

Catforth Primary School Newsletter



Welcome back!

It's been a lovely start to the term. The children are settling into their new class routines and are showing their teachers what keen learners they are. This week we launched our spelling and mathematics badges and the children are already embracing the challenge. Our clubs have also started this week. Huge thanks to staff for volunteering their time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Price



Dates for the diary

- 10/7/26 - Hustling week
- 16/9/26 - Winmarleigh hall meeting Year 5/6 parents @5:30pm
- 18/9/26 - PTA brew and Cake and meet the teacher event. 3:15pm
- 21/9/26 - Flu vaccines - whole school
- 1/10/26 - PTA annual general meeting - All welcome
- 7/10/26 -9/10/26 - Winmarleigh hall trip.
- 12/10/26 -13/10/26 - Year 5/6 Bikeability
- 16/10/26 - Year 3/4 Bikeability
- 22/10/26 - Finish for half term
- 23/10/26 - INSET day
- 2/11/26 - School re opens for Autumn 2 term

STAR OF THE WEEK

Lions	Max
Tigers	Frank
Jaguars	Camila
Panthers	Stanley
Mrs Price	Chyna

Some highlights from the week.



Lions

This week, Lions have welcomed our new Nursery children and continued to get to know each other, playing games to help us learn one another's names and helping each other if we're stuck. We've been sharing a new poem - A Cup of Tea- and making 'tea' to share in our first Forest School session on Monday. Everyone did really well getting changed into their outdoor gear 😊 We also had our one minute listen 🧐 We've been sharing The Owl Babies book this week, reenacting the story in lots of different ways, and talking about our own families. Some of us have made owls in our craft area too. Another of our highlights this week was getting to know our Panthers Buddy, playing together outside and receiving our beautiful handwritten welcome cards afterwards. We will be seeing more of our buddies at playtimes and during different activities as the year goes on.

On Thursday afternoon we had our first PE session with Mrs Price who was so impressed with the children's independence in getting changed for the first time! Well done Lions, a fantastic week 🌟🦁



Tigers

Tigers Class have had a fantastic week and have impressed us with their hard work, enthusiasm and creativity.

In English, we have enjoyed reading the opening chapters of The Way Home for Wolf. We became a wolf pack and journeyed together through the icy wilderness, helping us to understand the challenges the wolves faced on their adventure. Through drama and role play, we explored new vocabulary and developed our understanding of the story. We have also discovered that we are very talented at howling like wolves!

In Art, we took our learning outdoors, exploring our environment and collecting natural objects to inspire and create our own pieces of artwork.

In PE, we have been developing our fundamental movement skills, focusing on overarm throwing and kicking. The children showed great determination and teamwork throughout the activities.

We have also started our new maths workbooks and have produced some excellent learning on number and place value, demonstrating fantastic mathematical knowledge and confidence.

Meanwhile, Percy the Penguin has been busy helping us with our learning! In Geography, we have continued teaching Percy about the wonderful city of Preston, particularly its famous landmarks and the exciting places visitors might like to explore.

We are very proud of the fantastic start the Tigers have made and look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!



Forest school

We've had a great week in Forest school! Panthers worked hard maintaining the area, using secateurs to clear brambles from the path around the pond. Jaguars built dens this week and we were very resilient when some structures kept falling down! They got there in the end though! Tigers learnt all about nettles this week. We learnt how to spot them and why they sting us. We learnt how to find dock leaves to help us when we get stung. We also went bug hunting and found a lot of ladybirds.



Jaguars

The children have settled into the new school year extremely well. They have been working hard to learn and establish our new routines, expectations and classroom procedures, and it has been wonderful to see them becoming increasingly confident and independent.

In PE and Dance, we have been exploring the theme of electricity. The children enjoyed pretending to be different electrical appliances around the home and thinking creatively about how they could represent these through freeze frames. We will build on these ideas over the coming weeks as we work towards creating our very own 'Electric Dance'.

We were also delighted to welcome Tim for our first session with him. The children developed a variety of different catching techniques and began learning how to use these skills effectively to evade attackers. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop both their physical skills and teamwork.

In Geography, we have been learning about different climates around the world. The children have been exploring where different climate zones are located and considering the reasons why particular climates occur in different parts of the world.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and rounding, developing our understanding of the value of digits within numbers and applying our knowledge to a range of activities.

Finally, in English, we have been exploring a selection of Aesop's Fables. The children have been identifying the key features of the stories and beginning to break down and sequence the plot into manageable sections.

It has been a very positive start to the year, and we are incredibly proud of how well the Jaguars have settled in and embraced their learning. Well done, Jaguars! 🐆

Panthers



Our New Buddies

We've had a lovely time welcoming our new Lions Buddies! The children made special welcome cards and spent time getting to know their buddy through games and activities. It has been wonderful to see the Panthers being so kind, caring and supportive towards their new buddies. We're really looking forward to building these friendships through walks, reading, games and lots more fun together! 😊



English

The children have really enjoyed getting stuck into Holes. They have shown a great knowledge of the story, sequencing events and making thoughtful inferences about characters using evidence from the text. They have also enjoyed writing diary entries from Stanley's perspective.



Maths

Both year groups have been developing their understanding of place value, comparing and ordering numbers, including decimals. Year 6 have also been busy rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000 and million.



Science

We have begun our new learning about plant life cycles, exploring the different parts of a flower and discovering what each part does.



PE

Hockey has got off to a great start! We have been learning how to hold our hockey sticks correctly and developing our skills in accurately passing and receiving the ball.

