

Primary 1-4 Class:

Welcome to another blog entry from P1-4. We will begin with our PE gym slot. This week we have been concentrating on shape – the different shapes our bodies can make while using the equipment. We also have to remember all the ideas we have learned about in previous weeks – travelling, rolling, jumping and balancing...



We also worked with partners or small teams to work on technique and form...



It is great to see the children's confidence improving as they work. They are trying out new techniques and using each other for support.

We have just a few weeks left of this let's keep pushing!



Sharing:

We've had some very interesting shares in class this week. Zoe brought in her marvellous sketch book. I can see you are working on lots of different techniques! Zoe tells us she's looking forward to filling her whole book full of different ideas! David brought in his lion – just look at his huge mane!



Seachdain na Gaidhlig

The children have been busy creating their own t-shirt designs! It is tricky when you can only use three colours!



We also worked with a partner and thought about all the different places we may hear and see Gaelic being used – starting with ourselves, then in school, in Harris and across the world. Many thanks to Mrs. Macsween who got all this going in our class this week!

Paddy was first out of the starting blocks... just look at him working on his t-shirt design!



Camouflage!

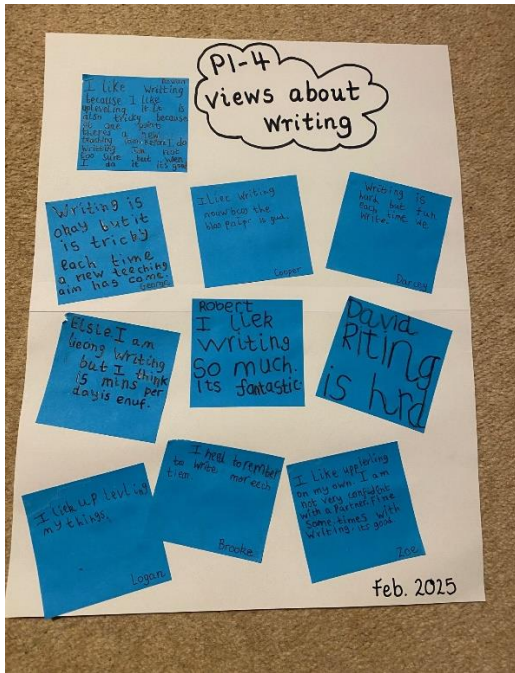
This week we have been considering how animals make themselves camouflaged to protect themselves from predators. What about our worms – can you see them?



We are a bit early in the year, but how exciting to look for worms around school...



Literacy:



Our thoughts about writing!

We are continuing to write four times every week, so we decided to compose our thoughts about Writing...

Here's Paddy working hard on his matching this week... and working with Sarah from SALT!

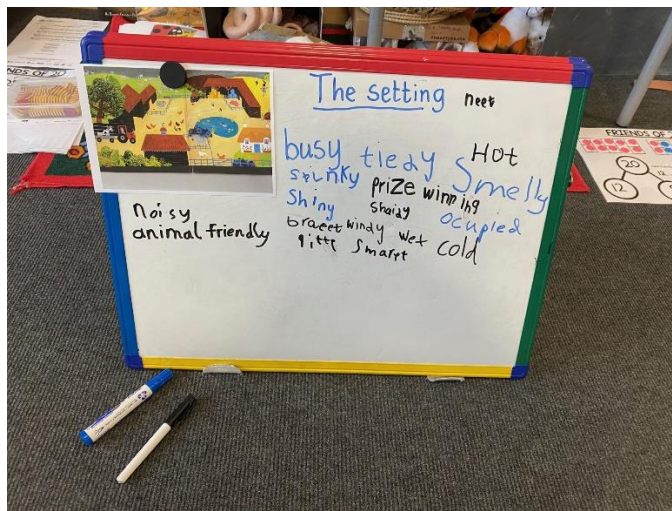


...and here we are adding some setting words to our miniboard before 9.00am! It's good to see the children ready to think before our day actually gets going!



All our ideas help us with our writing tasks that we complete a little later in the day!

Even Mrs. Mackinnon and Kerry got some ideas up on the board!



Here's Elsie with her very own Julia Donaldson books!

