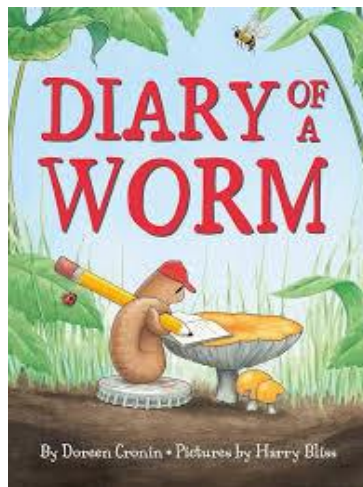
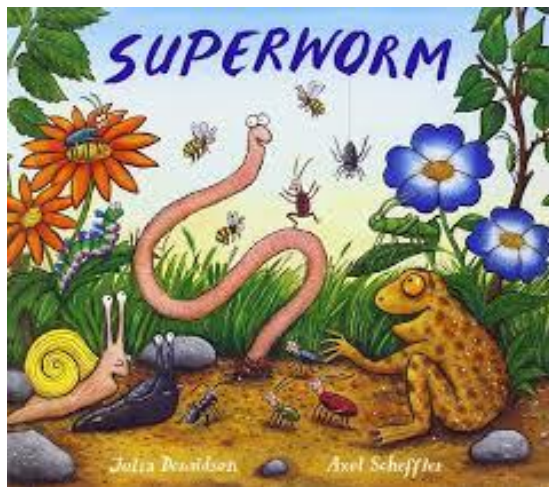


Primary 1-4 Class:

Welcome to our first blog of 2025! I hope you all had a smashing holiday. We have hit the ground running by giving this term's topic "Living World" a bit of a nudge! We are beginning with a look at "Superworm" by Julia Donaldson – I expect many of you know this story already! It's a smashing read for anyone interested and I'm pretty sure you can read it via Youtube!



We will also be taking a look at The Diary of a Worm.

Can you see him on the front cover writing his diary?

This is also another great read!

We are working on a Superworm display, so we began our day by painting spirals on our snail shells.



We had to leave them to dry so we could work on them during the afternoon! Frogs feature in the story too – so we wasted no time in making some of our own!



....And now for Superworm! How about winding wool around a cardboard worm shape? We can do that!

They can be added to our display quickly too!

Rowan and Robert are busy decorating their shells.

They are all ready to be put up!



We also used up our remaining pine cones that were in our tuff tray last term! Our little frog family are ready for display!



So, in fact, are our beautiful butterflies made using a dolly peg!

Our display wall is coming on. The children have worked so hard on all the different craft activities this week – well done everyone!



Many Happy Returns!



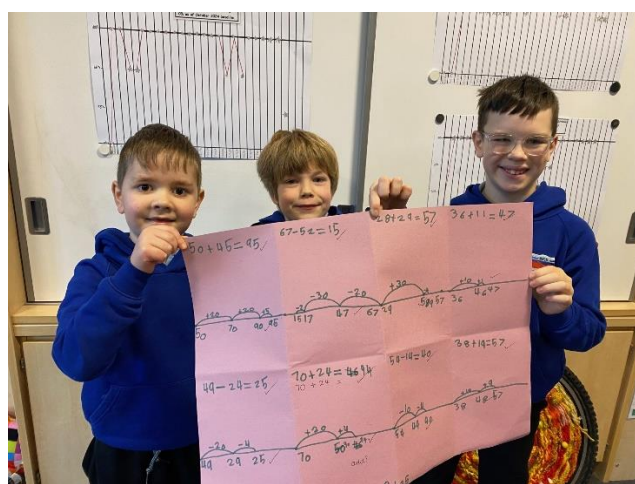
It's Many Happy Returns of the Day to Darcey and Brooke who have been celebrating being big 7 over the weekend!

We hear muffins were the order of the day, rather than a cake. I think they sound absolutely delicious, girls!

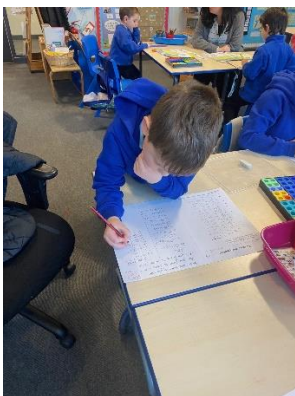
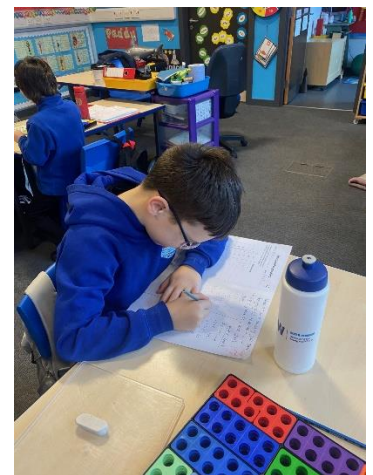
We all hope you had a lovely day!

