



Beech Class Weekly Update

Friday 13th October 2023

“Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful.”

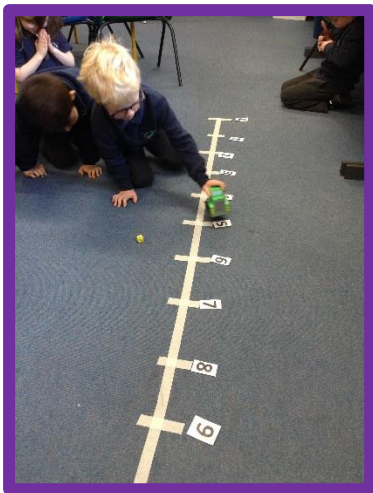
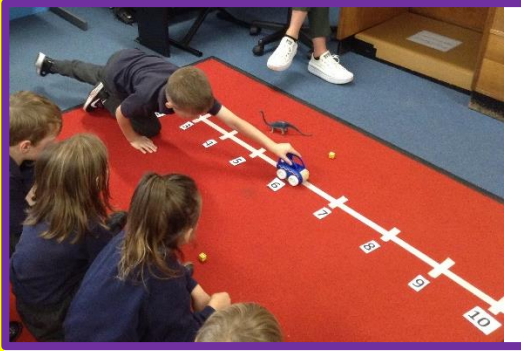
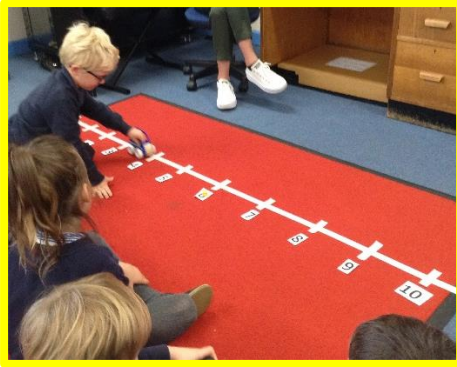
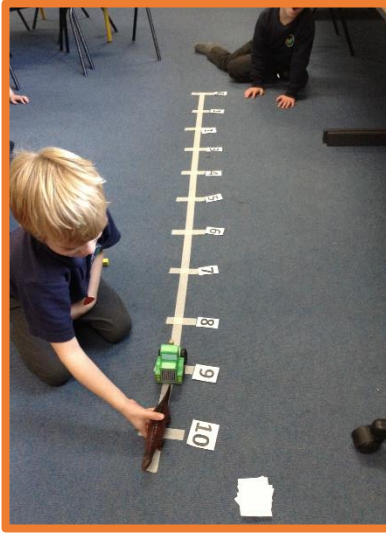
— Roy T. Bennett

We begin each day in Beech Class with a mindful moment.

Sometimes, I invite one of the children to lead the mindful moment. This means, they will encourage everyone to close their eyes while they, ‘ding the chimes.’ We then focus on our breathing for a moment. This is often followed by us sharing what we are grateful for. This is something I would encourage you to try at home.

Maths

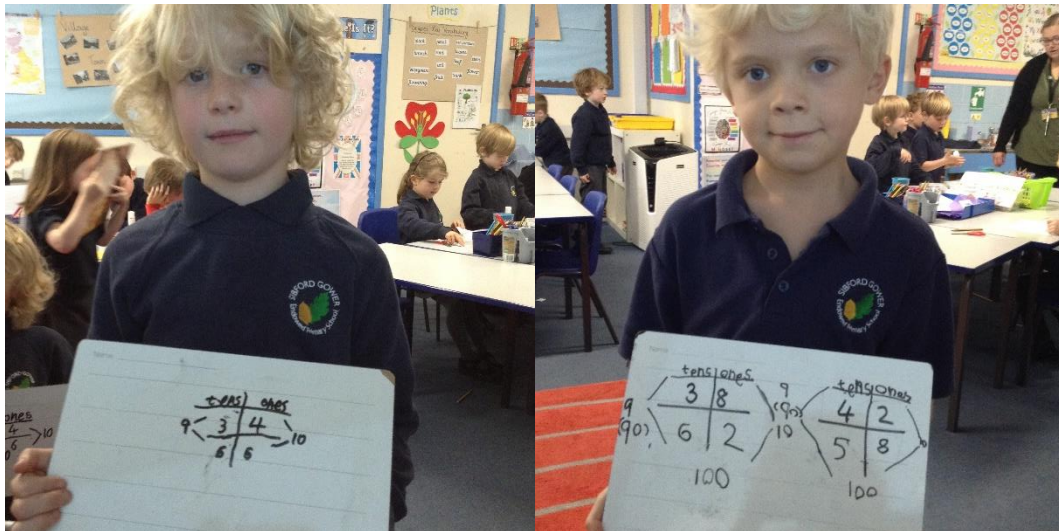
This week in maths we have been focusing on number lines. In year 1 they are using the number line within 10 to embed understanding. The children enjoyed using number lines in very practical ways. There are lots of photos on the following page!

