



Pilgrim Academy



Love to learn

Welcome to our first 'Love to learn' newsletter.

It aims to highlight what has been covered in the curriculum this term at Pilgrim Academy, giving parents a special insight into the classroom.

We could not speak to every child so individuals were chosen to represent the pupil voice. We hope you agree it is a fair reflection of our diverse community.

We wanted the publication to cover the breadth and depth of learning.

None of their answers were scripted. They were simply asked what they have learnt in one topic.

We hope the resulting pages and videos demonstrate how we are fulfilling our aspiration to empower children with knowledge and skills that will enrich their lives and their communities.

Our curriculum, from Early Years to Year 6, is designed to provide a broad and balanced education, crucially adapted to ensure it is accessible to every individual, considering all abilities and additional needs.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and welcome feedback. It can be sent to me via enquiries@pilgrimacademy.co.uk

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Principal

Blue Whales

Sophia Geography

In Geography we have been learning a lot about ocean currents and how they can affect the world.

We have learned they are really important. They regulate the land temperature.

In the southern hemisphere the ocean currents move anti-clockwise and in the northern hemisphere they move clockwise.

It's really important when we learn about things such as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It's been going on for years and years and just been building more. It's increased from 30 to 70% more plastic into the garbage patch since around the 1950s. It's irreversible. It's not possible to do it with humans. It would have to be a big machine but it would still not be able to get all of it out because the garbage patch goes so deep.

There are so many things like microplastics and because of the vast ocean currents going in so many different directions we would never be able to get rid of it all.

A lot of fish can eat the micro plastics and if we then eat those fish we could have micro plastics in us. By 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than there will be fish, so that's not good.

Once a piece of plastic goes into the garbage patch it is on a continuous cycle that just loops around.

There are around 1-trillion pieces of plastic in the Great Pacific garbage patch.

In maps, we had to identify what kind of map the picture was. There is a road map specifically used for roads and train stations to see where everything is going. It will show you the fastest route to get somewhere.



There are also topographical maps that have contour lines that show you how steep hills are and the landscape. They show the bodies of water so they can be really helpful if you are going on a hike.

We have done many things on map symbols, such as parking or where the nearest petrol station is.

Digimaps is an app on the iPad we can use that shows so many things about maps.

You can get any type of map on it and type the coordinates on it and give you a map for what you are looking for.

If you're looking to get there by train, it will show you a map and the quickest way of getting to those coordinates.

Blue Whales

Darcie Science

Sound is a vibration made of many little particles in the air.

If you feel your voice box while you're talking then you can feel it vibrating and that's creating all the tiny particles in the air that no human can see. They hit our eardrums and we can hear what other people are saying.

The investigation we have done recently was with five jars. One of them was empty, one a quarter full of water, another half full, a third three quarters full and a fourth completely full. Mrs Ireson got her board pen and tapped on each jar to see which would make the lowest pitch and the highest. Some of them were in between depending on the amount of water in the jar.

I like doing experiments in science.

I find it really fascinating and interesting to learn new things about wildlife, and other projects. It is really fun and it gives me a chance to be really creative.



Grayson RE

We have been learning about different faiths and religions. It's all about the different cultures in Islam. There are loads of different languages spoken including English and Spanish.

We have learned about the five pillars of Islam. There is one about fasting. The pilgrimage is a long trip to a place called Mecca. They walk around this massive box then get a prayer mat out and prayer to Allah, their God.

They go an adventure over 7 hills in the wilderness. Before they even get to the Pilgrimage they have to pack all the important stuff. To survive in the wilderness you're going to need a place to sleep, maybe a tent, plus water and food.

In Hinduism, there is good karma and bad karma. If you're good in life you'll achieve good karma and if you're bad you'll be reborn into something worse than a human.

British values are what we believe in. One is called sex. Another is called disability. One person could be in a wheelchair, another blind. There is a difference between them.

British values mean I'm not just a normal boy; I am one of the many special boys in the world.

To be a global citizen I would travel around the world, hear lots of different languages and meet lots of different people such as French and Spanish.



Eve Music

Music is important because you learn different ways to express yourself, not just with words but with our voices and hands.

It's nice to learn something new that isn't to do with writing and something that makes a noise. It's also really nice when you finally get the hang of what you are doing and you get to play something that you may not have known how to play before which makes music quite interesting.

In Djing, we have learned about scratches. There are two different types, a release scratch where you let it go, catch it and bring it back. The second is a baby scratch.

The second side of the disc plays different songs, rather than just a noise, which makes it more interesting.

Outside of school I also have drumming lessons. I quite like how it is loud. You get to focus on making a large noise and it doesn't matter if it sounds bad!