Maths:

Paddy has got off to a fine start this week! He's been busy sorting and matching all the transport! George, Rowan and Cooper have been interpreting addition and subtraction questions and showing their working out. Robert and David have been busy calculating one less car on the road. Brooke, Elsie, Darcey and Logan have been working on a range of subtraction problems – and showing the sum correctly!



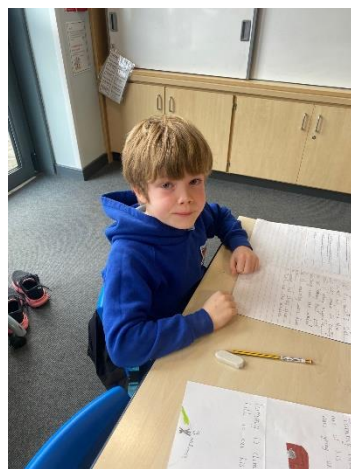
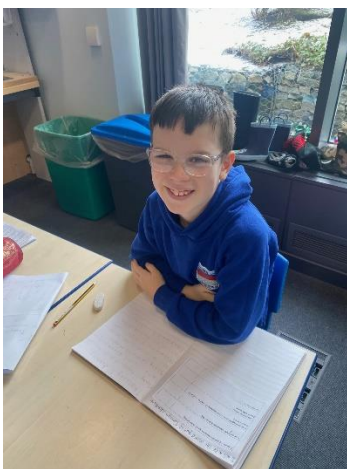
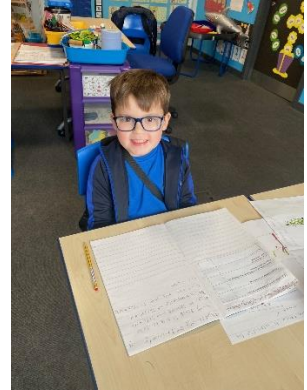
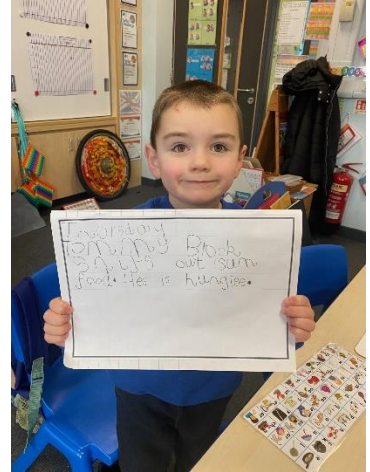
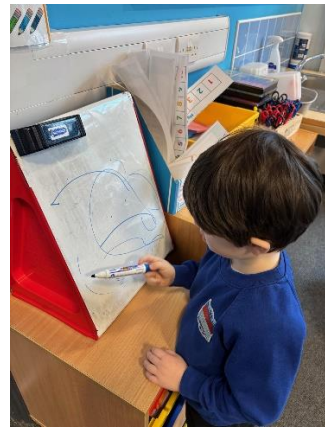
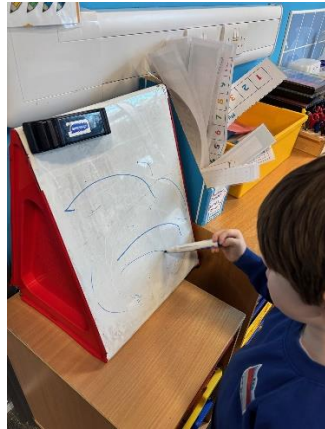
Later in the week, David and Robert worked on the magnet boards to solve a range of subtraction problems! Sumdog has made a re-appearance! Brooke, Elsie, Logan and Darcey are giving themselves some Maths training as a warm-up. George, Cooper and Rowan are checking work using the inverse operation, before setting a friend some problems to solve. Darcey, Logan, Brooke and Elsie are busy calculating a range of subtraction problems with numicon at the ready if needed.



