

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all of our children and to you at Erdington Hall this term! We are very excited about the year ahead and have lots planned that we will share with you as the year goes on.

**Learning**

What have our learners been doing? Here are some snippets from their learning so far...

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We have been adding features to the characters in the story guess how much I love you.

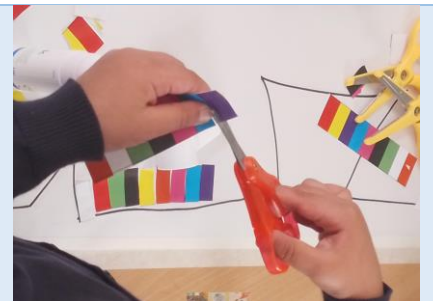


We have been learning to share the small building blocks and developing the muscles in our funky fingers.

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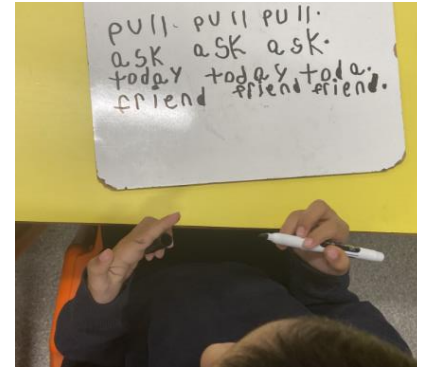
Phonics, Friendship cupcakes & cutting patchwork for Elmer!



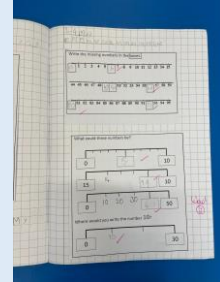
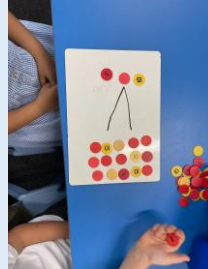
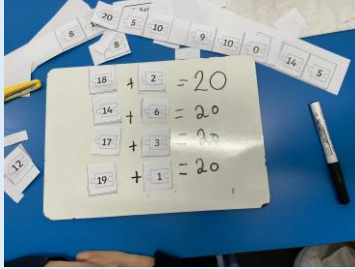
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Year 1 have been enjoying their beautiful reading corner, with their own book worm! They have been trying hard with challenging spellings too!

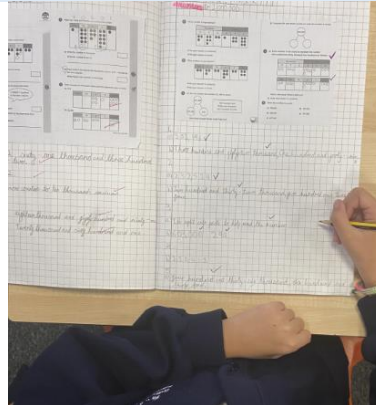
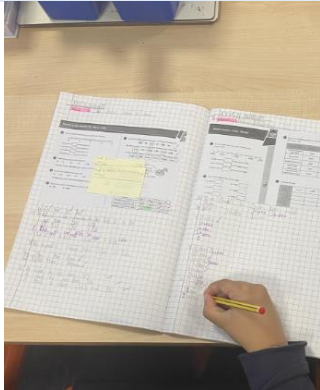


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Year 2 have been working hard in their Maths learning.

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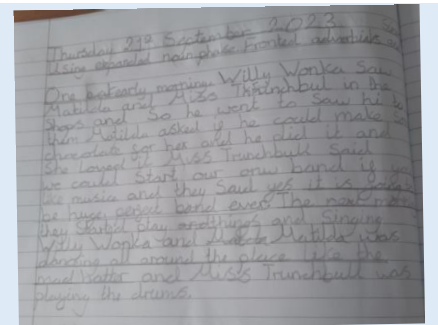
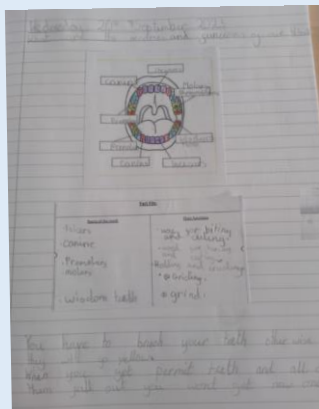
Year 3 have been working hard on developing their Maths skills.

