

Federation of Riders Newsletter

Spring 1



Welcome to our newsletter

Dear Riders Community,

As we come to the end of the Spring 1 half-term, we are delighted to share with you the many successes and joyful moments from across our Federation. Classrooms have been alive with curiosity, creativity and ambition—from our youngest children in Year R strengthening their fine motor skills to support early writing, to Owls class exploring space-themed texts and creating thoughtful character descriptions.

Across the school, pupils have embraced rich learning experiences: Year 2 have journeyed through the history of flight, written imaginative diary entries as Amelia Earhart, and developed impressive clay pinch pots using scoring and slip techniques. Meanwhile, in Year 3, children have deepened their understanding of perimeter in Maths, produced engaging narrative writing, constructed 3D sculptures in Art, and reflected thoughtfully on their wellbeing through the use of the "Feeling Tree."

We continue to be incredibly proud of the determination, kindness and enthusiasm shown by our pupils every day. Thank you for your continued support in celebrating their achievements and helping them flourish in all aspects of school life. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and sharing in the highlights of this busy and vibrant half-term.

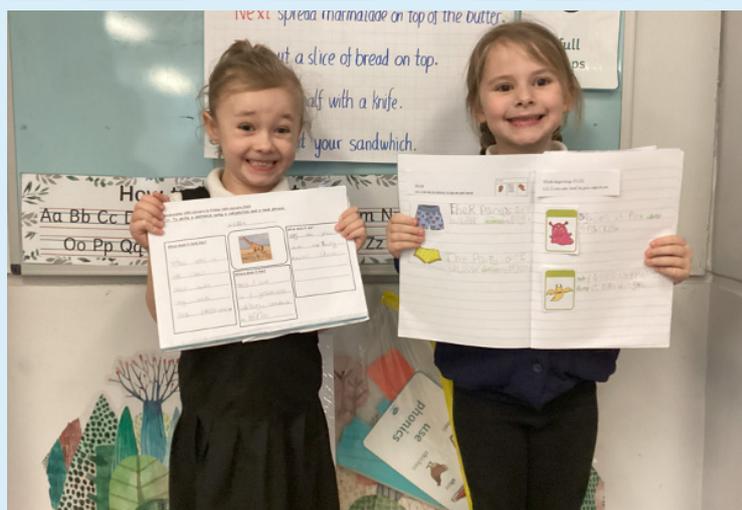
**Mrs Leach &
Mr Bourton**
Interim Executive
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Owls Class Update

In Owls class we have been using a variety of resources to compare numbers; we used our understanding of number bonds to 20 and then selected the correct symbols to compare their values. This half term, we have explored three new texts, all with a 'space' theme. Everyone has been extremely proud of their character descriptions and fact files. This week, we made sandwiches for our astronaut and got to try them before writing our instruction text about how we made them.

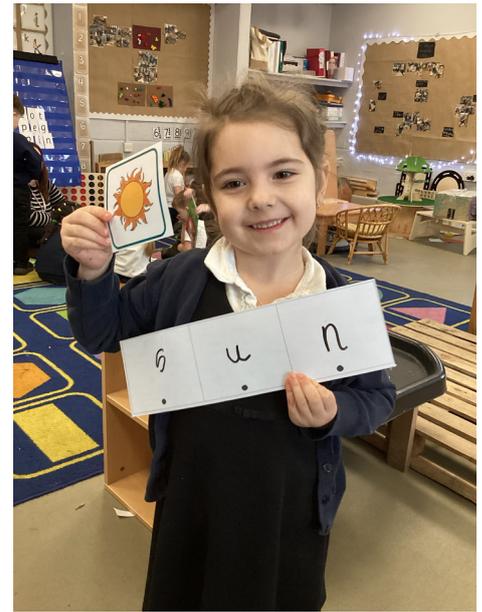
Mrs Knight



EYFS update

Our Year R children have been working hard to embed strong fine motor skills, which will support them with their writing journey!