Literacy:

Paddy loves the whiteboard and pens at the moment. Here he is putting his own design to a plane and also mark making of his own. He also loves the air foam which is great for little hands. He enjoys using it any time of day!

The rest of us continue to be busy on our writing. This week we have been planning an adventure for Tommy Brock, our class badger. We are writing about him over a four-day period – so we are in full swing at the moment!



Mrs. Mackinnon's job is to think about how we are going to share our finished pieces...

...no pressure then.....

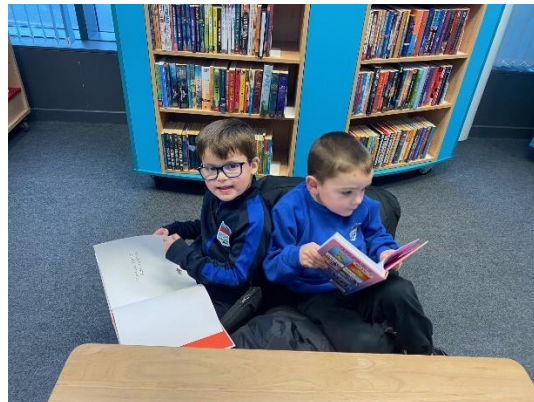
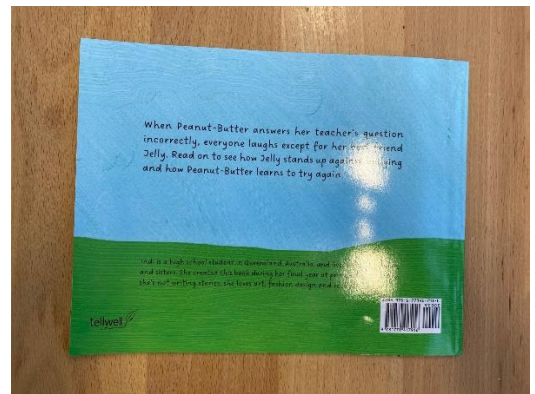
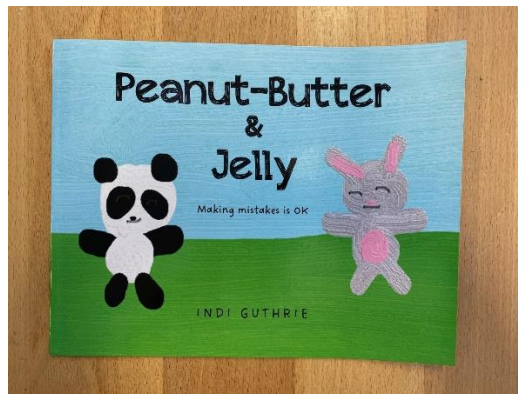


We have also been considering the setting for Superworm.

Here are three early finishers that I managed to prepare earlier showing the children's ideas. You might be able to spot where beetle fell down the well and Wizard Lizard's lair!

Library: Irene is back to read to us! This week's story was all about making mistakes.... We all do it, don't we? This is not usually a problem for us in P1-4, but it's great to hear that good friendships are important when we feel a bit sad...

We've also missed browsing, so it was super to get back to choosing books we like!



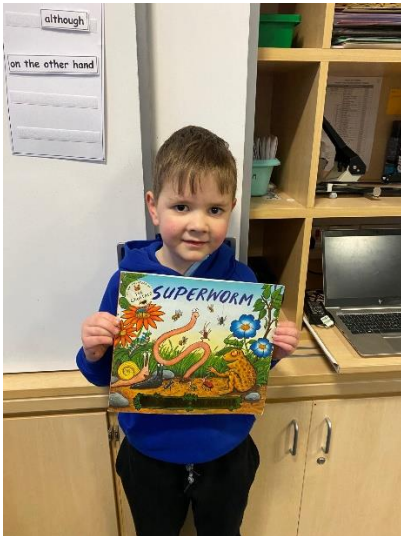
PE:

Just one session this week... but I think we made up for it! How about a five-minute continuous run, a step test and some tuck jumps? It was quite a lot of bits, but I think it will get us ready for a proper start next week!

Here we are working on a step challenge. One minute continuous up and down, followed by a sit down to feel our heart rate!



