

1st September 2023

INTRODUCTION

Welcome Back!

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to school after the summer. Everyone seems to have grown about twelve inches and voices seem to be three octaves deeper. It's been an enjoyable start to the year for us all, with plenty of learning happening already.

There are going to be lots of exciting things happening over the course of the year, so keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming announcements.

Following feedback from parents, we have reverted back to tutor groups and classes for our newsletter, rather than pathways. This should make it easier for you to find out what your child has been up to during the school week.

Our annual review process has changed slightly too. You'll still get your information pack sent out to you, but this will be done digitally. It will contain an edited version of your child's EHCP for you to look at, with a sheet to make any notes on. We'll then discuss these changes with you during the annual review. These changes should allow for a more up to date, and accurate EHCP that represents the young people better. Your class teachers should be able to guide you through this process, should you need any help on it. Those young people who are confident and able to, will also be present throughout the meeting as we seek to empower and embolden our young people to become self-advocating members of society.

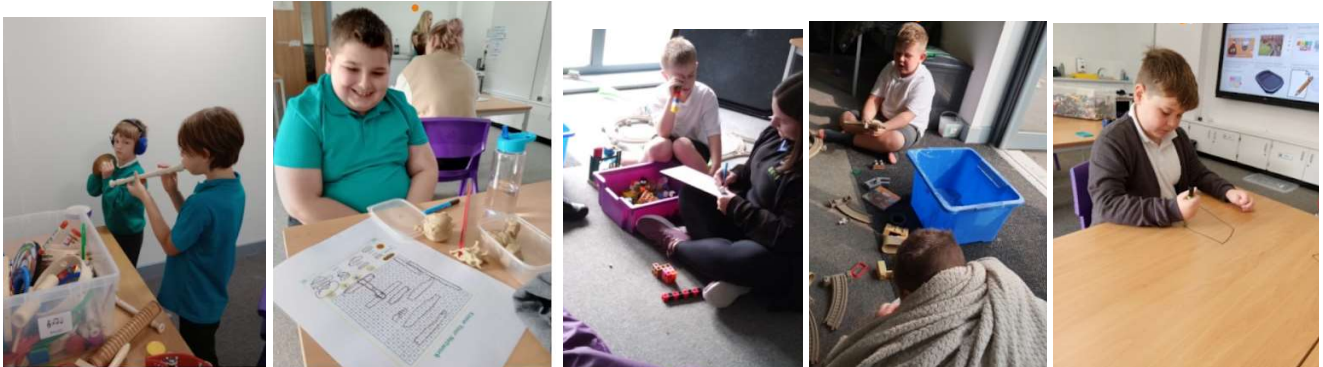
We hope your children have started their schooling well this year, please remember we are always available if you need to talk anything through.

Have a peaceful and restful weekend,

Katie & Tunde

JUNO - Annabelle

What a wonderful start to the new school year! We have welcomed many new faces to our class this term and we started to see friendships developing within a matter of hours. The last few days have consisted of getting to know each other and how the school works, and the expectations within our classroom. Oscar took on the role of communicating some of these rules and expectations to his peers and has helped them settle into their new classroom, as he himself was in a similar position not too long ago. There has been lots of exploring and smiles and we hope for much more of this next week, well done new Juno class, what an exciting start.



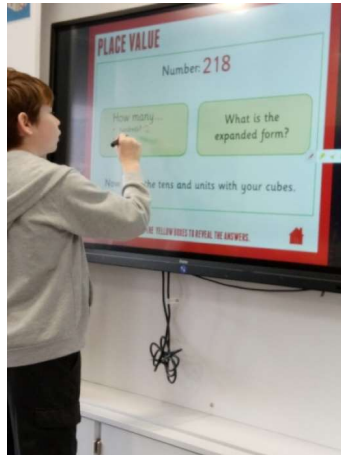
GENESIS - Aimee W

We have had an amazing start to the year in Genesis! It has been lovely to watch new and old friendships develop amongst the students. We have spent some time getting to know each other and helping each other settle in. We have looked at figurative language in English and enjoyed comparing the past and the present in History. The students have already produced some amazing work and we can't wait to see what the year will bring!