We would love to have a Julia Donaldson library in class... we just love her marvellous stories!

If you have any that we could borrow, just pop your name inside and send them in to us! We would love a read!

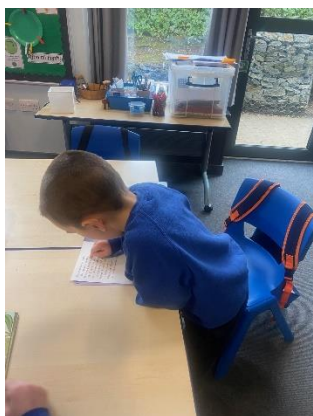
We will return at the end of this term!



Paddy is working hard on his scissor skills! Just look at his concentration as he cuts out his rockets... This is excellent work, well done, Paddy! And later – a bit of a sneaky read of the phonic book! Marvellous!

....Grown-ups – you have answered my request in droves! We have a super Julia Donaldson library in class (although I am always happy to accept more!) Thank you so very much!

By Friday we were able to have a last session in school sharing all things Julia Donaldson! It was lovely to hear the children reading to themselves or each other! And our books are stored beautifully – inviting us to pick one off the low shelves to read!



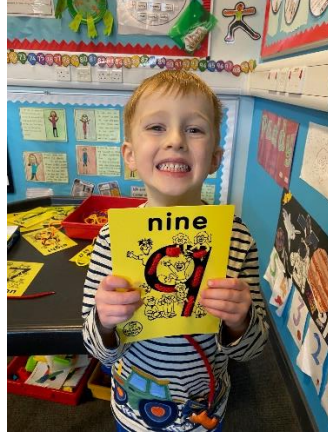
We have been collecting words about Ladybird and Superworm so we can compare them next week! Paddy is just loving pencil control at the moment – and he's using a Superworm sheet! What more can we say?



Sgoil Araich Visit:

The Sgoil Araich visited us again this week. Here's Ronan busy with the Numicon! Rory has completed some number threading – what a great job!

Ronan was interested in Sumdog on the laptops. He enjoyed watching the children play their maths games.



...Ronan also enjoyed exploring the class rocket!

Rory, David and Robert sort out the compare bears!



Laptop Work:

We had a go at Immersive Reader (with limited success). It took Mrs. Mackinnon a while to work out Office 365 must be used to access easily! However, we are never fazed! We used our time to work together reminding ourselves about all the different features we can do with the Word Document! More work to come – Mrs. Mackinnon included!



Here's a different type of technology – and I couldn't not include it!

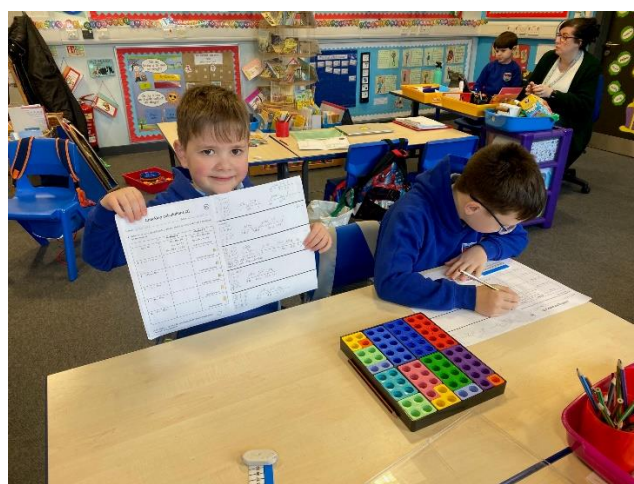
Paddy just loves this little ball that lights up – just look at that happy face!

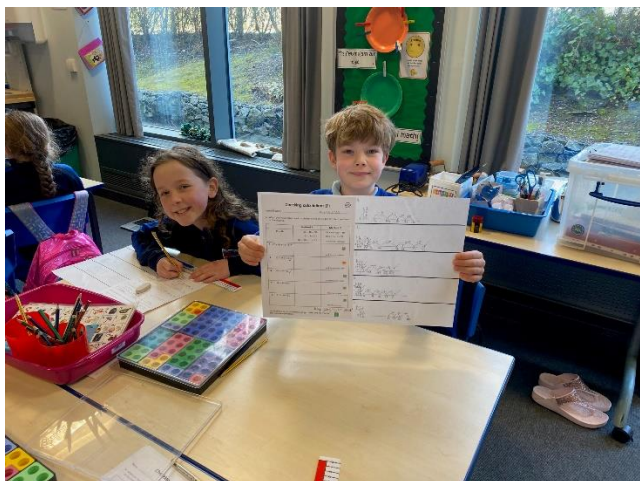
It's certainly cheered me up this week!



