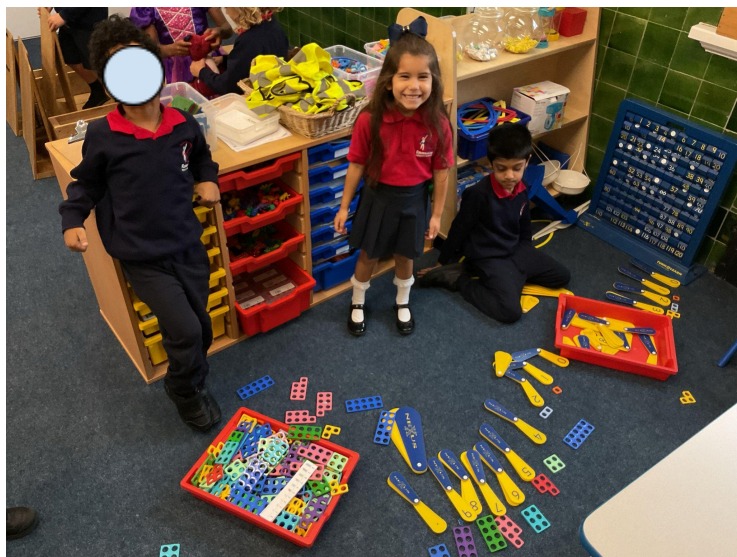




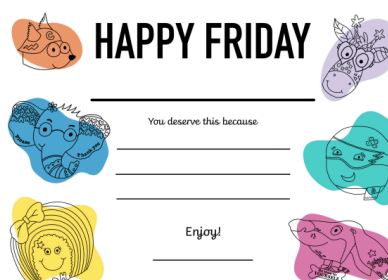
This half term has been full of exciting learning, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into life upstairs in Year 1. They have shown growing independence, maturity and enthusiasm, embracing new routines and challenges with confidence. In **Maths**, we focused on number bonds to 5, exploring number composition through stem sentences such as "5 is made of ___ and ___, ___ and ___ make 5." We learned how numbers can be represented in different ways and practised splitting numbers into parts. In **Writing**, we concentrated on doing the basics brilliantly, including finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and using our phonics knowledge to write and read back our own work. We loved reading *Astro Girl* and *Naughty Bus*, and there was great excitement as we investigated the mischievous damage *Naughty Bus* caused around the school! In **Geography**, we explored our local area, identified local landmarks, created maps and then used them to navigate around Balham, proudly chanting the names of our locations as we passed. Thank you to all the parents who joined us and helped make our walk such a success. We were also delighted to launch our Mystery Reader project, with our first three families sharing wonderful stories and helping us create special reading memories. In **Science**, we learned all about our senses, why they are important and how different parts of our bodies help us every day. We particularly enjoyed creating our own people using a variety of craft materials. In **Art**, we explored different types of lines and used these skills to create colourful self-portraits featuring a range of shapes, patterns and directions. It has been a fantastic first half term, and we are so proud of all that the children have achieved. We can't wait to see what they accomplish next!

Key information and dates

9th November - Pupils - individual Photos
11th and 12th November - Parents' Evening
13th November - RavenPlay
2nd December - Y1 Church Visit
3rd December - Y1 Generational Afternoon Tea
8th December - Y1 trip to London Transport Museum
14th December - Year 1 Library visit

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Stars of the Half Term



Name Values - Arthur
Name Curriculum - Lunna
Name Values - Nika
Name Curriculum - Oliver
Name Values - Harriet
Name Curriculum - Jayden
Name Values - Luka

Name Roma
Name Evelyn
Name Emese
Name Darby
Name Afnan
Name Nikolay
Name Khaliyah-Rae



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