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## Geographers in Mars Class

Mars Class have been busy geographers this term, learning all about maps and exploring the area around our school and their homes. The children have developed their map-reading skills and can now confidently use the four compass directions - North, East, South, and West - to describe locations and navigate their way around. It's been wonderful to see them connect their learning to the real world, spotting familiar landmarks and understanding how maps help us find our way. Well done, Mars Class!

Monday 10th November 2025

LO: Developing map skills, by finding specific locations on a map and planning a simple route using the map.

Question 1: Finding the School "Can you point to the school on the map? What colour is the school building?"

Answer: The school is yellow and orange.

Question 2: Walk to the Pub "You are at the school. You want to walk to the Rose & Crown pub for a hot chocolate. Will you walk this way (right/east) or this way (left/west) along the grey road?"

Answer: I will walk West.

Question 3: Visiting the Windmill "Can you find the Windmill on the map? Point to it with your finger. Is the Windmill near the top, middle or bottom of the map?"

Answer: The bottom. It is South-East.

Question 4: Counting Churches "How many churches can you find on the map? Can you point to them and count them together?"

Answer: There are two.

BONUS Question: Spot the River "Can you trace the blue River Bourn with your finger? Does it go across the map or up and down the map?"

Answer: It goes across.

Wow! You are great following a map.

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Monday 20th October 2025

LO: We explored our local area and here are some of the photos of our Ashdon

Look at our BEAUTIFUL school from the sky!!

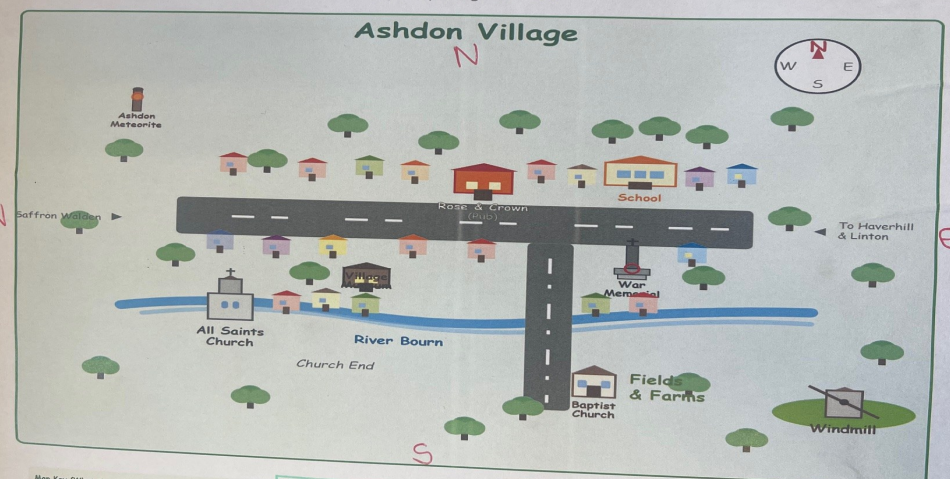


Monday 3rd November 2025

LO: Create simple maps of the school and grounds and use directional language to navigate a simple route.

### Map of Ashdon Village

A pretty village in Essex



Map Key (What the symbols mean):

- Blue wavy line = River Bourn (a small river)
- Grey line = Main street through the village
- Green circles = Trees and woodland
- Green areas = Fields and countryside