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Orcas



Antonina French

In French we have been learning about how to order things if you were in a French tearoom. We have learned how to order and some foods and drinks. I just said, hello I would like two coffees thank you.

I can also count from 1 to 10 in French. I get it quite quickly because I am from Poland and fluent in two languages.



Daisy-Mae Computing

In computing, we have been using Sonic Pi to programme a song. There are lots of lines to it. You would, say, play 70 and play 60 then you'd do a sleep and then play 70, play 60. You can have any sounds like a beep or a horn.

I like that the way you get to choose your own song. We are practicing Christmas songs at the minute.



Jessie PE

In PE we come into the hall, get some mats out and do some dances all together as a class. Then he sometimes asks some people to demonstrate and we do some sequences.

I enjoy how you can just be yourself and always do what you want and do a bunch of different moves.

Out of school I always go to Grimsby and we get taught by someone how to do certain moves, tricks, routines and different styles.



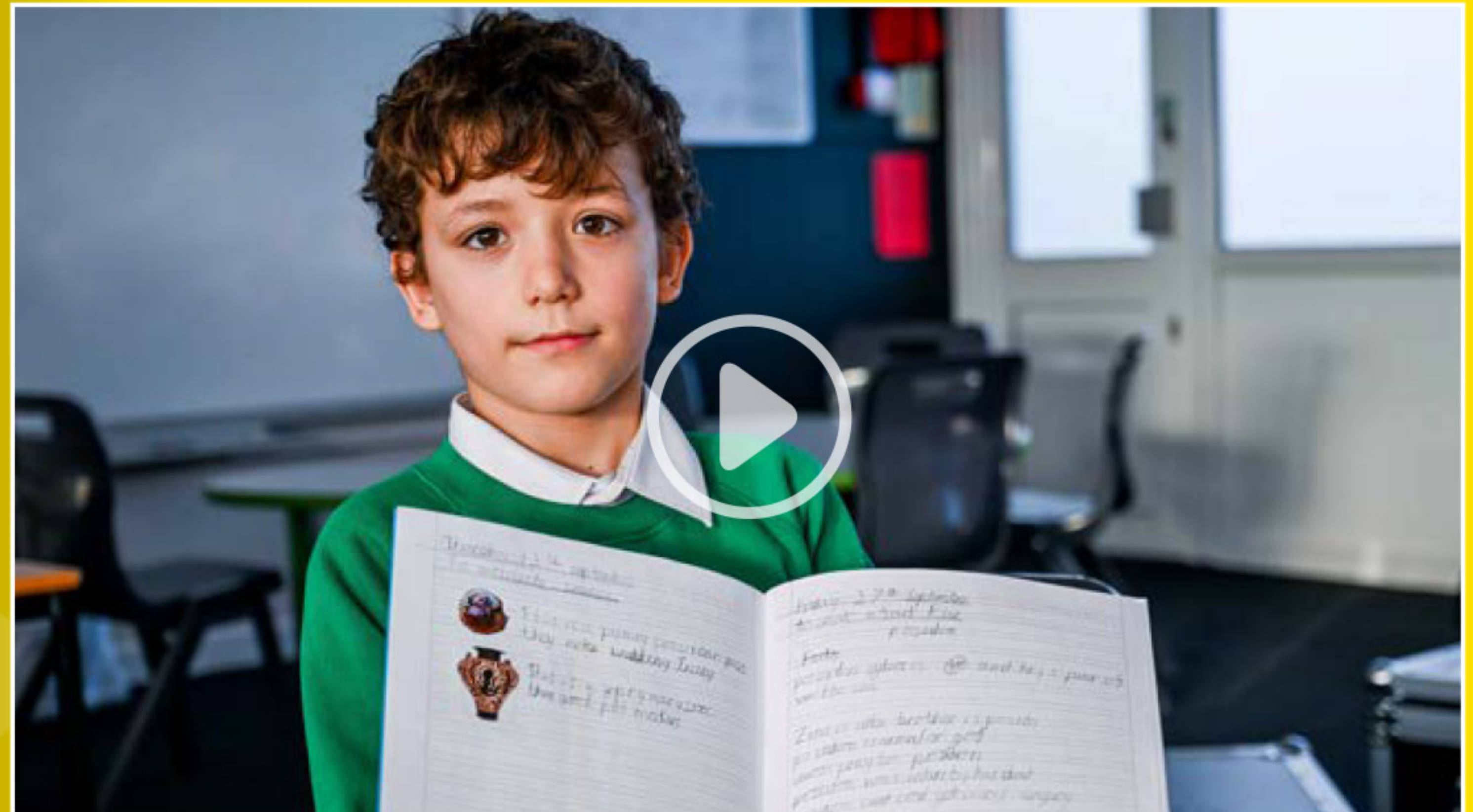
Elliott History

Ancient Greece was a wonderful place except they didn't think women's rights existed. In Ancient Greece, women's rights didn't really matter. They had democratic voting with 6,000 people. They wrote their name on a piece of paper and then the council picked out 500 males at random and they all won. They have got the most interesting Gods like Zeus, the King of the Gods and Hermes the messenger God. They have a couple of demigods as well. Hercules is one.

