



Poppy Class: Autumn Term 1 2025



Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer and are ready for the new term.

Timetables

Year group timetables will be found on the Poppy class page shortly. These show where your child will be learning for each subject.

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

- 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.
- Your child will continue to have a Reading Journal and Home Learning Book - see further details overleaf. Please do record each time your child reads 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 an old jumper, waterproofs and wellies to go out to Forest School. School jumpers will not be worn in the woods.
- Mrs Wells, our Speech and Language Therapist, will be in school on Wednesdays.

Staff

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

Many thanks,
Mrs Ogden and the Poppy Team

Home Learning

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 Christmas 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. For early number recognition and learning to count: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/todays-number-up-to-20 <u>Times Tables</u> or <u>Number Bonds</u>- should be practised regularly. You can choose to practise any way you like (TTRockstars, Top Marks, Mathsframe, a deck of cards) - repetition is key!
<u>Precision Teaching</u> Phonic Sounds. Practise little and often (5 mins 3-4 times a week). Your child will get a new grid of sounds approx. weekly when they are ready to move on. Practise reading through the sounds on the grid for 1 minute each time. It doesn't matter how many they read but this should increase over the 2 weeks Use fun, multisensory activities to help them learn the sounds. Practise finding objects or spotting words with that sound and writing them in a sentence. (See Poppy Class page for 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? 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" or "A continent is a large solid area of land" 5. Practise writing the word

Additional Home Learning

Walk on the Wild Side - Suggestions of outdoor activities that can be enjoyed as a family over the course of the term can be found on the link below. There is no obligation to do these but spending quality time in nature has huge benefits to mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/10/autumn-outdoor-activities-for-kids/>

We would love to hear about your adventures in your Home Learning Book.

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 21st October to share.

Mrs Mac's Maths Group

This term, our focus is:

Place Value to 100

Shark Numbers (ICT Games)

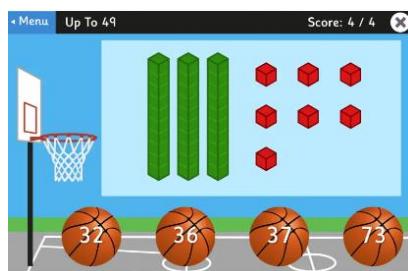
<https://ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/mobile/index.html>



Select 'Numbers up to 99' from the menu
Count the tens and ones to find the correct number!

Basketball numbers

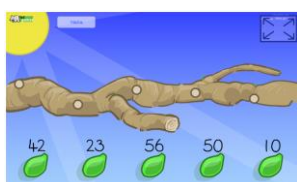
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Practice building and writing numbers at home
or counting up to 100 and back starting at
different numbers!

Counting Caterpillars

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



Help the caterpillar put the numbers to 100 in
order!

Mrs Ogden's Maths group

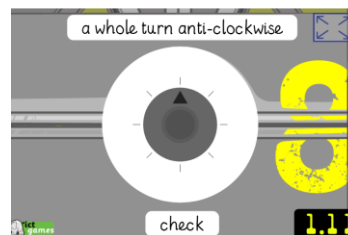
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Shape - Angles and turns

Deadly Doors

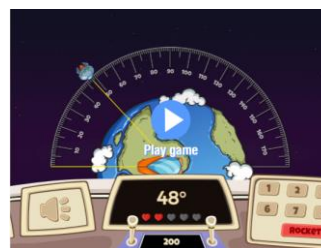
Right angles and turns

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



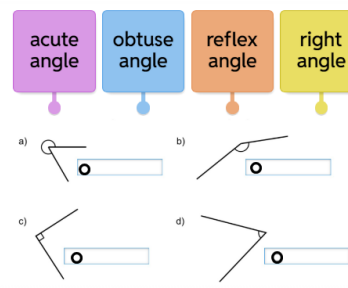
Angle Attack!

Defend the Earth from an alien invasion using your
knowledge of angles. Choose to read them from the
protractor or estimate them without a protractor.



Identifying different types of angles

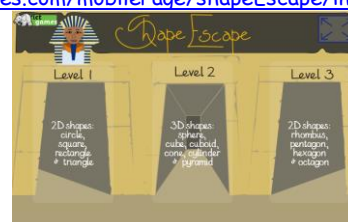
<https://wordwall.net/resource/25877614/maths/angles>



Polygons

Shape Escape (ICT Games)

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



Escape the tomb by clicking on the correct
shape!