COMPLETED  
with 1:1 support  
in a small group  
As a class

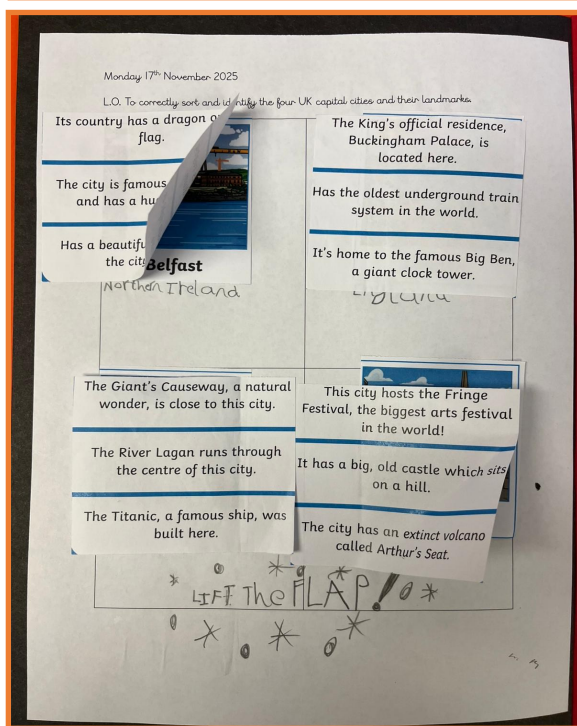
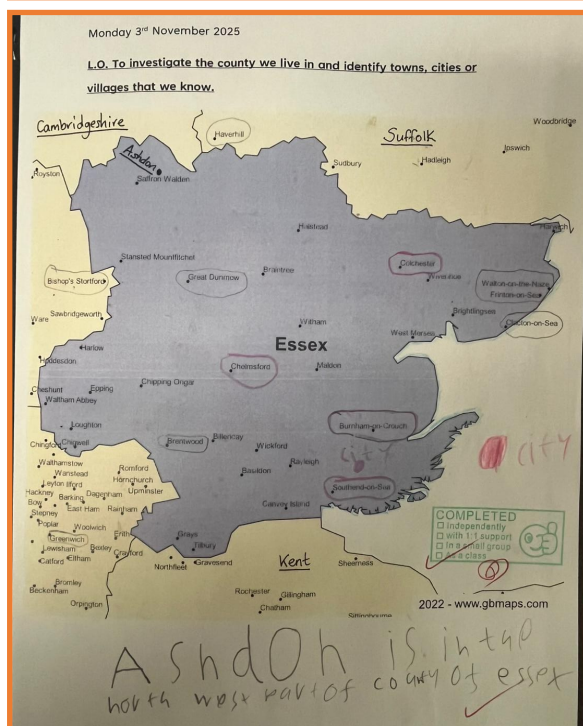
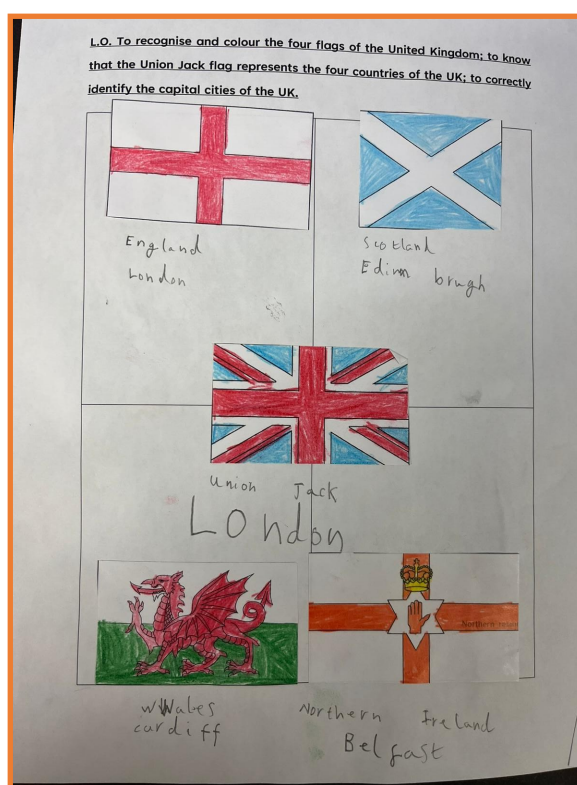
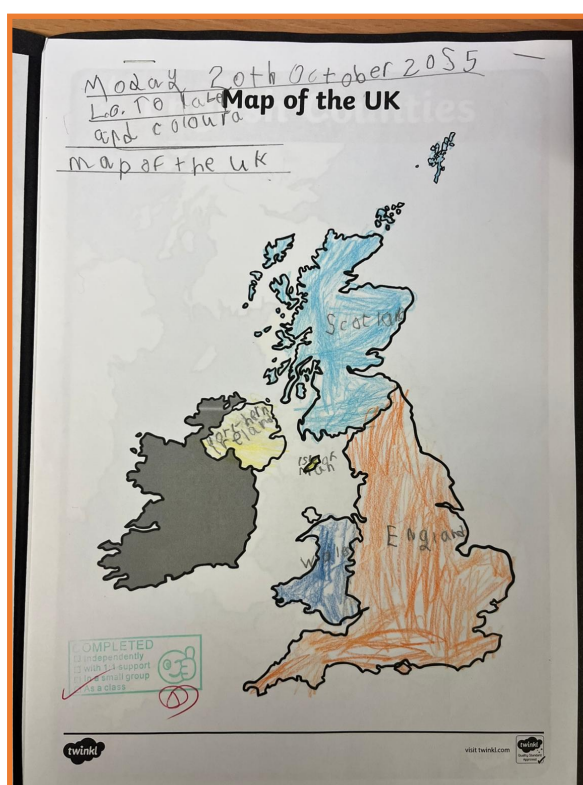
Fun Facts about Ashdon