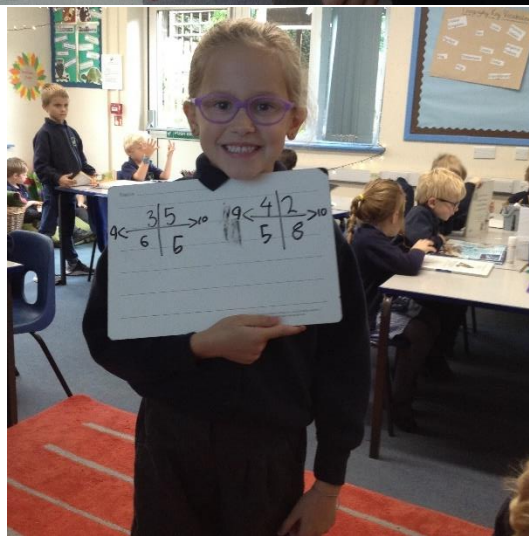
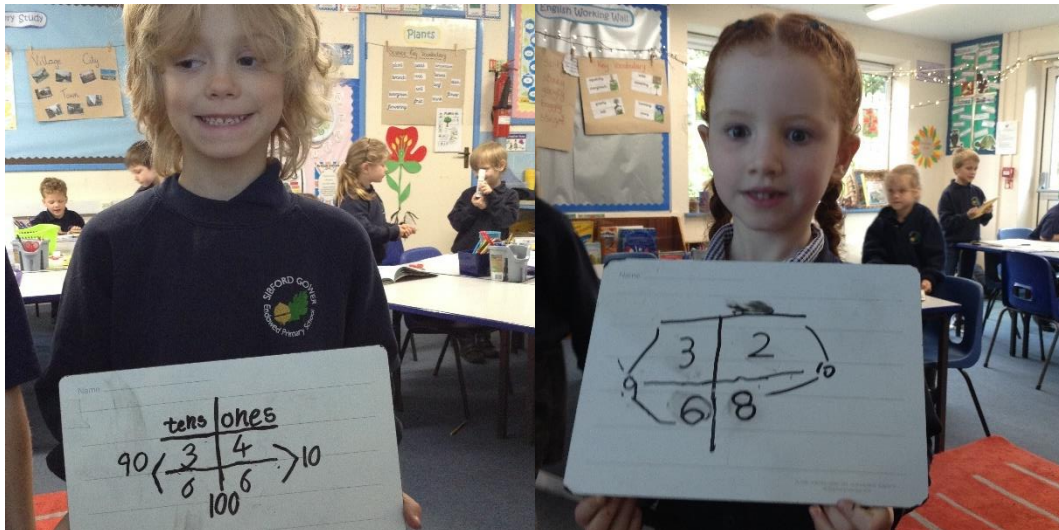


They also practised making number bonds to 10.



Year 2 have been counting in 10s and 1s on the number line. They are developing their understanding of 10s and 1s and now applying it to different scenarios and real life situations. During the week, Mrs. O'Sullivan came into Beech and taught some of the children how to use the 'Jigsaw' strategy for number bonds to 100.