Zeus was the God of the Sky and also he welded a lightening bolt in his left hand.

Hermes used to deliver messages to the other Gods. If there was something wrong he would fly around because he had wings and he would tell everyone about the news Zeus wanted to tell them.

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Sea Stars



Erin - PSHE

In PSHE we have been learning about respect and consent. So we have been talking about respect and asking before touching someone because otherwise they might feel offended by it.

We learned people like their own space. We have also been learning about how to be a good friend and how to respect someone in different ways by listening to other people, maybe trying a new game they like.



Evalynne Art

In Art we have been learning about Pop Art. We have been learning how to do drawings and paintings in the style of Andy Warhol.

Andy Warhol was a famous Pop Artist and he painted 50 images of his favourite singer Marilyn Monroe. Some of them were grey and black and some of them were really colourful and had complementary colours.

I like how you can just paint stuff that comes in your mind.



Archie D&T

In D&T we have been doing play equipment. We have had to get materials and try to make a swing and a slide. The materials I used were a straw, wood and toothpicks. We used glue to build the base of the slide and the swing. It looked good and worked. We worked as a team. Evalynne and Daisy were building the swing and I was building the base for the slide.

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Turtles



Sofia French

In French we learned about fruits and shapes.

An apple is une pomme, a strawberry is une fraise and a peach is une pêche.

What did about colours we well.

An oval is un ovale, a triangle un triangle and a rectangle is sort of similar to a triangle, un rectangle.

I enjoy French because you get to learn a lot about French. You don't really have a high chance of going to France but it can help you a lot.



Poppy Geography

Volcanoes are where lava comes out and it goes everywhere and it makes magma.

The 'Ring of Fire' has lots of volcanoes and earthquakes in it. It is in the Pacific Ocean. One volcano in the 'Ring of Fire' is Fuji.



Indzhi RE

Hindu people go to pray in a mandir which has a bell which you can ring which tells the God they are in the mandir ready to pray to them.

They have three different Gods. The Gods are Vishnu, Shiva and Brahma.

We have also been looking at the meaning of words such as karma.

In Christianity, we are learning about what the true meaning of Christmas is, which is Jesus' birthday and it's to spend time with your family and not just give presents and gifts and all that.

The star represents that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and I wonder how old he was when he died.



Tommy Computing

In computing we have been learning about coding programme Scratch.

You can pick your own characters and make them move about 10 steps or more.

You can get games, put it on your PC you can put photos on your phone like my sister. She can't talk or walk but my mum got pictures and put them into the laptop. So you can do all sorts of things.

We have also been learning about networks, cameras and servers.

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Otters



McKenzie D&T

We made torches in D&T. We made it out of some wires, batteries and a light bulb.

We made a switch out of pins and paper clips. We made a chord with a tube and we taped it. We had a bottle lid and we put some tin foil in to make it reflect.

My partner did the wires and I did all the tubes. There are lots of different types of torches. They can be small, they can be big, they can be heavy, they can be light, they can be bright, they can be not bright.

I learned about circuits and switches to make the torch turn off and on.

Allie and Ava Music

In Music we have been learning how to play the recorder. We have been learning how to do A and B.



Jireh History

We are learning about the Stone Age in History. I learned that the Stoneage was 9600BC. In the Mesolithic Period they started to hunt animals and gather food.

Sometimes they will gather berries and strawberries and they would hunt animals like woolly mammoths, a sabre-toothed cat and a bison. They would start killing them with their weapons and cook them so they can eat it by the fire.

They started to be more enthusiastic and use proper materials like stone.

Then there a third period that was the Neolithic Period when they started to build houses made of sticks and wool and started farming.

I really enjoy learning new things in history and learning about what happened in the past.



Jan Science

We have been learning about habitats and animals in Science. How we can help animals. They stay in different places. I think that birds live in a forest. They sometimes lay eggs and build houses in trees.

We have been learning about octopuses and crabs. An octopus lives in the ocean.

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I have been on a Ferris wheel at the seaside. It spins around very slowly.



We went outside and we could hear the trees blowing and hear the planes. I heard the door moving in the classroom. At playtime I can hear people shouting.