Sharing:



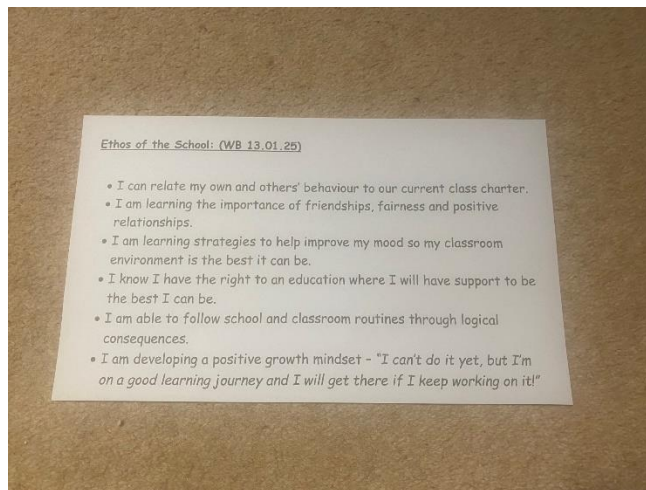
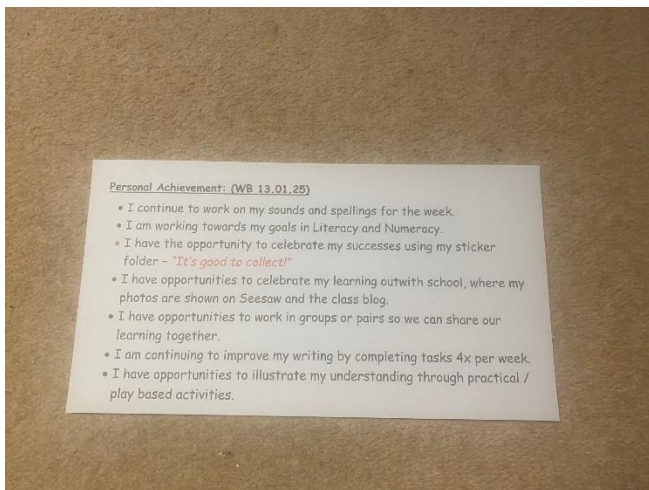
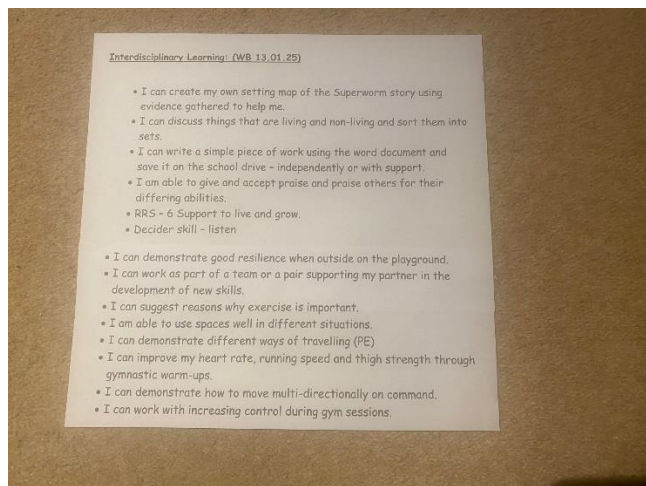
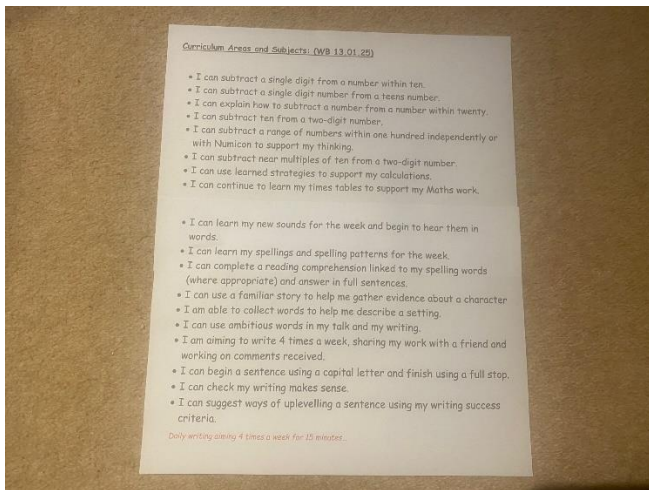
I thought this might be a popular story for some of you!

Here's George with his own copy of Superworm, which has arrived in school to be shared while we work on the topic!

It's great to share George – many thanks for bringing it in!

Next Learning Block:

Here is an idea of the sort of thing we will be covering in class over the next couple of weeks...



Have a great weekend, everyone!