Year 4

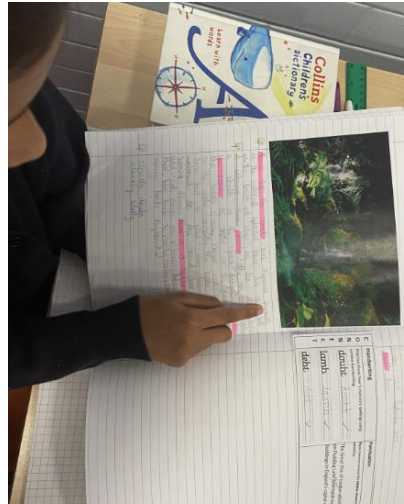
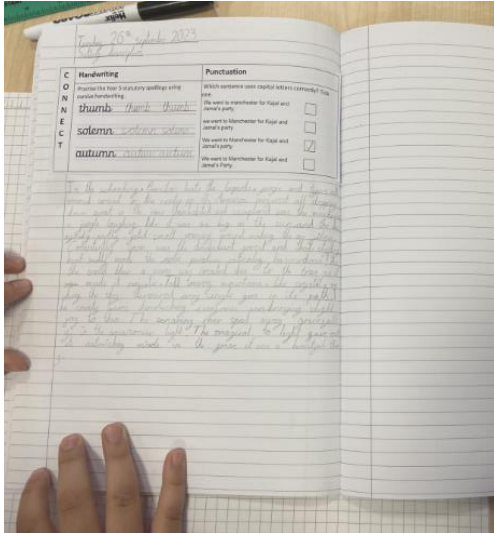
Year 4 are learning about our bodies this term in project, we had an exciting introduction where we focused on the types of teeth and their uses.

In writing we have been learning about fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and similes. Today we started to write our first independent fiction story, incorporating the grammar.

This is a great start to year 4.



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Year 5 have been doing some fantastic descriptive writing about the rainforest.

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One of the children said it was the best visit ever! It was wonderful to also hear that the staff at Mary Arden's house commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. Well done Year 6!



### Meet the teaching teams workshops

We would like to invite you to meet our teams. Please look out for invitations in the forthcoming weeks. Workshops will include:

- Meeting staff members.
- Setting expectations for having the best start and time this year.
- Discussion about reading at home and information about book changes.
- Sharing half term curriculum overview and any visits planned for the year.

The dates and times are as follows:

Year 6	Thank you to all who came last week.	
Year 2	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:30pm
Year 3	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	2:30pm
Year 4	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:30pm
Year 5	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:30pm
Reception	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:00am

### Year 2 and Year 6 revision clubs



We know that our children can benefit from having time with their friends and teachers to practice their skills. The children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be invited to stay after school to attend booster club to revise their English and Maths skills.

Please look for information about assessments that will take place this year and work we are doing to help them prepare for their SATs. There will be an Easter club in the first week of the holidays. It will run from **9:30am – 2:30pm, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. This is **free and will include a free lunch and sports activities** as well as revision classes. Please make this a priority as it will really benefit your child. **Each child who attends every day will also go on a reward visit in the Summer term.**

### Projects



Homework Projects will have been shared with you. Please check details with your class teacher. Our first Project Showcase is **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Superstar assemblies



Each week we celebrate our superstars in school, which includes our staff as well as children. We are really proud of our children and the fantastic start they have made to the year.

As well as celebrating the super learning and behaviour in school, we celebrate attendance too. Each week a raffle for children with **90% or more attendance** takes place, where one child receives a **£5 Wonde voucher**. At the end of each term, we have three prizes to celebrate the term's attendance. The prizes are Wonde vouchers for the family to spend along with a prize for your child: **1<sup>st</sup> place = £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = £75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place = £50**.

At the end of each term, we would like to invite our parents and carers to come along to celebrate with us in superstar assemblies. There will be three assemblies held:

- 9:00am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 9:40am: Year 3 and Year 4
- 10:20am: Year 5 and Year 6

In between assemblies, parents and carers will be able to wait in the hall and after the final assembly, you are welcome to stay for coffee or tea and a chat in the canteen.

## Core Values



We have been looking at our school and our Trust's aims and mission. With all of the staff and children we have decided on some core values that we will live out across the school. We have class names after the year group and initial of the surname of the class teacher across the school. Each year group are a team and have a core value that they will explore and develop deeper knowledge of each year. Please see below for our school's core values:

**YN: We are adventurous**

**YR:** We are **brave**  
**Y1:** We are **resilient**  
**Y2:** We are **inclusive**  
**Y3:** We are **confident**  
**Y4:** We are **determined**  
**Y5:** We are **innovative**  
**Y6:** We are **limitless**



### Birthday celebrations

- Each month, we are going to hold a celebration lunchtime for the children who have a birthday that month. and will have some time to celebrate in the canteen and with some lunchtime games too.

### Clubs

- Clubs have begun and are well underway. After school, there are sports clubs for Key Stages 1 and 2.
- At lunchtimes, there is Fun Club in the library each day and some children are taking part in Art club. More activities will be added to the playground through the term. **Please talk to your child about what they enjoy and how they can help look after all the items that they have out on the playground.**
- This half term, Mrs Downes will be holding a lunchtime club for Reading/Drama. This will be for **Year Five and Six** children. The children will be able to sign up with their teacher and the club will take place on Monday lunchtimes.

