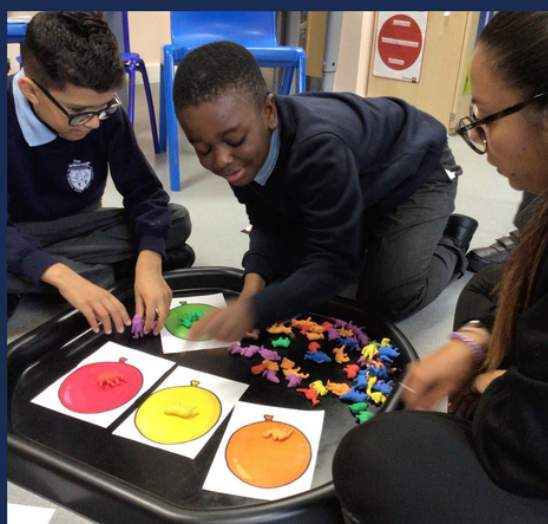


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A Message from Mrs Kennett

Term 1 in a school is always a very busy one as we settle in to the new school year. It has been lovely to see classes back from the Summer and to meet our new pupils across the school!

I would like to thank all our parents, staff and wider community for all the support and hard work that has been shown in helping our children day by day to fulfill their potential. As we move into Term 2 craziness on the build up to Christmas I know there will be lots of fun and exciting things to come!

Enjoy the Autumn break!

Mrs L Kennett



A Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers, and our Pupils,

The first term of the new academic year has truly flown by! This term has been about settling the children into their new routines and for them to get to know each other.

I had a lovely opportunity to come in and meet with Mrs Kennett and Mrs Currie who were really singing the praises of how the children were coping in their new classes. They both talked me through the exciting learning activities/events the children will be experiencing.

There have been a few planned activities that have already taken place. Jellyfish Class were so lucky being able to go to an art workshop held at Triple R; they really enjoyed the workshop.

Mrs Brice organised for our children to vote for their class representatives for the school council. It was a lovely day; Mrs Brice ensured that our children had their voices heard and enabled them to make choices that shape our community.

Our Harvest Assembly went well. I would like to thank you for your incredibly generous donations, which gave the children the opportunity to create a rainbow from all the lovely items. All the items have been donated to the local food bank, which will benefit our local community.

The first parent coffee morning of the school year took place, and I understand it was very well attended.

I hope the children, who took part, enjoyed designing their own extreme robots. I'm sure the ticket winner, from the competition, thoroughly enjoyed watching the extreme robots live tour in Maidstone!

I would just like to thank you for your continued support. I know you would like to join me in thanking the whole staff team for their continued commitment to teaching your children and creating wonderful learning experiences for them.

All our Governors would like to wish you and your families a wonderful end of term break. Have fun and enjoy your time together!

Take care and keep safe.

Anne Costidell
Chair of HSW/Marlborough LAB





Seahorse have settled into our classroom routine so well this term. We have explored our connect journey, working out how materials stick together and thinking about growing up - their baby photos were adorable!!

In science we have been learning about body parts and the differences between animals and humans, we had great fun labelling body parts!

Seahorse children have worked hard on their communication, fine motor skills and following their timetables - they are all transitioning beautifully between locations and activities in school!

Our next journey is 'Faith' - we are looking forward to the exciting things to come.



Wow, how is it already the end of term 1!

Starfish class have been busy settling into their new environment, making connections with both peers and adults. It's been heartwarming to see early friendships blossom and confidence grow as everyone gets comfortable in their classroom community!

We've been exploring the whole-school topic 'Connect', diving into how natural and manmade materials can be joined together! As scientists, we have been exploring what humans and animals eat and identifying different body parts on themselves and models.

We've also taken time to explore different emotions, including happy, sad and excited. We have experienced symbols, vocabulary and stories that explore these, as well as items that may make us feel these emotions or what may help us when dysregulated.

And lastly, trips to Forest School have been special moments for us this term! I'm excited to welcome Starfish class back next term for more exciting moments as we explore the topic 'Faith' and take part in horse riding sessions!





Whale class has had a fun packed term! They have all settled in fantastically and built relationships with new peers and teachers!

We have been exploring our whole school topic of connect! Through this we have been looking at how things can connect together, how animals and humans are connected and comparing how things have changed over the years, looking at old and new toys!

In R.E we have been learning about Sikh rites of passage and learnt about weddings, funerals and naming ceremonies! We held a naming ceremony for our class doll and they got a range of names!!

We have really enjoyed our P.E sessions, we learnt about Boccia, built a tower of cups and played tennis with balloons!!