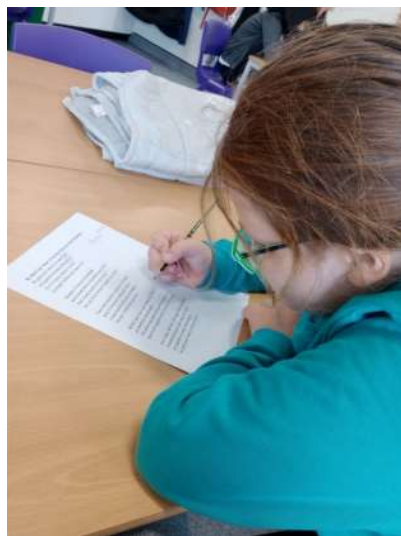
GATEWAY - Christina

All young people have settled well into their new class. New friendships are starting to emerge and positive interactions are appearing. We have been exploring senses in poetry and had a messy time exploring sound waves with rice. Young people have also been demonstrating their maths skills and showing me how knowledgeable they are.



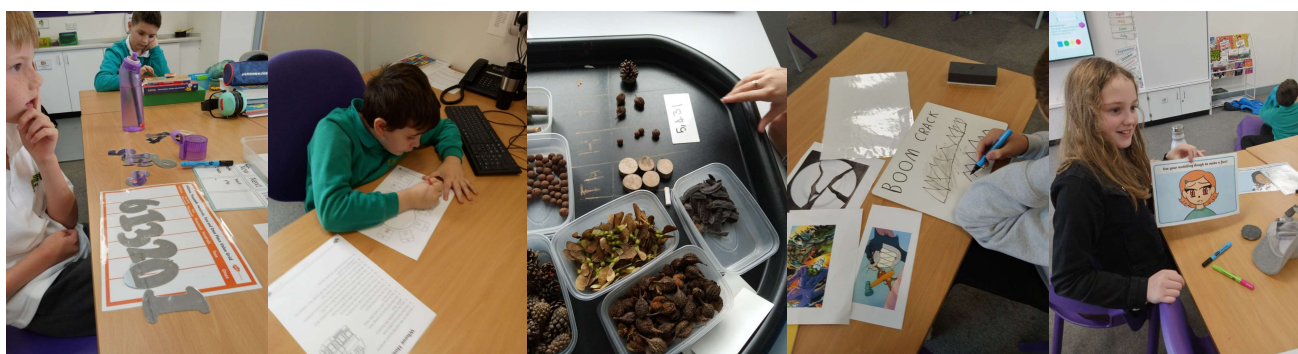
CALIPSO - Sam S

Everyone in Calipso has been amazing! They have settled in and made new friends quickly. We are super excited to see all of the fantastic learning and progress we will make together this year. We have already had some wonderful moments.



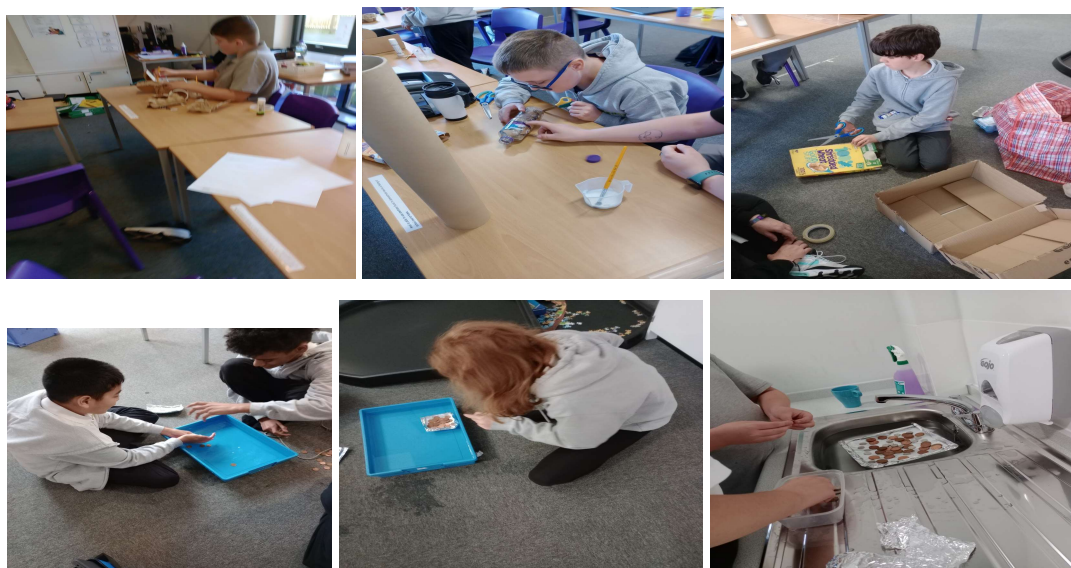
RANGER - Karen

We have had an amazing start to the year. The students are all trying their best and engaging well in their learning. All of the students are telling us about the new friends they are making in other classes too! We have been exploring figurative language in a range of poems and have enjoyed listening to them. In maths, we have been practising our place value and we have been recognising and identifying digits in numbers to a million! We have also completed a sound investigation and found the hall to be one of the noisiest places.