- Ashdon is a very old village - over 1,000 years old
- The River Bourn flows through the village
- The windmill on the hill is over 200 years old
- All Saints Church is from medieval times (very, very old)
- The Baptist Church has been in the village since 1809
- The Rose & Crown pub is nearly 400 years old
- Ashdon has won "Best kept Village" awards
- The War Memorial remembers villagers from two World Wars
- A meteorite fell in Ashdon in March 1923



## Geographers in Mercury Class

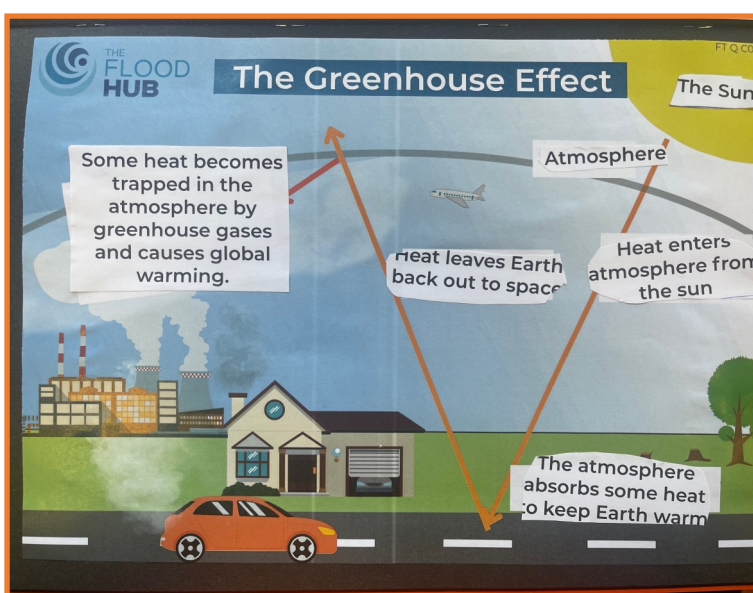
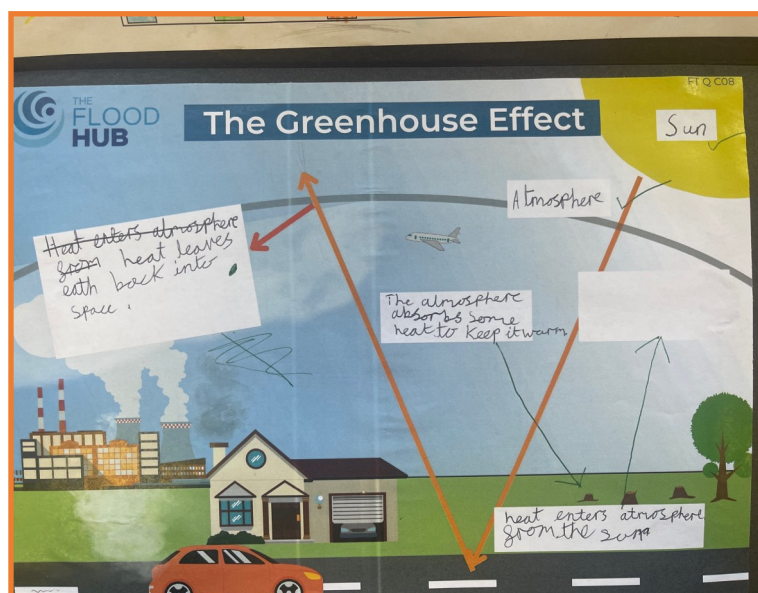
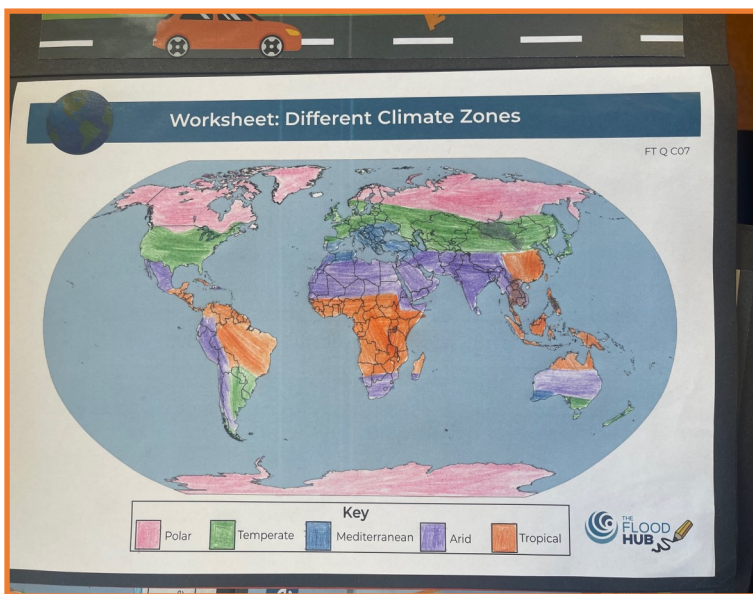