In science we have been learning about animals and humans, we did an archaeological dig, put together a skeleton and drew around our friends to label them! We had a lot of fun and have been asking Mrs Marchant every day if we can do this again!

Have a wonderful half term.



Octopus class have had a wonderful first term! They have all shown confidence and resilience in starting a new class, building relationships with new teachers and peers and we are very proud of them all. This term the children have followed our whole school Connect topic, throughout this they have looked at a range of materials both natural and human made and have explored their features and different ways of connecting them. In history the children have been exposed to new and old, specifically looking at toys. They have also engaged with exploring how humans grow, develop, and change over time.

In PSHE Octopus class have explored what it means to be a member of a team and the importance of teamwork through team games and in RE we have focused on Sikhism, specifically looking at celebrations and ceremonies. In science, the children have loved learning about different animals, what they eat and drink and exploring the differences between different body parts of different types of animals. The children also spent time looking at the human body identifying features and comparing these to different animals.

This terms enrichment has been at the forest, and the children have loved exploring it. Over the term the children made nature bracelets, built dens, and had fun with the parachute. In the final week of term, we will be baking a fruit cake for our teddy bears tea party which the children voted for as their reward. It has been such a wonderful term, and the children have already come so far. The Octopus team wish you all a happy and safe half term holiday and look forward to what's in store for term 2!





This term Lobster class children have developed new friendships and explored learning with their new peers.

We have engaged in group sessions with a parachute, book bags and during bucket activities.

Throughout our topic we have been learning to connect materials together in a variety of ways. We have explored this in the classroom and at forest school.

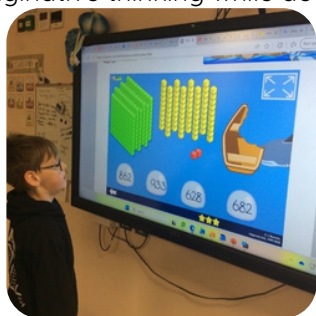


Jellyfish recently participated in a creative art collaboration with Triple R School, which provided a fantastic opportunity to connect with new peers and engage in a shared artistic experience.

During this session, we focused on the techniques and expressive possibilities of watercolour painting. Pupils explored colour blending, brush control, and composition to produce a range of vibrant and imaginative pieces. The project not only allowed us to showcase our artistic talents but also helped us develop important social skills such as teamwork, communication, and confidence in interacting with others. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

In our recent maths lessons, we have been exploring place value and deepening our understanding of the value of each digit within a number. Through a variety of interactive games and hands-on activities, pupils have had the opportunity to practise identifying and comparing digits in different positions, such as units, tens, and hundreds. These playful learning experiences have not only reinforced key concepts but also helped to build confidence and enthusiasm for number work across the class.

Jellyfish class ventured up to the top field where they gathered a variety of natural resources such as leaves, twigs, stones, and grass. These materials were then used to inspire and construct their own creative designs. During the activity, we explored different methods of joining and connecting the materials together, encouraging the children to experiment with techniques such as weaving, tying, stacking, and balancing. This hands-on experience supported their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and imaginative thinking while deepening their connection to the natural environment.



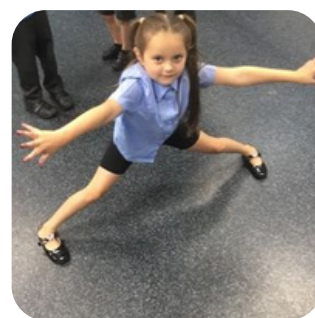


WOW! What an amazing start to the year! The children have settled in beautifully into Pufferfish and are learning their new class routines. They have been demonstrating their school values working towards our class PBIS reward this term of a dance and bubble party!

The children have enjoyed whole class activities of Attention Autism bucket! We especially loved watching the raining paint. As well as this the children have thoroughly enjoyed their daily yoga movement breaks during A-Z yoga.

For our enrichment this term we have enjoyed weekly dance sessions, the children have been exploring superheroes and really enjoyed using multicoloured scarves as capes!

Our journey theme this term was 'connect' the children have especially enjoyed exploring the art/ DT aspect of this, they have used different materials and used their imagination to explore how they can connect items together. As well as this we have explored animals and humans in science and exploring old and new in humanities. The children especially enjoyed ordering photos from their own lives and seeing change in themselves. Here's to term 2!



Wow – Term 1 in Turtle Class has flown by!

We've had such a wonderful time getting to know each other, building new friendships, and settling into our routines.

This term, we've been learning all about emotions during our circle times, and the children have done brilliantly with signing some key words like hello and friend.

We've also had lots of fun with sensory learning, which has helped us begin exploring phonics in a playful way.

