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'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'
Raising Aspirations, Realising Ambition and Stimulating Curiosity

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As you can see from the pictures below, the children's learning has started in earnest, as well as there being many opportunities to settle back in to school life, with a focus on our values; Respect for all, Safety and Focus. The adults in school have been spending time making sure that the curriculum is ready (whilst the children have been focusing on social learning) so next week you will be getting a curriculum letter for each year group.

Another new idea we are going to trial is a parent drop-in session. This will happen in the school hall each Wednesday from 8.45-9.45am. The Special Needs Co-ordinators (SENDCos) Mrs Staniforth and Miss Boniface will be available alongside Mrs Mitchard to offer support, advice and biscuits. If you have anything you would like to discuss with them, please drop-in.

If you have anything you would like to talk about any morning, you may have noticed that other members of staff have been greeting you as you arrive at school.

You should be getting an invitation to Parents Evenings shortly, which will be held during the week starting 22nd September – this will be a chance to meet your child's teacher and to find out how they (your child, and possibly the teacher) are settling in and whether there are any areas on which we can work together.

EYFS & Year1

We are very proud of the way in which our new Ducklings and Goslings have settled into life at Priestley. We are also very impressed about the way in which our Year 1 children have acted brilliantly as role models. What a great team they make!

So far this term we have been learning the about the school and class routines and expectations, with particular focus upon our school values of "Focus, Safety and Respect".

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the classroom environment and begun to develop their independence in finding, selecting and sharing resources.



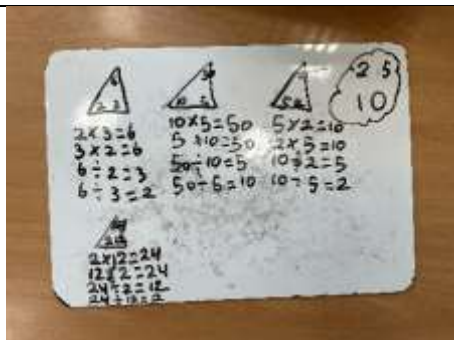
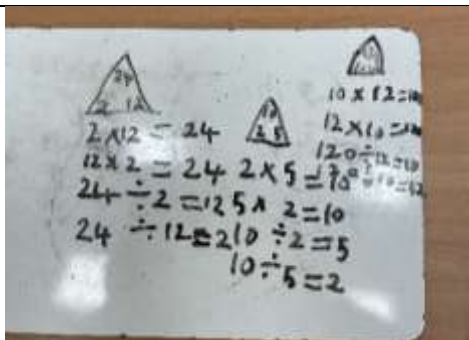
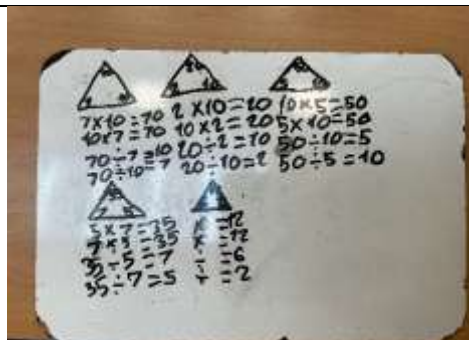
Years 1&2

This week in year 1&2 we have got stuck in straight away with all our learning! In Maths we have been looking at place value and practising the skill subitising, thinking about recognising numbers to ten, and making these in different ways. In History, we have been asking questions about our new topic 'Transport' and thinking about different modes of transport and how it has changed over time. We had a go at making our own transport models with a variety of materials. In computing, we practiced our mousepad skills and used Paint to create our own pictures, thinking about how we could change the colour of the brush.



Year 3&4

This week in year 3 and 4, we have been looking at a new way to say our times tables. We have been working on relationships between numbers in Maths and have used our whiteboards to help secure the skill. In Computing we used Microsoft Word to insert, resize and manipulate objects.



Years 5&6

Year 5 and 6 have started the new school year with a fascinating look at how World War Two began—why not quiz us on some of the key facts we've discovered? In science, we revisited our previous learning about light and carried out exciting activities to explore how light travels in straight lines. In PSHE, we shared our hopes and dreams and created colourful banners to showcase them around the classroom. Our journalistic writing is off to a strong start too—perhaps you could read some newspaper articles together at home to collect even more inspiring language for our own reports!



Scores and Rewards

Team Points:



Team Points this week	415	411	436	397
	Bowood Green	Gases White	Oxygen Blue	Duck Yellow



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Have a lovely Weekend

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