



High Ash CE School
 Weekly Newsletter
 Friday 16th May 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

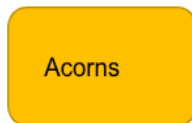
To all our families,

I am really proud of the Year 6 children this week who have worked so hard to demonstrate what they have learnt whilst at High Ash in the Year 6 SATs. The rest of the school have been very respectful and supportive of our Year 6's by adapting well to a change of timetable and being quiet in the mornings!

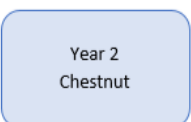
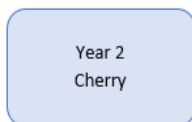
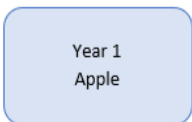
Classes for next year...

The following class structure will be in place for next academic year 2025-2026. We will be welcoming 28 new children to Acorns. Therefore, the classes will be organised in this way.

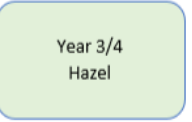
Foundation Stage



Key Stage 1



Key Stage 2



The current Foundation children will transition into Apple as one class and the current Year 1 (Apple and Cherry) will be mixed into two even classes of 20. The current Year 2 (Chestnut) will be split into the three - Year 3/4 classes next year. I will be sending home a link to a google form next week for you to talk to your child about which friends they would like to be with and complete the form. I am unable to tell you which teachers will be teaching in which class as the resignation date for teachers is not until the 31st May, so I am unable to definitely tell you the staffing at this point.

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

We have been exploring sea creatures this week and reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We talked about the problems that plastic causes for the wonderful animals that live in the sea. We talked about the importance of recycling and making sure we limit how much plastic that we use to help prevent plastic from getting into the sea.

We have also been challenging ourselves in Acorns this week to write more sentences independently in continuous provision. The children have been able to choose a picture and say, Fred talk and write a sentence to match it. We have been very proud to see how many children have stepped up to do this challenge and how successful they have been at using their phonics and clever writing skills.



In Maths, we have been looking at the number 6 this week, looking at different arrangements for the number. We have used our subitising skills to look at arrangements of dots and identify whether it was 6 or not using fast eyes to see and not count. We have made our own arrangements of 6 to look at its composition such as 5 and 1, 3 and 3, 4 and 2. We have also been saying aloud the composition of 6 such as '6 is made of 3 and 3, 3 and 3 makes 6'.



During our child initiated play learning, the children worked as a team to build the most amazing train! They used their teamwork skills, creativity, communication and problem solving skills to build it and made sure there was a space for everyone to 'get aboard' the train. It was wonderful to see how far the children have come in their skills and how well they worked together to solve any problems they encountered.

Acorns Class Assembly will be next week, Friday 23rd May at 2.15pm, doors open 2.05pm. Parents are invited.

Year One and Two-

We've had another great week in KS1! We loved going on our nature walk this week for our reflection task. We went on a walk where we used our senses to explore the natural environment. We particularly enjoyed lying on the floor and feeling the sun's rays on our faces!



In Maths, Year 1 have started their unit on multiplication and division where we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. In Year 2, the children have been exploring fractions.

In English, the children have been writing explanation texts about the lifecycle of a frog. Year 1 have been using a variety of non-fiction sentence openers (most, some, lots) and in Year 2 the children have been using an apostrophe to show possession.

In PSHE, the children have been exploring the world of friendships and how to find an appropriate way to greet another person.



In RE, the children have been continuing their study of Rama and Sita and looking at the symbolism of light and dark within the story.

In Computing, we have continued our learning about Beebots and how the algorithms, which we programme in, have to be in a specific order.



In Science, the children have been exploring food chains and the different habitats of different animals. We have been considering how an animal has adapted to the habitat through camouflage or other physical features.

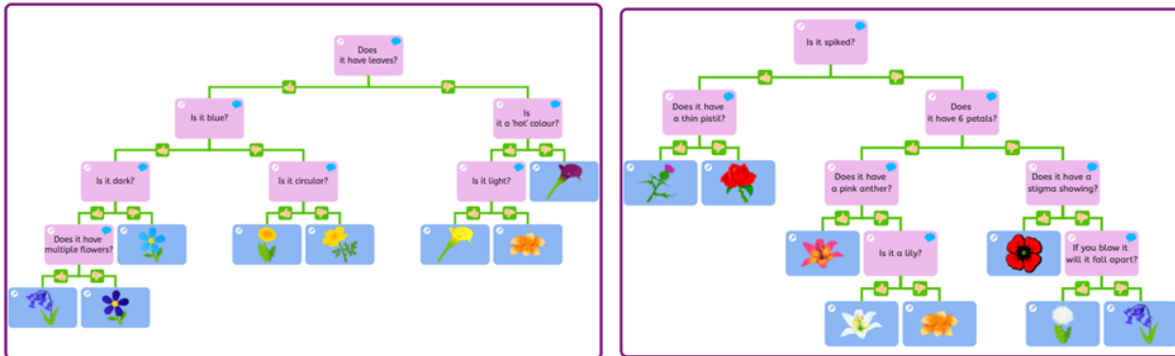
Year Three and Four-

This week in Computing, we have been learning about branching databases and using yes or no questions to understand what category to put each object in from our given or chosen group. The children got to choose the objects and created their own questions to differentiate them according to their attributes.