Our topic on connecting objects has been really exciting; especially when we had the chance to go horse riding! The children showed such courage and enthusiasm. Our "magic letter" activities were also a big hit, and the children's artwork has been a real success too.

We've loved sharing intensive interaction sessions together too! Looking ahead to Term 2, we're excited to keep building on our communication skills and developing even stronger friendships.





This term in Coral class we have continued our focus on The Zones of Regulation, with pupils becoming increasingly independent in recognising their emotions. In Humanities, we began our Journey (Connect) by exploring old and new toys and to our surprise, the children engaged with some of the older toys even more than the new ones! In DT, we looked at man-made versus natural materials, how different materials can be used to connect objects together, and incorporated toys that connect, such as Lego, K'Nex, and building blocks, into our daily play sessions. In Science, we created human skeletons, explored the functions of different organs using dyed spaghetti and even investigated 'animal poo' to work out whether it came from a herbivore, carnivore, or omnivore...one pupil even asked whether it was natural or man-made, proving they were really paying attention!

To celebrate everyone's hard work, the class decided that their end-of-term reward will be a trip to Billy's Bakehouse, which they are still working towards and very much looking forward to next term.



School Lunches

We're delighted to share that our children have been enjoying the new school lunch menus this term. As part of this they've had the chance to explore tasty dishes from France and India—a wonderful way to experience new flavours, smells, and textures in a safe and supportive environment.

In Term 2, our food journey continues:

On Tuesday 19th November, we'll be trying foods from Mexico.

On Wednesday 4th December, we'll enjoy comforting and familiar favourites from Britain.

These themed lunch days are designed to be inclusive and engaging, helping children build confidence with food and learn about different cultures in a fun and accessible way.

Thank you for your continued support in making mealtimes a positive and enriching part of the school day.



Term 1..

To celebrate Harvest we were once again blown away with your generosity of donations to our rainbow harvest. It is always wonderful to see the display of donations which are all sent to Medway Food Bank to help families in need within our community.



This term Jellyfish Class had an exciting opportunity to take part in a collaborative Art Workshop with another provision in our trust. They worked with Triple R in Parkwood for shared arts and crafts sessions with their Post 16 learners. The children were paired up with the Triple R learners to work together on collaborative pieces of work.



It was lovely to see our children's self confidence, creativity develop.

This term, each class had the chance to vote to elect their School Council representatives! This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to have their voices heard and make choices that shape our community.

We're proud to promote UNICEF- empowering every child to express their views and take part in decisions that affect them



Let's celebrate democracy, leadership, and pupil voice

Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 3rd November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 7th November	Pupil Photos
Friday 7th November	Parent Workshop (2pm)
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th November	Year 6 Residential
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 19th November	Learn with Me (2pm)
Thursday 20th November	Parent Workshop
Wednesday 3rd December	Elf Day for Alzheimers UK
Thursday 4th December	Read with Me (2pm)
Monday 8th to Friday 12th December	Christmas Gift Shop
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Production (afternoon)
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term 2



Marlborough on a Mission

We'd like to say a huge thank you to one of our wonderful parents from Turtle Class, who kindly organised a netball fundraiser and raffle to raise money for MOAM.

The event was a fantastic success, bringing people together and raising valuable funds to support our fundraising campaign. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who took part, donated, or helped make the day so special.

Your support means so much to us and will help create even more opportunities for our children to thrive.



Get ready for some festive fun! Our Christmas shop and raffle are back next term, and all proceeds will go towards supporting MOAM.

Parents Evening

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. Your presence and engagement truly highlight the importance of these conversations in supporting your child's learning journey.

We would also like to thank;

Olu Obadare from NCAKM (Nigerian Community Association Kent and Medway)

Family Solutions

The Disability Nursing Team

Jan and Pheobe from PetsAsTherapy

SALT/OT from the Trust

who attended to offer support, answer questions, and provide information about the services they offer.

We hope that all in attendance benefited from meeting with them.

Term Dates for 2025/26

Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 to
Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3

Monday 5th January 2026 to
Friday 13th February 2026

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 to
Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2026 to
Wednesday 22nd May 2026

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 to
Wednesday 22nd July

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Paternoster to The Marlborough. She joined us this term as a Teaching Assistant.



Congratulations to Miss Williams on the arrival of her baby girl.

We are also very excited to share the wonderful news that Mrs Holder is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of Term 2.

Rivermead Inclusive Trust

The Rivermead Inclusive Trust is very proud of all of our schools and the wonderful work undertaken by pupils and staff and we regularly celebrate this via our social media channels and Trust website.

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