### Attendance

- Well done to all of our children who are in school every day they possibly can be. This includes being on time. **Remember that 8:30am is the time they can arrive and the latest time they should arrive by is 8:45am.**
- If your child needs to go to the dentist or doctor, please make sure that you request an appointment that is not during the school day. **If your child attends a doctor or dentist's appointment that is not an emergency, their absence may not be authorised.** Please note that proof of appointment needs to be seen by our office staff.
- Term time holidays are **NOT** allowed. Taking a holiday during term time could result in your child losing their school place. Please make sure that you attend every day possible to give your child the best opportunity for achieving well now and for their future.
- We understand that at times our children can become ill and will not be well enough to attend school. **But please be aware that if attendance drops below 90%, we will contact you via text each Friday. Please do not be alarmed by this, it is necessary that we make you aware.** We can work with you to support you in your children being in as often as possible.

- How can we help one another? **Thank you to parents / carers who call on the first day of your child being absent.** This is a requirement and helpful so that we know how your child is when they will return to school.
- Our EWO (Education Welfare Officer) is Savita Rai. She works with us each week to support families with attendance. **Mrs Rai and Mrs Petkar, our pastoral lead, may call on you at home if your child is not in school. Again, please do not be alarmed by this, it is school's responsibility to ensure that we check on our children when they are not in school.**
- If there are any worries or concerns, we will try to help you. We work with all of our families to ensure that we can offer the best support possible. Please contact the school office if you require support.

### Harvest 2023

- Thank you for those parents who have already donated for this year's harvest. Our focus this year is old uniform and any perishables you can donate. This is tinned or dried food.

### School uniform

- You will have received letters on Friday asking you to choose sizes for jumpers/cardigans. In this changing weather, we would like to help our children by making sure they are warm in their jumpers/cardigans. Please help us do this by returning the slips with sizes as soon as possible.
- We will have a pre-loved uniform and swapshop in school. There will be no charge for this. If you are able to donate when your son or daughter grows out of their uniform, please send it in to school. We hope to be able to offer the opportunity for the children to pick up uniform as well donate.

### Online safety

#### Tips for using social media

- Think about what you should and shouldn't share.
- Not everything you see on social media is real or what it seems.
- If something goes wrong, you can get support.

- We are really pleased that so many of our children stay safe online and know what to do if something goes wrong. Sometimes, what our children read on social media may not be true. Please share these tips with your child and follow the link for further information. For more information, go to [Feeling good on social media | Childline](#)  
To get support, go to: [Get Support | Childline](#)
- If you have any questions about helping your child stay safe online, please do not hesitate to ask to speak to one of the SLT team, Mrs Downes, Mr Edwards or Miss Charlton.

### Start of day and hometime arrangements

### **At the start of the day**

Children can come to **school via Ryland Road or Bracebridge Road**. The Bracebridge Road is an entrance for children only. **Parents and carers must not walk through the school site to a different entrance**. This is in place so that we can safeguard our children.

If you wish to speak to a teacher in the morning, this is not possible as they are dealing with their classes. If there is something urgent, please telephone the school office or tell the member of staff on duty at the entrance you use.

### **Hometime**

We have revised how our children leave at home time. In Reception, it will remain the same. In Year 1 and 2, the children will leave through the hall and line up on their playground. For Key Stage 2, children will line up together in and between the MUGAs. This ensures safety for all and hopefully a speedy dismissal.

Please help your child and school to do this safely by standing away from, and in front of the lines so that staff can see you. Thank you to all you who do this as it is much safer for all our children. Please do not approach the teacher during this time as they need to focus on making sure that the children leave as quickly as possible. If you do wish to speak to a teacher, please wait until the children are all dismissed. If you cannot wait or do not collect them, please do not hesitate to call the school office and arrange a time to speak to them.

### **Behaviour around school**

So many of our children are showing excellent behaviour around school and are receiving plenty of praise for this as well as Dojos when they are exceptionally good. Keep it up everybody!

Thank you to all of you who model excellent behaviour to your child and to others. It helps to keep our school a safe and friendly place to be. Where there is behaviour of any adult entering our school site that is not acceptable, please be assured that this will not be tolerated. We have a code of conduct policy for all and will apply this if anyone fails to follow it. We always work with you and any problems that arise are dealt with by our staff team.

### **Term Dates for this year**

Autumn Term 2023	
Training Day - School Closed	Monday 4th September 2023
Training Day - School Closed	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Term Starts - All Pupils	Wednesday 6th September 2023
HALF TERM - School Closed	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023



Autumn Term 2023

Training Day - School Closed

Friday 24th November 2023

Last day of Autumn Term

Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Training Day - School Closed

Monday 8th January 2024

Term Starts - All Pupils

Tuesday 9th January 2024

HALF TERM - School Closed

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

Last day of Spring Term

Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts - All Pupils

Monday 8th April 2024

BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed

Monday 6th May 2024

HALF TERM - School Closed

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Training Day - School Closed

Friday 5th July 2024

Last day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July 2024