Maths:

Paddy's away with a Numicon jigsaw! David and Robert are working out addition and subtraction sums around twenty.





George and Rowan have just completed some particularly taxing maths!

What a relief! That was hard going!

Later in the week we have Brooke, Elsie and Darcey working on subtraction chains... David and Robert had another stab at friends of 20! This is becoming much easier boys – well done! You tried hard!



Swimming:

Swimming always comes around particularly quickly! Is this a new life guard? Actually no....it's David who was sitting things out this week!



I tried to get to see as many of you as I could as you all worked on your swimming lessons! It's great to see so much progress over the few weeks we have swimming in school! Here's Logan, Robert and Elsie!

Rowan, Cooper, Elsie and Robert are busy in the pool! This pink fish is, apparently, Darcey!

Logan, Darcey, Elsie and Brooke have just finished their widths!



It's tuck jumps from Zoe and Cooper...

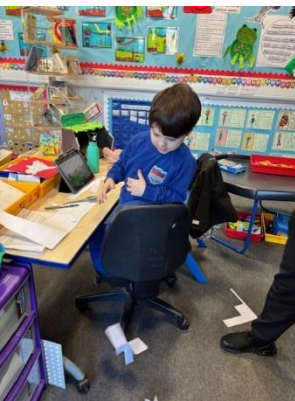
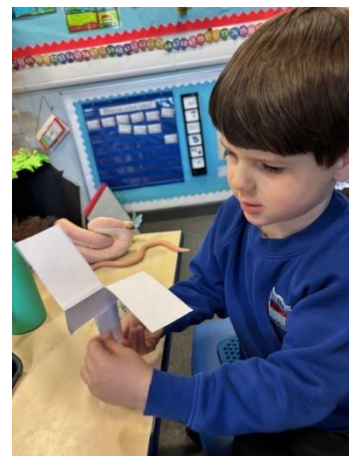
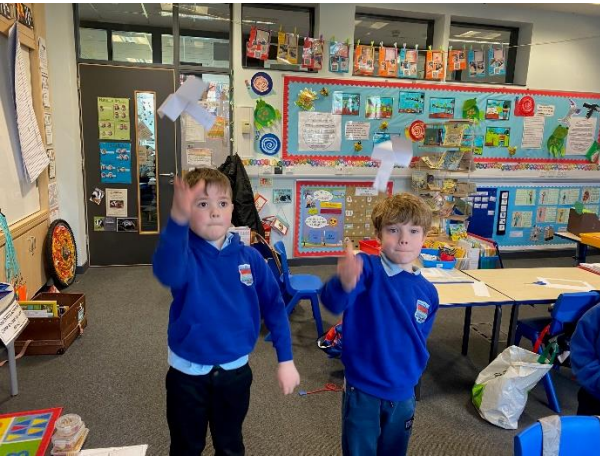
Rowan and Cooper try a pencil jump... and at the deep end too!

Well done, you three!



STEM Challenge:

This week we made some helicopter spinners from folded paper. We made spinners of different sizes so we could see which spinners worked best of all. We also added a paper clip to the bottom to see if it made a difference... It gave us quite a bit to think about...



Library:

We visited the library again this week. The Biggest Story was the story read by Irene! It was a popular choice! We also did some browsing!



Among the titles in the library was "The Bowerbird" by Julia Donaldson. I must say it's a story I'm not familiar with. Zoe tells me she will add it to the class collection after she has finished reading it!

Tidy up please! And a Happy Face!



Here's Paddy in the sand and then busy tidying up! We all love a happy face, don't we?

The prize of the week for happiness I think must go to Paddy! Just look at that smile! It's certainly cheered me up!

Have a great weekend, everyone!