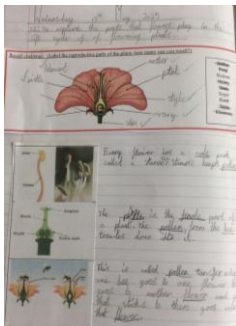




Some of our branching databases linked to our Science work on plants...



Our reflections this week took us on a nature walk. This tied in nicely with our science lessons all about plants. We looked for the plants we knew and told our partners all the parts of a plant we remembered. Our objective of the reflection was to find out what brings us joy in nature.



In Science we have been learning about the life cycle of plants and how the different parts are important in pollination and reproduction.



Year Five and Six-

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 students who sat their SATs this week. Each morning, they have come in full of energy for their SATs breakfasts, which included enjoying some pancakes outside! In the tests, they worked diligently and demonstrated excellent test technique and behaviour. Regardless of the results, we are very proud of the hard work they have put into preparing for these tests not only in Year 6 but throughout their time at High Ash.

Year 5 also deserve some credit for working hard on their mock VR and NVR tests whilst the Year 6s were completing their tests!



As a special treat to celebrate the children's superb work and behaviour during the Year 6 SATs and Year 5 assessments this week, they enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of fun on the inflatables and the Tea Cup ride.

This wonderful treat was kindly professionally organised by one of our school parents whose business is name T Smiths Funfair. A huge thank you to them for helping us mark the end of a busy week in such a memorable way!



This week, the children in Year 5/6 have been learning about the fascinating adaptations animals have developed to help them thrive in their environments. A highlight of our science lessons was an engaging, hands-on activity exploring different types of beaks and how they are suited to capturing specific types of food. Each child was given a different 'beak' and challenged to collect various food items - pasta represented fish, and food colouring in water represented nectar, among others. The children then evaluated which beak was best suited to each food type. The lesson was full of laughter, discovery, and lots of fun!



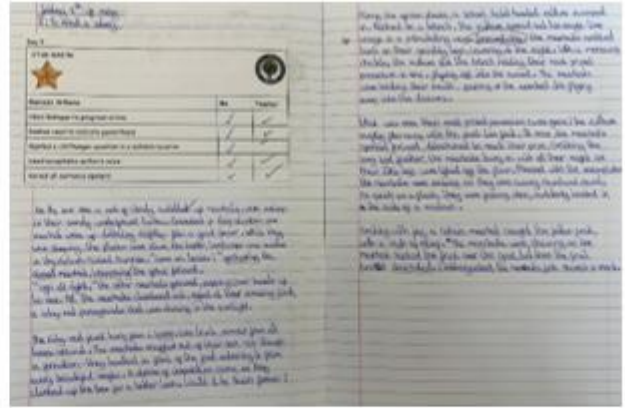
Last Friday, we completed our Star Write. We were retelling the story Catchit, based on an animated film clip of a mob of meerkats who were desperate to keep their precious pomegranate away from a greedy vulture. We used a multitude of skills including: hyphens



for parenthesis, cliff-hanger questions and dialogue to progress the action.

Throughout the pieces, we ensured the appropriate

'authors voice' was used, to maintain an informal tone for the audience.



Reflections this week...

This week in reflection, we have talked about finding joy in the small things in life. The children took a nature walk around the school grounds and shared what little things spark joy within. This week's bible reading has been Psalm 118:24 *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

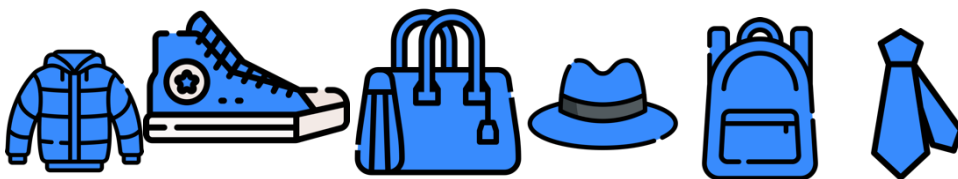
Attendance...

This week's attendance is 95%, please keep on sending the children into school, remember every day counts!



BAG 2 SCHOOL

REMINDER - HASA have arranged a Bag 2 School collection for the morning of Thursday 22nd May. If you're having a spring clear out, please keep any items listed below that are good enough for re use. It will all be weighed in & sold on, with all proceeds going to HASA which in turn helps our school. We don't have storage space at school, so please keep it all ready to bring to school on the morning of Thursday 22nd May at 9.00am. Thank you.



Clothes, Paired shoes, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties & Bras

Save
the date!
21.06.25

High Ash's
Summer Fayre!
on the playing field
High Ash School

Get ready for
a day of
games, prizes,
stalls and
more!

Volunteers required
Donations welcome
More info to follow!

Diary dates for next week, 19th May:

- Tuesday 20th May - Foundation (Acorn) Vision Screening with the NHS Team
- Wednesday 21st May, 2.45pm - SEND Tea and Cake
- Wednesday 21st May, 3.40-4.30pm - Year 5/6 Girls Football Friendly (Invitation only)
- Thursday 22nd May, 9.00am - Bags2 School Collection
- Friday 23rd May, 2.15pm - Acorns Class Assembly, doors open at 2.05pm. Parents welcome.
- Friday 23rd May, 2.55pm - F/KS1 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.45pm. Invitation only!

Have a great weekend.

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