There is a light green, a dark green, purple and pink. There are colours on the screen and whatever colour that is it's whichever colour boom whacker is going to smack on something. It's like a heartbeat of the music. Tunes have different beats.



Evelyn Computing

We have been learning about repeated patterns in computing, how we make pages and go on to new pages.

In sketchpad you get to make drawings. A repeated pattern is where you get your animal or shape and you get another animal or shape and do the top one again and again. I've been doing peacocks, penguins, owls and cheetahs.

What I like best about computing is you get to choose your own animals.

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Dragonflies



Annabelle PSHE

In PSHE we are learning about kindness. It is about not hurting anyone, and not saying mean things or not doing mean faces to anyone.

Rules mean about doing what the teacher says and learn, and doing what the teachers ask you to do. You don't go to the toilet unless you have asked to and also have to get your dinner band when the teacher asks you. We have to be quiet when the teacher asks and listen when they are doing the register so you know when they have said your name.

Also, no going on the grass if the teachers ask you not to.



Kairo Geography

I've been learning about continents. There is, North America, South America, Antarctica, Australia, Europe, Africa and Asia.

There is the Pacific Ocean, Indian, Antarctic and Atlantic Oceans.

The Indian is the hottest and the Pacific is the biggest. It has a trench in it. There is a load of creatures that live down there. There are undersea volcanoes in the trench. When it rumbles and tremors come out there can be a tsunami wave.

As you go down it goes quieter and quieter.

A compass helps people with their directions. The points are north, south, east and west.



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Miley-Mae History

The Great Fire of London started in 1666 in Pudding Lane. The baker Thomas Farriner left the fire on as he did not blow it out properly.

Some of the embers spat out of the oven and they started a fire. The fire spread across London and all the people needed to go on the River Thames so they could get out. They could not escape because they had no cars.



Cygnets



Leah Phonics

I have been learning phonics and this is what I can do.

zz ... bee	oa ... boat
qu ... Queen	oo ... spoon
ch ... chips	oo ... book
sh ... shell	ar ... star
th ... moth	or ... fork
ng ... king	ow ... owl
ai ... snail	oi ... coin
ee ... sheep	ear ... ear

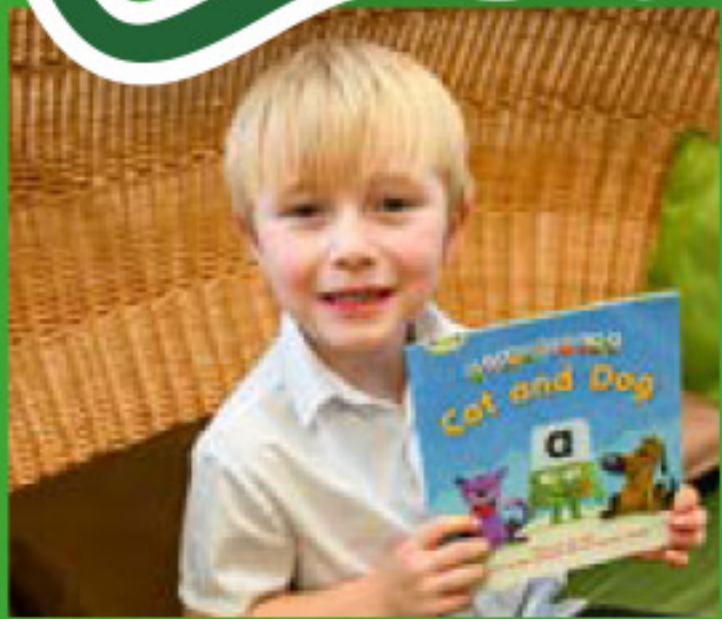
Riley Gymnastics

I have been learning in Gymnastics. This is a star. This is a bridge. This is a tuck. This is a stretch pose.

Early Years



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Alix and Phoebe Phonics and Reading

Alix and Phoebe are both in the reception class. They have been learning letter names and their corresponding sounds. This is enabling them to blend sounds together to read words and simple sentences.

They were proud to show how they can segment the words and then blend the sounds together in a reading demonstration.

Ava - Handwriting

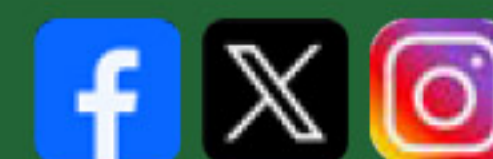
Ava has been learning how to form letters correctly in the daily handwriting sessions. She has progressed well and is able to form i, j and l all with the correct formation and letter size.

She showed us how to form these letters on handwriting lines:





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