



Poppy Class: Spring Term 3 2026



Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and we would like this opportunity to say a big thank you for your very thoughtful gifts.

Please ensure that the children wear warm coats, hats and gloves to wrap up warm for the cold weather. If we have some snow days to enhance our learning, please bring wellies as well as school shoes and perhaps a change of socks!

Important Information to Note

- Please email Weekend News to us before 8:45 on Mondays at sogden@west-malling.kent.sch.uk

- PE days are as follows:

Y1 - Monday and Thursday	Y3 - Monday	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. This will happen in the second to last week of each term. We will send more information nearer the time.
- Please check your child's Home Learning Book for this terms home learning and key topic vocabulary - see further details overleaf.
- Please do record each time your child reads in their Reading Journal to help earn certificates and raffle tickets.

General Information

- 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.
- Y3 On Forest School days, please send the children in wearing PE kit. They will also need a **change of warm clothes** (e.g. jumper, joggers, socks), **waterproofs** and **wellies** to go out to Forest School. They will be out in all weathers.
- Mrs Wells, our Speech and Language Therapist, will be in school on Wednesdays and the Assistant SaLT on Tuesdays.

Staff

- Mrs Ogden (all week)
- Mrs Mac (all week)
- Mrs Baker (all week)
- Mrs Hook (Tuesdays - Fridays)
- Miss Hay (Mondays)

Many thanks,
Mrs Ogden and the Poppy Team

Poppy Class Home Learning Term 3

PLEASE SEND READING JOURNALS INTO SCHOOL EVERYDAY SO WE CAN UPDATE READING BOOKS.

<u>Reading</u> should be completed daily and recorded in the Home Learning book. Books will be changed in school as required - bring them in to change when you are ready to, no set day. You can read a book from school or one you have at home. Every 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!	<u>Maths</u> (TTRockstars or Mathletics) Having a good knowledge of basic number facts really improves maths confidence, so do use Live Mathletics regularly to practise mental maths recall. <u>Times Tables</u> or <u>Number Bonds</u>- need to be practised regularly. You can choose to practise any way you like (TTRockstars, Top Marks, ICT Games, Mathsframe, a deck of cards) - repetition is key! See over the page for this term's focus and home learning ideas.
<u>Precision Teaching</u> Words should be practiced little and often (5 mins 3-4 times a week). They will get a new grid of 6 words when they are ready to move on Use fun, multisensory activities to help their fluency in reading and spelling them. See Poppy Class page for fun ideas.	<u>Vocabulary</u> - Key words from your child's learning will be sent home. Please choose 2-3 of these words each week to practise using. eg. <i>Continent</i> 1. Say it out loud, clap the syllables, what sound does it start with? Isolate the sounds 2. Maybe act it out, draw it 3. Make up a song to remember it 4. Say it in a sentence. "Africa is a continent" A continent is a large solid area of land" 5. Practise writing it

Additional Home Learning



Get involved in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/faqs#free-guide-and-id-chart>

Please feel free to use the Home Learning Book for any other learning or practise that you take part in at home. Please bring them back into school on **Monday 9th February 2026 to share.**

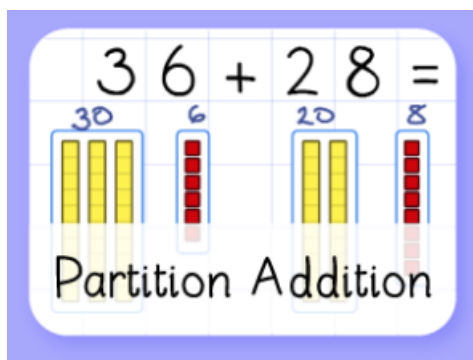
Mrs Mac's Maths Group

This term, our focus is:

Adding tens and ones

Use base 10 to add 2-digit numbers

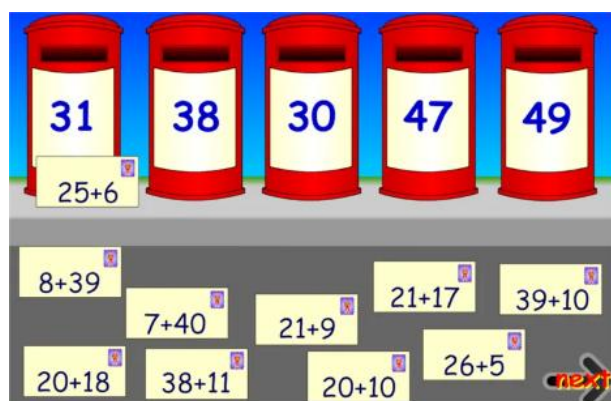
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Post Sorting

Sort the mail into the correct post boxes by working out addition calculations

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=PostSortingcalculationsv2>



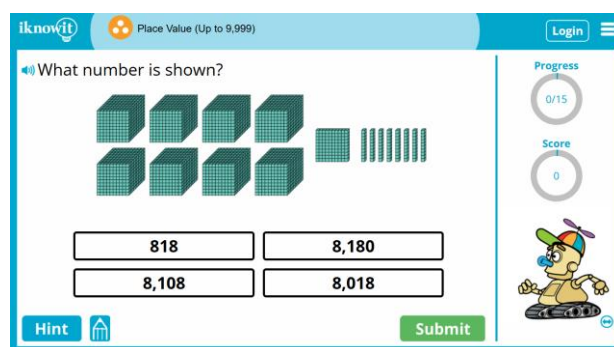
Please also see Mathletics

Mrs Ogden's Maths group

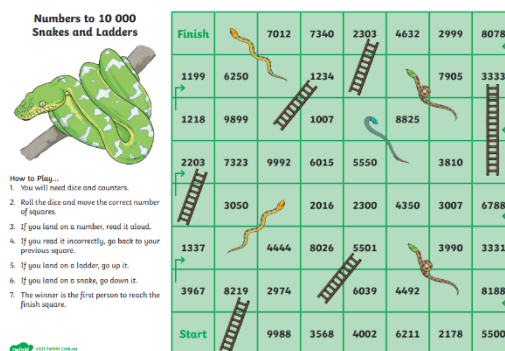
This term our focus is:

Place value to 10,000

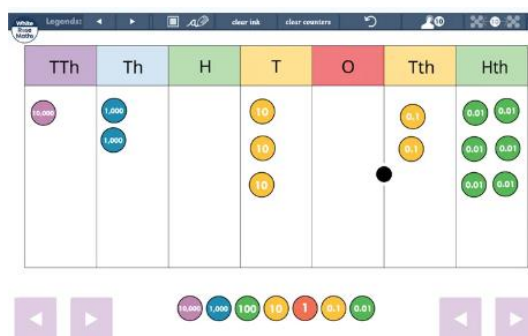
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Snakes and Ladders game- attached



Place Value buttons grid to practice building numbers



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