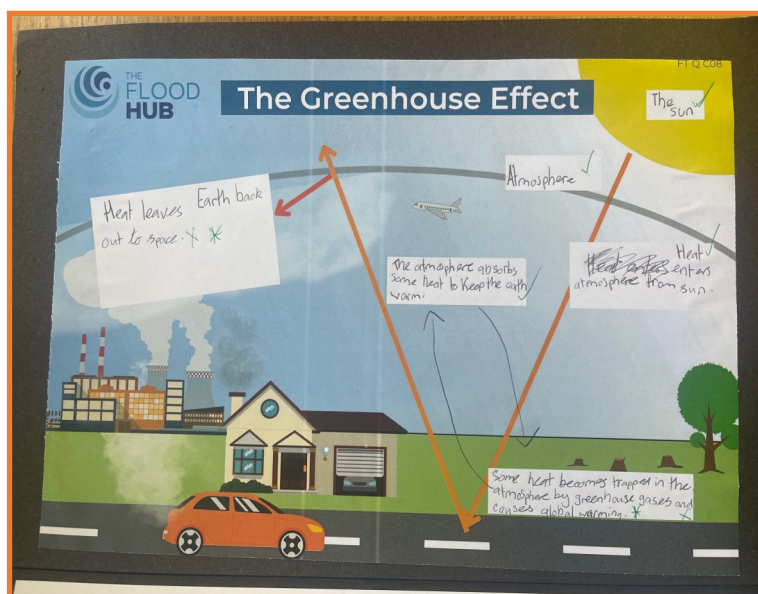
Mercury Class have been exploring the different parts of the United Kingdom, learning about England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The children have enjoyed studying the distinctive flags that represent each nation and can now recognise and identify them with confidence. Next, they'll be turning their attention to the UK's coastal waters and some of our major rivers, building up a comprehensive picture of our island's geography. It's been fantastic to see their growing knowledge of the country we call home!





