

27 August 2021

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome back!

It is a brand new year at The Fusion Academy and we are delighted to have the building buzzing with happy energy. We have welcomed 20 new students to the school and 11 new members of staff.

This year, we have 7 classes and we have kept our 'Nasa Missions' theme for the class names.

Phoenix	Dragonfly	Polar	Europa
(Grant's Class)	(Hilary's Class)	(Fadhiya's Class)	(Kate F's Class)

Odyssey	Voyager	Apollo
(Rachel's Class)	(Katie K's Class)	(Tom's Class)

The students were excited to see that our new soft play area has been fitted over the summer. It has been very popular with students and staff.

The library is being moved to a quieter room further up the school where we will be creating a cosy reading area.

We will be holding some open evenings at the end of September for parents to visit school. You will be able to meet with staff and have a look at what your child has been up to so far this term. Open evenings will be held 4:00 – 5:30 on the following dates:

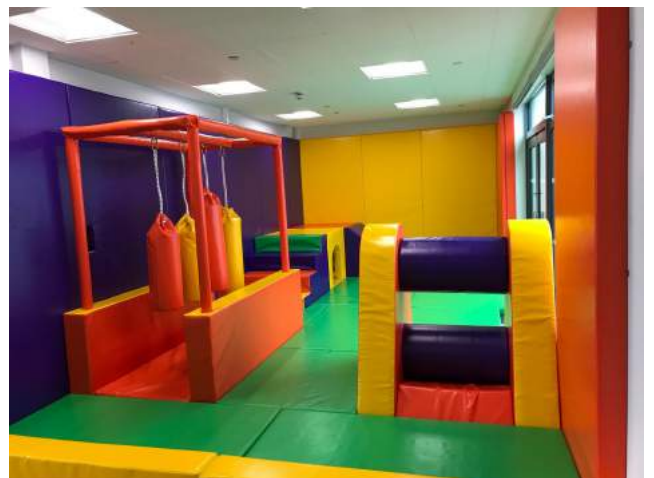
Tuesday 28th September – Phoenix, Dragonfly, Polar

Wednesday 29th September – Europa, Odyssey

Thursday 30th September – Voyager, Apollo

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend,

Sarah



PHOENIX

What a superb start to our term in Phoenix Class! We have had a lot of fun whilst getting to know each other as we settle into our new class routine.



We have concentrated on activities and games that our class can play together to build and form friendships.

We've really enjoyed exploring all areas of the school (especially the soft play and using sensory circuits!)



The pupils have really enjoyed being in control of their timetable and choosing tasks and rewards that suit them.



It has been a calm and joyful first few days and we can't wait to carry this on next week!

DRAGONFLY

It has been wonderful to welcome all our new students to Dragonfly class and to start getting to know each other! Everyone is settling in really well and all the students have been showing us what superstars they are!

We have been enjoying making Shark Top Trump Cards in English.



We have also made our own 'Happy Boxes' which we are going to fill with favourite things that make us happy such as: photos of people we are fond of; favourite books; favourite toys etc. We are looking forward to seeing what the children bring in so maybe you could help them to have a rummage around over the weekend for objects and items that they would like to include in their box. These will be kept in the classroom for them to go to when they feel like it.

The children have also been working hard and showing us just how much they already know so we are looking forward to carrying on helping them to achieve and succeed over the next year in Dragonfly Class!

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend everyone! We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday!

POLAR

We had such an amazing time getting to know each other more with plenty of laughter. We made ourselves comfortable using the bean bags and playing lots of games to break the ice. We found out that we are very competitive as a class when taking part in challenging, but fun activities. These ranged from solving clues and puzzles based on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling which were hidden around the room to reveal the keypad code needed to open the door to working in pairs to find the hidden cards and calculations using the times tables treasure hunt sheets in Maths.

We had such fun making different PVA and Shampoo slime; as well as, playing tig in the new soft play area which was great! Everyone in class joined in a couple of hide and seek games around the school before home time which helped the new students get to know their way around the school better.



EUROPA

In Europa, we have all enjoyed getting to know each other and finding our way around the soft play. We have been experimenting with weight distribution to see how we can build a tower to stand on, using only paper cups and cardboard - the students especially enjoyed the fact the cups said 'Happy Birthday' when it wasn't any of our birthdays this week. We have also been working as detectives to solve a mathematical murder mystery!



The students have finished the week by writing a collaborative poem about their first few days in their new class:

Fusion

Fantastic food
Understanding feelings
Staying safe
In the field
Online on Chromebooks
New soft play

ODYSSEY

We've been concentrating on having lots of fun and getting used to being back at school in Odyssey this week; building relationships and making new friends.

Of course, the new soft play has been a big hit with the students, so they've been spending lots of time on it during movement breaks.

We visited the forest area and Damon set up a chocolate hunt in the trees which the rest of the class really enjoyed.

We've made slime, conducted explosive experiments and made a display for our new classroom.

The whole class have contributed to our class charter and are already building up lots of reward points to earn our 'prizes that money can't buy'. We baked shortbread which was a big success, but unfortunately not much of it made it home for parents to try!

We've even been able to celebrate Theo's birthday with him this week.
Happy birthday Theo!



VOYAGER

What a great first week back, it's so lovely to see previous and new students together and getting to know each other a bit better!

On Wednesday, in Voyager, we did a few tasks in the morning to help ease the students in; we completed some rainbow clouds & puzzle pieces that were "All About Me", we had so much fun in the soft play area and then problem solved in the afternoon by looking at two phrases in 10 different languages, their corresponding flags and countries.



On Thursday, we did some excellent creative writing using paint sample names, made some funny music just using our bodies (body percussion) and then enjoyed working together with Apollo on a scavenger hunt. Henry definitely had the biggest pile of everything he had found from the cards (see above).

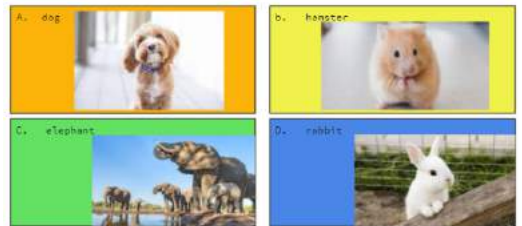
All in all, a great first week back.

APOLLO

It's been a fantastic first week, it has been lovely to have a variety of new characters and talents in the class, with potential friendships starting to shine through already.

The students have been interacting well, with conversations flying around the room of shared interests which has been really positive. We have each created a "get to know me" quiz with some of our favourite things made into a multiple choice quiz so others can have a guess.

WHAT IS MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL



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In maths, we looked at the logic of number systems, creating a 1-100 square using logical thinking to complete a puzzle. We looked at the Chinese number system - it turns out Jacob knows the number system already by knowing some Japanese and they use the same symbols!

A great start to the year.

OTHER NEWS



Each week, this section will focus on a different topic related to the use of computers, the internet, social media and using IT safely.

If there are any specific topics that you would like advice about, please email office@thefusionacademy.co.uk using the subject "eSafety".



Please could parents complete the parental consents for their child via the Arbor App



- ★ Monday 30th August - School closed for the bank holiday
- ★ Tuesday 28th September 4:00 - 5:30
Open evening for parents (Phoenix, Dragonfly and Polar classes)
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Open evening for parents (Europa and Odyssey classes)
- ★ Thursday 30th September 4:00 - 5:30
Open evening for parents (Voyager and Apollo classes)
- ★ 18-22 October 2021 - October half term

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