



Poppy Class: Spring Term 2025



Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for the new term. Thank you once again for our lovely gifts.

Daily Routine

Each morning, McGinty children are all invited to play on the playground from 8:30 until 8:45. When the main gates open at 8:45, Poppy children should enter school via Poppy Class door and hang up their lunchboxes and belongings in the corridor. Year 3 children will need to bring a fruit snack as these are only provided in KS1. We will then have 'Clever Fingers' (fine motor skill) activities and registration.

Important Information to Note

➤ PE days are as follows:

Y2 - Tuesday and Wednesday	Y3 - Wednesday and Friday	Y3 will have swimming Terms 5 and 6
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On inclusion PE days, please send the children into school wearing their full PE kit (white t-shirt; black jogging bottoms/leggings) and their school jumper/hoodie.

- In KS2, Art and DT will be taught in the mainstream classes, as a block each term rather than weekly lessons. In KS1, this is usually taught weekly, except for some DT units.
- Please update the Reading Journal each time your child reads to help earn certificates and raffle tickets.

General Information

- Y3 On Forest School days, please send the children in **wearing PE kit**. They will also need an old jumper, waterproofs and wellies to go out to Forest School. School jumpers will not be worn in the woods.
- Ms Steele, our Speech and Language Therapist, will be in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Our class email address is a helpful way to contact us if you have any questions: sogden@west-malling.kent.sch.uk.
- Please note that we are often not able to check this until lunchtime or after school, so urgent messages should be sent via the school office.

Staff

- Mrs Ogden (all week)
- Mrs Baker (10-12 all week; all day Tuesday)
- Mrs Mac (all week)

Mrs Mac will be on leave from 18th January for 2 weeks.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ogden



Poppy Home Learning



Reading.

Try to read every day!

Each read counts and you will earn:

20 reads = bronze certificate

40 reads = silver certificate

60 reads = gold certificate

Then every 10 reads after = 1 raffle ticket for our Easter grand prize draw!

Maths (TTRockstars or Mathletics)

Times Tables or Number Bonds - should be practised **regularly**. You can choose to practise any way you like (TTRockstars, Top Marks, Mathsframe, a deck of cards) - repetition is key!

See over the page for this term's focus and home learning ideas.

Precision Teaching words should be little and often (5 mins 3-4 times a week).

Your child will get a new set of words approx. weekly when they are ready to move on.

Use fun, multisensory activities to help their learning stick. Practise spelling the words and writing them in a sentence.

See Poppy Class page for ideas.

Vocabulary - Key words from your child's learning will be sent home. Please choose 2-3 of these words each week to practise.

Ideas

- Say it out loud, clap the syllables, what sound does it start with? Isolate the sounds
- Act it out, draw it, sing it!
- Say it in a sentence. "Africa is a continent" A continent is a large solid area of land"
- Write the definitions

Maths - either Poppy Maths home learning (see over) or see relevant inclusion class home learning

Additional Home Learning

Zones of regulation -

Please ask you child what 'zone' they have been in each day to discuss their feelings. If they have been on blue, yellow or red, ask them what helped them get back to the green zone.

Zones of Regulation			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Bored Lonely Sad Tired Unwell	Calm Content Focused Happy Ready to learn	Anxious Confused Excited Frustrated Worried	Angry Aggressive Terrified I need time and space

Please bring Home Learning books back to school on Monday 10th February to share.



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Mrs Mac's Maths Group

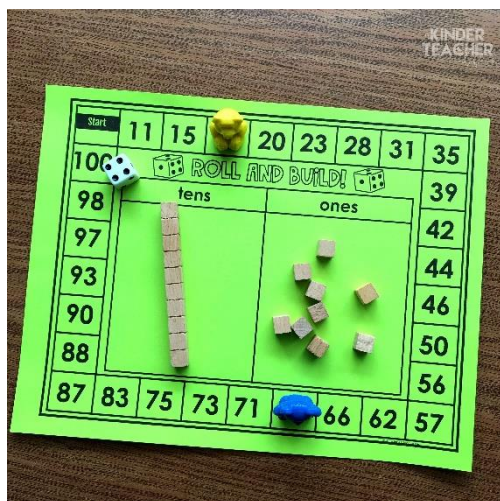
This term, our focus is:

Place Value to 50

- Practice counting up to 30, then 40, then 50
- Practice counting in tens to 50

Play 'Shark numbers' to understand tens and ones- select numbers to 50

<https://ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/mobile/index.html>



Create a place value game like the one above. Chocolate fingers (for the tens) and smarties (for the ones) make a good base 10 alternative!

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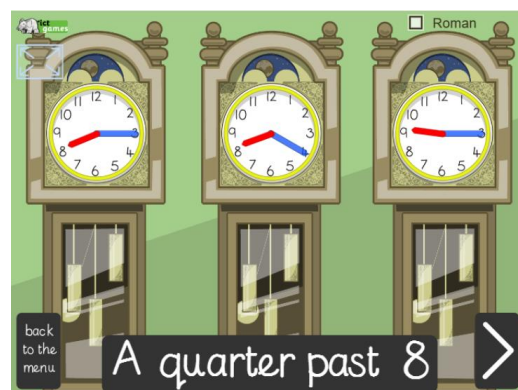
Time

- Practice telling the time O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to
- Practice telling the time to 5 minute intervals

Hickory, Dickory, Dock is a great game to practice these skills:

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/hickoryDickory/index.html>

Levels 1 and 2



- Clock demonstrator for exploring different times and linking to digital times:

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/clock/index.html>