Mrs Mooney



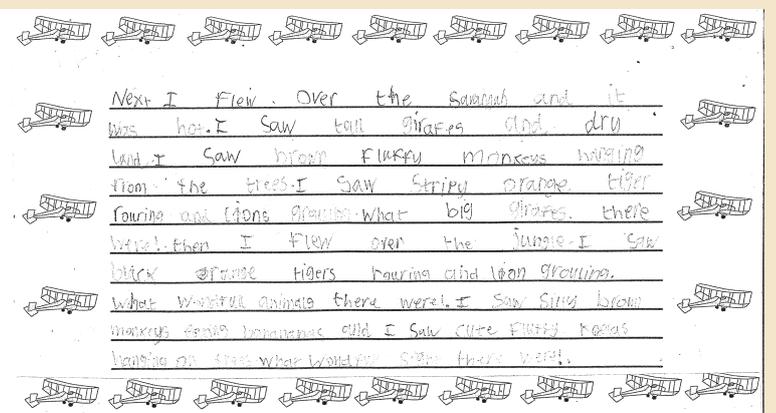
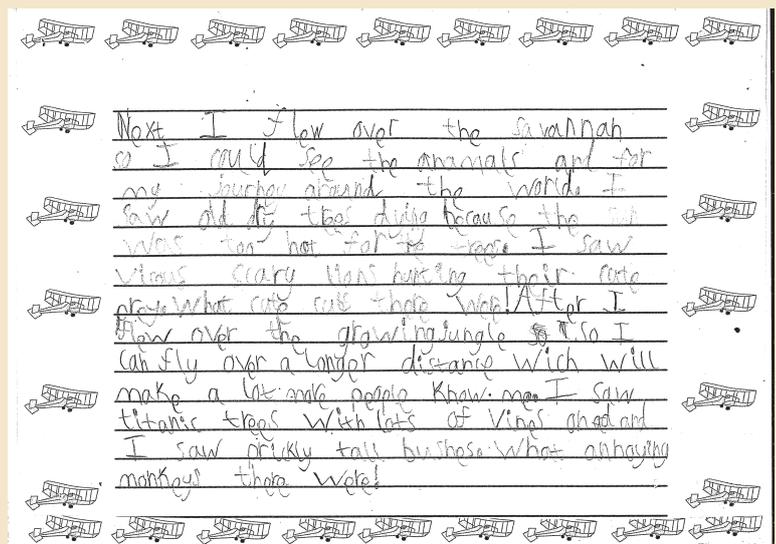
Highlights from Year 2

This term Badger class have been learning about Flight. We learned all about the history of flight from the Wright Brother's first flight to the moon landings.

We imagined we were Amelia Earhart on her record breaking flight and wrote a diary of our adventure. We included expanded noun phrases and conjunctions and learned how to use exclamatory sentences. In our art lessons we have been learning how to join pieces of clay together using scoring and slip. We used these techniques to create pinch pots and clay tiles.

I will send through a photo of some children with their clay pots asap. Writing attached - top piece is Harvey M and bottom is Penny K