VIKING - Hilary

We have had a great start to the new academic year and the students are settling in really well. We found out about Alan Turing and how his code-cracking skills helped shorten the second world war by at least 2 years. Then, we made our own Enigma machines. We also investigated how many pennies we could put into a tin foil boat before it sank.



ACE - Zak

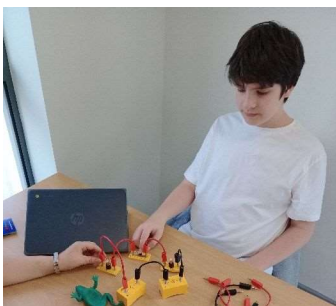
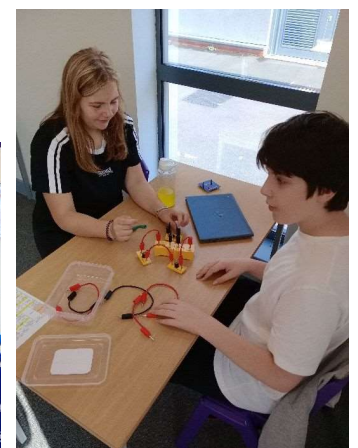
Wow, what an amazing first three days that our students have had in Ace class! They have all settled really well and signed their classroom contract to know that they must try their best this year, engage and never disrupt the learning of others. In social communication, we have done icebreaker games inside and outside to get to know each other even more and make new friendships. We have enjoyed the English and Maths challenges and have especially enjoyed doing Sudokus! We have looked at the dangers of electricity in Science. In history, we have started to look at medieval Britain and vector graphics in computing too. We really couldn't have asked for a better start to the academic year!



MARINER - Simon

In Mariner this week, we have focused on settling after the summer and getting into our new routines. Each of the students has their own timetable, which is going home on Friday, and they will each be following throughout the week. The new classroom has become a base for us and the students have all engaged in some of the activities that we have put on for them in and out of the school. We visited the community gym, the park, shop and golf range this week.

In class, we have worked on a lot of social-communication activities and developing relationships between peers and with new staff. One of the highlights of the week has been the successful Science lesson we did, introducing circuits. We had freedom to use the equipment however we liked, and ended up communicating in morse code with light bulbs and buzzers.



AQUARIUS - Katie

Tuesday was a great day spending the day in our Aquarius tutor group all day - building on our relationships, working collaboratively and learning about all of the new rules, timetables and rooms that we will use.

Thursday we began teaching in maths and started with straight line graphs in Algebra, so to refresh our memories we played some battleships and looked at the cartesian plane in some more detail.

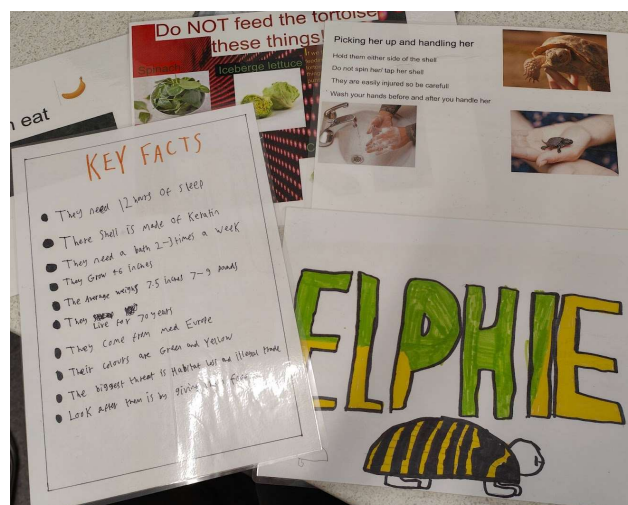


NEW HORIZONS - Jenni

New Horizons have spent some time getting to know each other better this week and preparing for our new arrival - Elphie, a baby tortoise coming into our class next week! We have researched her habitat, her food and how to look after her properly. We also did some individual research around her breed.