Writing

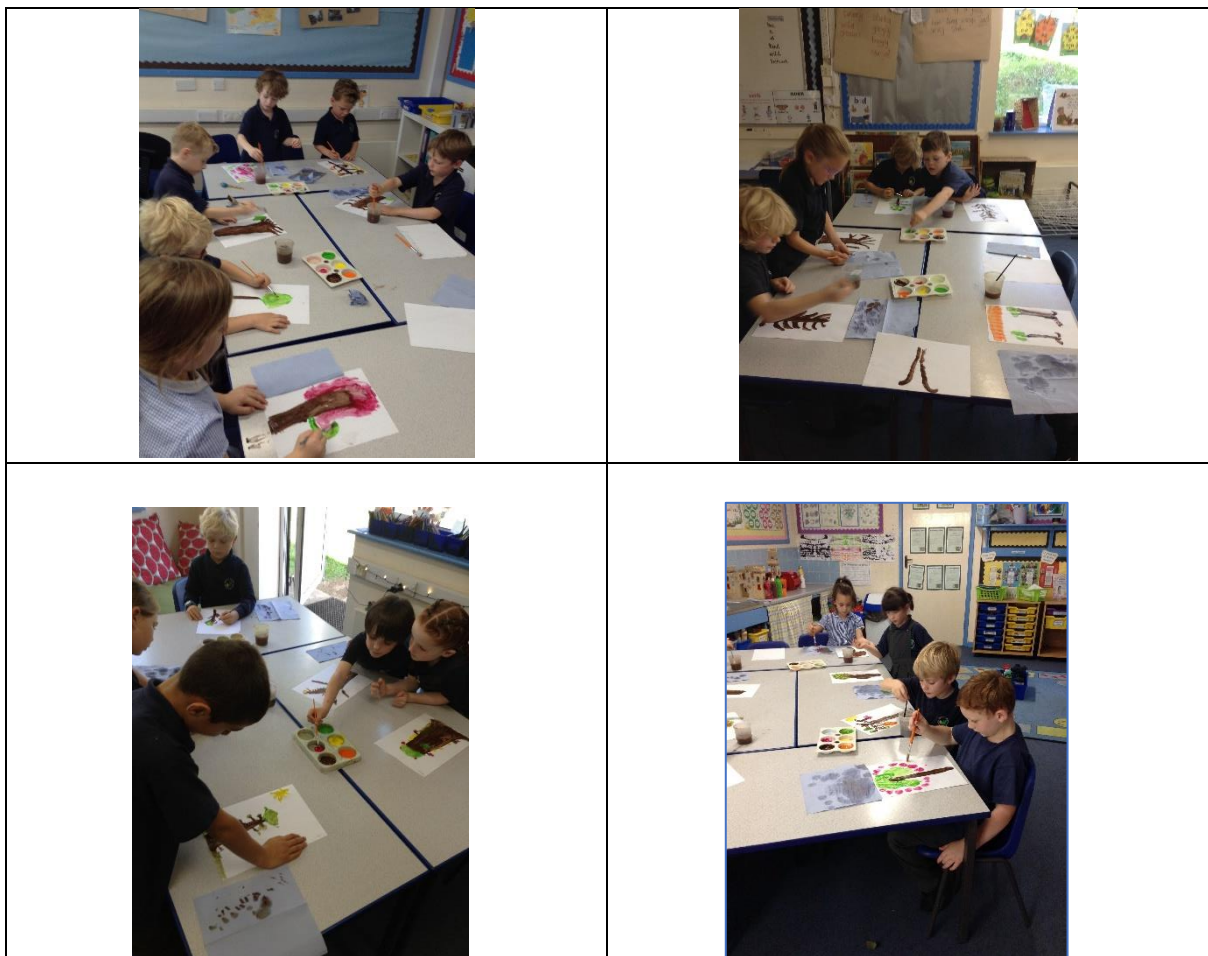
During one of our English sessions this week, we took a walk down to the local pond, where I had hidden a range of adjectives. We collected them up and used them to create noun phrases, before writing descriptive sentences the following day. The children are excited to write their own stories next week.

Science:

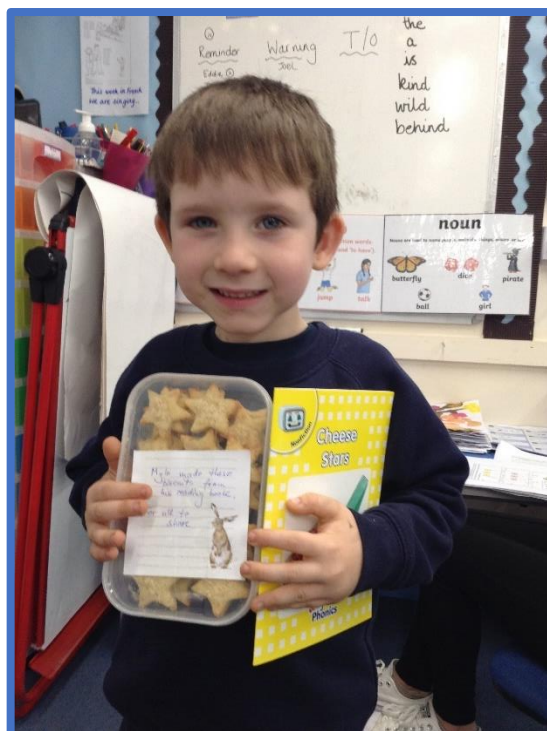
We observed the changes happening to the deciduous trees on our site.



We began our art timeline about deciduous trees on our site in order to compare what the trees look like now compared to later in the year.



Book Club looked a little different this week, when one of our Beech Class team members followed the recipe from his reading book and baked cheese stars for everyone to share. What a treat it was! We love to see the children enjoying books and reading for purpose. How brilliant!



As part of our geography, we went on a field trip in our local area. The children made observations about the human and physical features in the environment. I was also very impressed when the children began to point out deciduous and evergreen trees too! Our previous learning (from science sessions) was coming through. A very proud moment indeed!





Thank you for your ongoing support. We really appreciate it.

Mrs. Oliveira