Mr Bradley

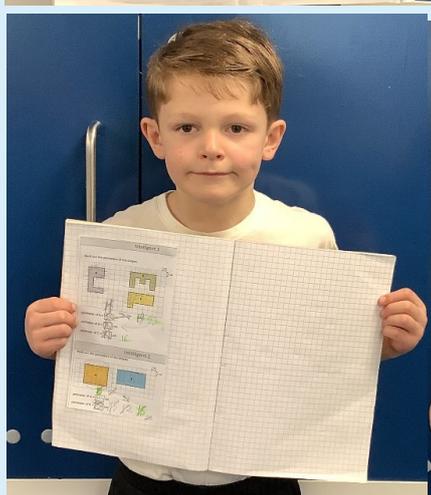
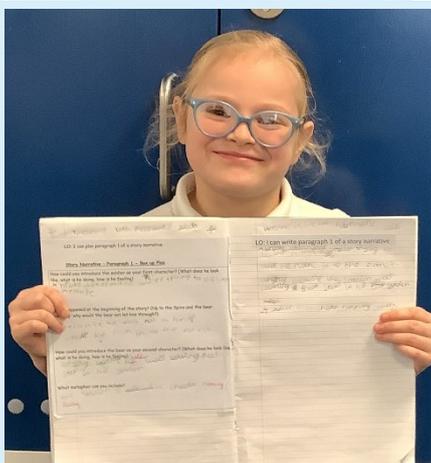
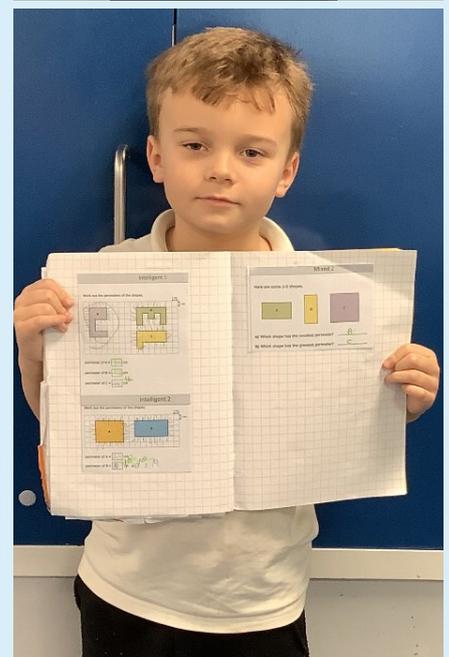
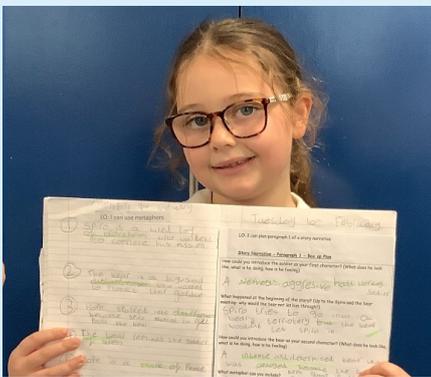
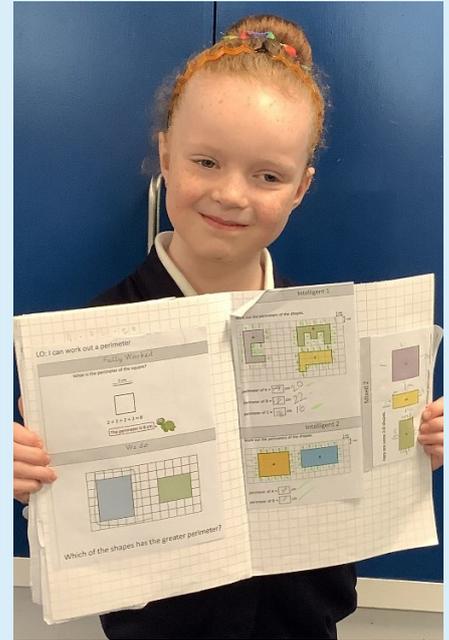
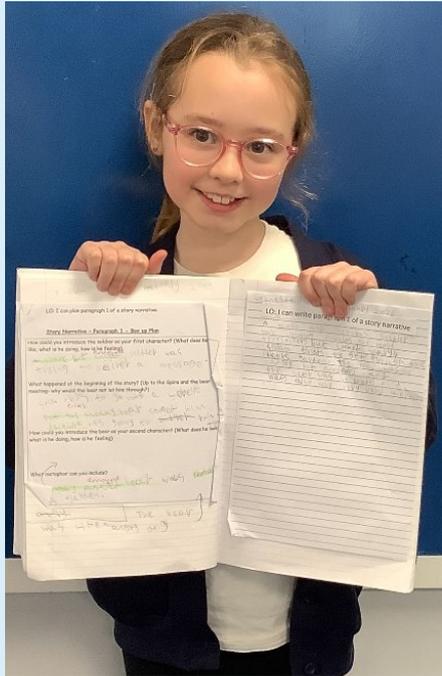


Year 3's Spring 1 Highlights

Spring 1 has been a busy half-term for Year 3! We've put together some highlights of our work, from mastering perimeters in Maths to crafting imaginative narratives in writing.

Our creative side really shone through while building 3D sculptures in Art, and we've also been focusing on our wellbeing by using our "Feeling Tree" to help us identify and discuss our emotions.

Mrs Collins



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Discover a **FREE one-stop shop** of trusted information, advice and support to help you through your journey as a parent.

Come and chat with our friendly advisers who can signpost you to help and advice from pregnancy through to starting school. Whether it's health and wellbeing or childcare and education questions, you can find everything you need to support your child to have the best start in life.

Drop into your Best Start Family Hub at Leigh Park Library, available during library opening hours from Saturday 21 March.

Lots of activities for children including crafts, face-painting and competition prizes.

21 March, 10am to 1pm

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