On Wednesday, we were in our pathway groups for the first time. We went around the upper school, enjoying our options taster day (this will be repeated next week and then parents will be given a form to discuss with their child and make choices).

It has been great to get to know our class this week!



SWIFT - Sam R

In Swift, we have been getting to know each other and finding out about our experiences over the summer holiday.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the students have been exploring their options that they may want to pursue by completing taster sessions across the upper school. This will be repeated next Wednesday to help with their decisions.

It's been great to meet the students this week.

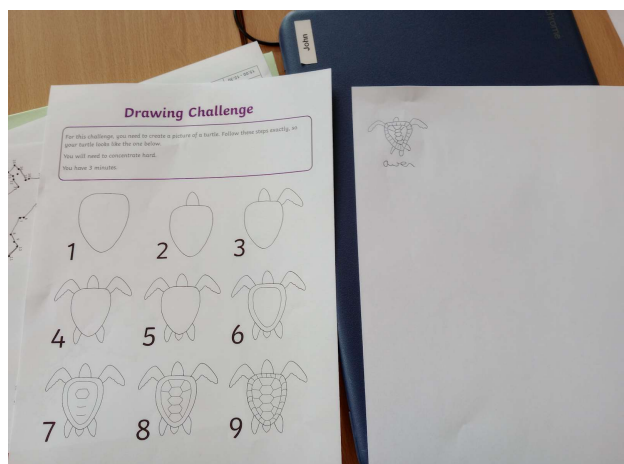


STARDUST - Sam P

A wonderful start to the new school year with Stardust students. As a group, they are getting on really well with each other, often spending social time together as well as lessons.

On Tuesday, we settled back into school life and the students had time to view their timetables and get used to the new routine of the day. We also practised some self reflection by considering which regulation tools work for us and sampled some different regulation tools. Students also attempted a range of challenges in timed conditions to help with resilience and persistence.

On Wednesday, students had an opportunity to experience a selection of options lessons throughout the day and on Thursday students had their first 'normal' day following their new timetables. I'm really proud of all the students in Stardust, they have adapted well to being back in school and the demand of lessons.



SCIENCE - Laura and Nic

STATES OF MATTER



Students have made a positive start to the academic year in Science. Pathway 2 have been looking at solids, liquid and gases and Pathway 1 had their first lesson on the effects of smoking on the body's organs.

We are looking forward to all of the students showing their strengths in a full week of lessons.

OTHER NEWS



The Fusion Academy Celebrating Achievements

This week, we are celebrating everyone for their wonderful start to the school year! Well done to each and every one of you!





Relaxed Tennis Inclusive, Autism-friendly Tennis Sessions - Spaces Available!

A tennis session for children and young people aged 8-16 who prefer an inclusive, non-pressurized environment. The session is suitable for beginners as well as those who have played before.

Dates:

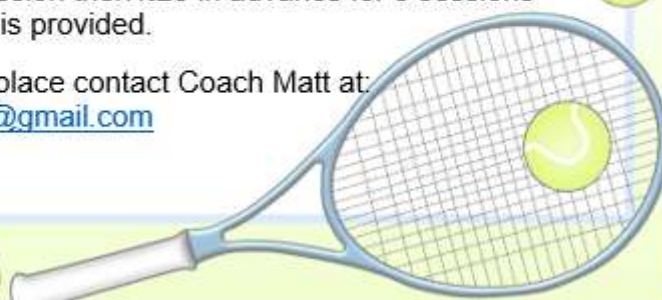
Friday 8th September
Friday 15th September
Friday 22nd September
Friday 29th September
Friday 6th October
Friday 13th October

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Venue: Sport in Desford
The Flying Fields
Peckleton Lane
Desford
Leicester
LE9 9JU

Free taster session then £25 in advance for 5 sessions
All equipment is provided.

To book your place contact Coach Matt at:
mchilvers138@gmail.com





Diary Dates

- ★ October Half Term Break: Mon 16th Oct 2023 - Wed 25th Oct 2023
- ★ School Opens: Thurs 26th Oct 2023
- ★ School closes for Christmas: Fri 22nd Dec 2023
- ★ School Opens: Mon 8th Jan 2024

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