for Year 4 parents (9.00am-10.00am)

Friday 26 September- Macmillan Coffee afternoon and Bake Off (3.30pm-4.30pm)

##### October

Friday 3 October- Reception Farm visit

Wednesday 8th October- Phonics workshop for Reception parents (9.00am-10.00am)

Tuesday 21 October- Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.00pm)

Wednesday 22 October- Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.00pm)

Friday 24th October- Break up for half-term

## **November**

Monday 3 November- INSET day (School closed to all pupils)

Tuesday 4 November- Children return to school

Thursday 6 November- Nasal flu vaccinations

Monday 10 November- Faith Trail for Year 3/4

Wednesday 12 November- Maths workshop for Year 6 parents (9.00am-10.00am)

Friday 21 November- Children in Need

Wednesday 26 November- Maths workshop for Year 2 parents (9.00am-10.00am)

Friday 28 November- INSET day (School closed to all pupils)

## **December**

Wednesday 10 December- Friday 12 December- SEND reviews

Wednesday 10 December- Pre-School and Reception Nativity (9.15am)

Thursday 11 December- Christmas Jumper day

Monday 15 December- Christmas production for KS1 parents (2.00pm)

Tuesday 16 December- Christmas production for Year 3 and 4 parents (2.00pm)

Wednesday 17 December- Christmas production for Year 5 and 6 parents (2.00pm)

Thursday 18 December- Polesworth Abbey Christmas service

Thursday 18 December- Christmas dinner

Friday 19th December- Break up for the holidays.

**Please note that all workshops will involve parents/carers working with their child in the classroom.**

## Attendance and Absence

### **Update on Procedure for Absence**

Firstly, thank you to all those of you who telephone and / or email school and let us know that your child is going to be absent and the reason why. Please continue to do this.

There will be a slight change in that on **Day 2** of an absence, even if you leave another telephone message and / or send an email, we will still telephone to speak with you. If by **Day 3** we have been unable to speak with you, we will complete a home visit.

It is essential that we all work together to safeguard all the children.

We thank you all in advance for your support with this way of working.