## Geographers in Jupiter Class

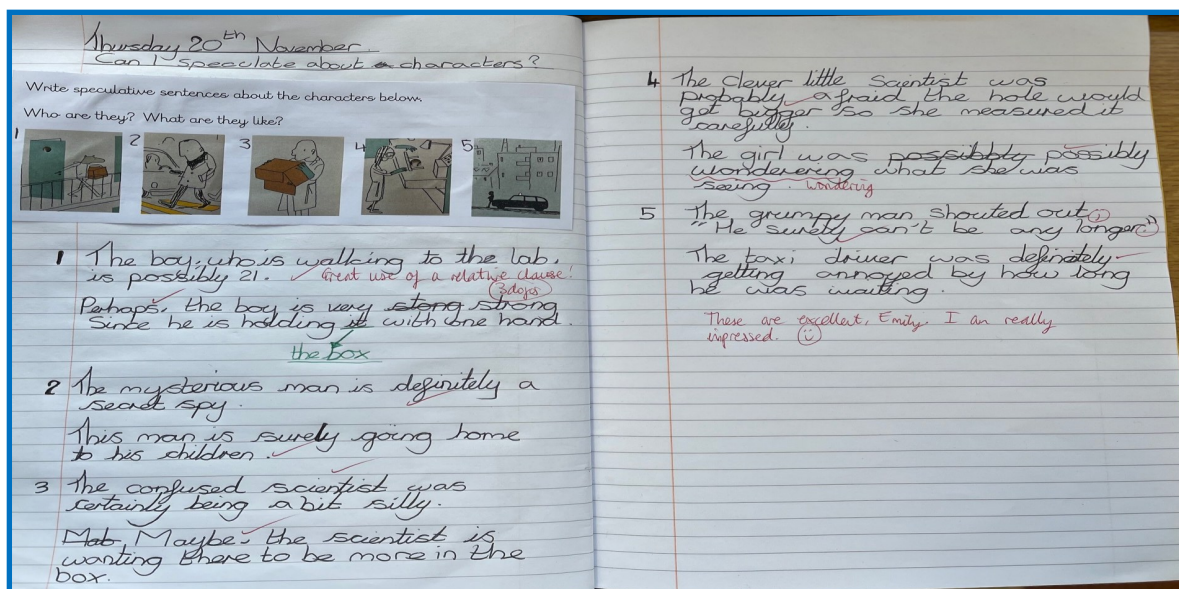
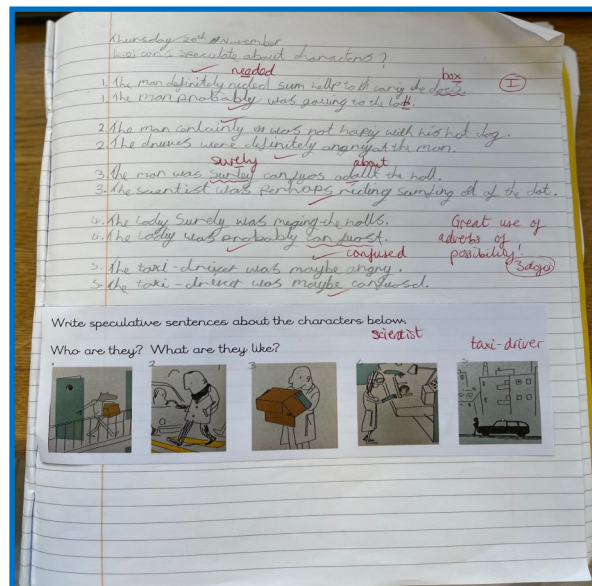
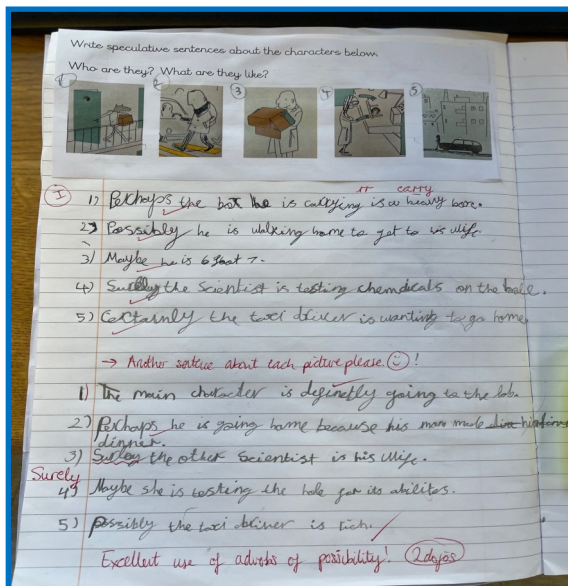
Jupiter Class have been exploring our world on a grand scale, learning about the seven continents and their unique characteristics. The children have also been investigating the greenhouse effect, developing their understanding of how our atmosphere traps heat and the impact this has on our planet. It's been impressive to see them grasp such important scientific concepts and make connections between geography and environmental science. Next term, they'll continue to build on this knowledge as they explore more about our changing world. Excellent work, Jupiter Class!





# Jupiter Class Masters of Descriptive Writing

Jupiter Class have been developing their writing skills brilliantly this term, learning all about adjectives and adverbs to bring their descriptions to life. The children have created wonderful descriptions of scenes and characters, and it's been a joy to see their writing become more vivid and engaging as they carefully select powerful vocabulary to paint pictures with words. Their creativity and attention to detail have really shone through in their recent work. Keep up the fantastic writing, Jupiter Class!



## Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

**Congratulations to Saturn Class for having the highest attendance last week!** As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

**Jupiter Class: 94.2%**

**Saturn Class: 96.9%**

**Mercury Class: 93.3%**

**Mars Class: 94%**

## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS OPEN!!




**Apply from 10th November 2025 - 15th January 2026**

**Please spread the news to parents with children  
starting reception September 2026**

**Link to apply:**

**[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)**



### Ashdon Primary School

*New Reception Families!*  
*September 2026 Start!*  
**BOOK YOUR PRIVATE TOURS!!**

We warmly invite you to discover what makes Ashdon Primary School so special for your child. Mrs Reynecke-Raybould would be delighted to welcome you for a private tour of our wonderful school. During your visit, she will show you around our facilities, introduce you to our nurturing learning environment, and explain everything Ashdon Primary School has to offer.

To book your private tour, please contact our admin team:

- Telephone: 01799 584219
- Email: [admin@ashdon.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashdon.essex.sch.uk)

We look forward to meeting you and your family!





# Stars of The Week

Every week, we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children through our Stars of the Week awards. These special certificates recognise children who have shown exceptional qualities in the classroom and beyond, reflecting our core school values of Caring, Challenging and Celebrating.

Whether it's demonstrating kindness and caring towards their classmates, showing tremendous effort and dedication when challenging themselves in their learning, or displaying real tenacity when faced with difficulty, each star is thoroughly deserved. Our Stars of the Week embody what it means to live our values every day.

Our Stars of the Week shine brightly as role models for others, showing what can be achieved through positive attitudes and hard work. Teachers nominate children from every class who have gone above and beyond, and we're immensely proud to celebrate their contributions to our school community. These awards remind us all that every child has the potential to be a star - it's not always about being the best, but about being your best.

Well done to all our stars - keep shining!



## Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- \* **Monday 24th November - Flu Immunisations** (for those children whose parents have consented)
- \* **Tuesday 25th November - Pantomime in school** (thanks to the PTA for funding this for us xxx)
- \* **Wednesday 26th November @ 13:45 - 15:00 - New Reception Stay and Play** (please tell parents with children who start Reception in September 2026 to book their place)
- \* **Thursday 27th November @ 13:00 - Mars Class going to 'The Library Bus'**
- \* **Wednesday 10th December @ 15:30-17:00 - Christmas Film Night**
- \* **Friday 12th December @ 10:00 and 14:00 - Nativity Play Performances**

## Pawsome Readers!!

Our reading sessions with our school dog continue to make a remarkable difference to pupils' confidence. There's something special about reading aloud to a patient, non-judgemental listener that helps children relax and find their voice. We've seen even the most reluctant readers eagerly signing up for their turn, and teachers report noticeable improvements in fluency and self-assurance. Reading isn't just about decoding words - it's about building confidence, and our four-legged friend is proving to be the perfect reading companion.



Lots of Love:  
Jaffle xxx



# Uniform for 2025-2026

Trousers	Navy Blue
Shorts	Navy Blue (Smart)
Skirts	Navy Blue
Pinafore	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	Light Blue
Jumpers	Navy Blue
Cardigans	Navy Blue
Sweat-shirt	Navy Blue
Summer Dress	Blue & White Check
School Shoes	Black (No Trainers/no boots)
P.E Kit Winter	Navy Sweatshirt & Tracksuit Bottoms
P.E Kit Summer	Navy Polo Shirt and Navy Blue Shorts
P.E Shoes	Black Plimsolls or Black trainers
Swimming Kit	Swimsuit (girls) Swimming Trunks (boy) Swimming hat Pool will not allow boys wearing long swimming trunks Towel
Hair Accessories	Blue, white or black only
Jewellery	Earrings: small studs only Watch

## Summer Uniform:



## Summer P.E Kit:



## Winter Uniform:



## Summer P.E Kit:



## Other Items:



A huge thank you to parents and carers who have made sure that our lovely pupils are wearing the correct uniform. They look lovely and so smart!

Please make sure that your children also have the correct P.E. kit as we will be doing lots of exercises! Also make sure that you take out earrings on P.E. days.

Jupiter Class parents and carers, please make sure that your child has a P.E. kit as well as a swimming kit ready. Thanks :-)