



Welcome to Tenterden Infant School

We are part of a Multi Academy Trust with Tenterden Church of England Junior School, Rolvenden Primary School, St Michaels Primary School, John Mayne Primary School, Home Farm Nursery, St Michaels Pre-School and Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre.



Together, we Learn, Grow and Flourish

Together, all the governors, parents/carers, children and staff work together to create a flourishing community. We talk about growing like acorns, growing into a tall, strong oak tree.

We learn together and support each other to grow in our skills, knowledge and understanding through an inspiring, engaging curriculum.

We create a happy, learning environment in which equal opportunities for all thrives and safeguarding is paramount.

We celebrate all achievements and enjoy our time in school; caring for each other and building strong supportive relationships. We value pupil voice and work together to take care of each other as we learn and play.





Our School

- School Structure
- The School Day
- Wrap Around Care
- Transition
- School Uniform

School Structure

An aspect of determining our school structure is always dependent on the number of children on roll in the October census. We are aware that there continues to be a fall in EYFS school admissions across Kent.

We aim to have two classes in each year group but numbers dictate whether this is always possible.

This year the DfE and LA (Local Authority) have agreed to a temporary pan of 30 so we have one foundation class.

We currently have one KS1 mixed class and will do so until the school roll increases. Mixed classes and single aged classes have both worked effectively for children to learn well at Tenterden Infant School.

Our current school structure for 2026/27 is:

One Foundation class

Snow Leopards

One Year 1 class

Lemurs

One Year One/Year Two Mixed class

Jaguars

One Year Two class

Polar Bears

Our class names are named after our favourite endangered animal. Maximum class size is 30.

The School Day

Our school day runs 8:45am start to 3:15pm.

8:35am: School gates open

We ask that you take your child to the Atrium which is located in the Infant School playground.

8:45am: School gates close

All children should be in the classroom by 8.45am to start their school day. If, for any reason you arrive after the school gates have closed, please bring your child to the school office where they will be taken to their classroom. Please inform the office of the reason for lateness.

3:05pm: School gates open

The school gates open on an automatic timer at 3:05pm ready for you to wait in the Infant School playground to collect your child from the Atrium door.

3:15pm: Pick up

All children are dismissed by their class teacher at 3:15pm.

Staff dismiss children in line with our safeguarding policy. Adults collecting must be named and 18+ years of age. We will contact parents/carers if we do not know the adult picking up. Please inform the office of a change of adult for pick up and please keep emergency contacts up to date with the office.

Wrap Around Care

Early Birds: 8:00am – 8:45am

We have morning club called Early Birds for working parents and each session is currently £2.50. It runs from 8:00am to the time school starts.

After School Club: 3:15pm – 5:00pm

We have an after school club. Each session is currently £10.00. It runs from the end of the school day until 5:00pm. The children enjoy a variety of engaging activities and enjoy sharing ideas. Children are dismissed from the Infant School main door. Children can bring a snack (nut free).

If children need to be picked up earlier than 5:00pm, parents/carers are given the After School Club telephone number so staff can be contacted as the school is closed from 4:00pm.

Both clubs are very popular and we take termly payment to secure a place.

Transition

Transition has focused on allowing time for you to become familiar with the classroom environment and staff supporting your child. Transition shares the class routines and lunch procedures.

Thursday 3rd September 2026 | 9:30 to 11:00am (Morning session)
(Adults to stay for the whole session, please come to the main school entrance)

Friday 4th September 2026 | 9:30 to 11:00am (Morning session)
(Child and Parent/Carer. Adults please drop off/pick up at the main school entrance)

Monday 7th September 2026 | 9:00am to 12:00pm (Morning session)
(Adults please drop off/pick up at the main school entrance)

Tuesday 8th September 2026 | 9:00am to 1:00pm (Lunch included)
(Adults drop off/pick up at the main school entrance)

Wednesday 9th September 2026 | 9:00am to 1:00pm (Lunch included)
(Adults drop off/pick up at the main school entrance)

Thursday 10th September 2026 | 8:45am to 3:15pm (Full day)
(Adults drop off/pick up at the main Infant playground - follow the parents through to the playground and an adult will greet them at the Atrium door)



School Uniform

School uniform can be bought online from: www.myclothing.com

School Uniform

- School zipper fleece (for outdoor wear only)
- School Sweatshirt (for indoor and outdoor wear)
- Light Blue Polo Shirt
- School Book Bag
- Summer dress blue check
- Trousers – Grey*
- Skirts – Grey
- Socks and tights – White, Grey or Navy (plain)**
- Shoes – Black (*no boots , trainers or open toe shoes*)
- Hair accessories – *to be kept to a minimum, no large bows or clips.*
- Earrings – *All earrings are to be studs only for safety. Children will be asked to take them out or they can wear tape over them provided by the parent/carer.*

* Please note some stores label tight fitting trousers as school trousers, these are not acceptable as school uniform. Please buy straight legged trousers. Please see our website for images or speak to the school if you are not sure what to buy.

** Children are permitted to wear plain knee high socks, socks must not go over the knee.

P.E. Kit

- Shorts – Black or Navy
- Polo T-shirt/T-shirt – White
- Tracksuit – Black or Navy
- Plimsols (for indoor PE) – Black
- Trainers (for outdoor PE)

Occasionally the children are asked to come into school in their PE kit for some sporting events.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a shelving unit with lots of uniform that everyone is welcome to have at anytime. On the Induction Meeting the pre loved uniform will be available.



Our School Community

- Building Learning Power
- Golden Rules
- Restorative Justice
- School communication and Celebrations
- Curriculum continuity from Tenterden Infant School to Tenterden Junior School

Building Learning Power

We believe in and promote the Building Learning Power approach (BLP) in everything we do.

Our children come in to school full of curiosity, knowledge and skills. We develop and celebrate these attributes through our curriculum. BLP develops positive learning characteristics which enables our children to be independent thinkers and learners.

Our children are excited and happy to enjoy the challenges offered in their activities and tasks. They reason about the choices they make.



Wise Owl

Makes wise choices; uses previous knowledge; learns from each experience and makes improvements. Being a wise Owl means you learn how to learn.



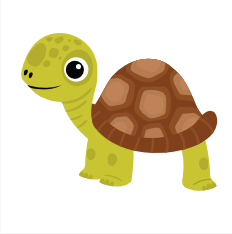
Action Ant

Working with our classmates in partner or group work. We think about what others are thinking. We are connected learners.



Super Squirrel

We are resourceful; we ask questions; hypothesise and find out. We know we are using and learning new skills.



Tough Tortoise

We are resilient . We enjoying learning and don't get distracted. We try our best and try again and not worry about mistakes because we learn from them as it shows we tried something new.



Mindful Mole

We live in the present. A moment of calm. Time to be thankful and share peace. We are thoughtful and kind to others and ourselves.

Our Golden Rules

-  We are gentle
-  We are kind and helpful
-  We listen
-  We are honest
-  We work hard
-  We look after property

Attendance

We strive for 100% attendance as this gives a child the best chance of success. On the day of your child’s absence please ensure you have called the School Office by 9am.

All holidays taken in term time are unauthorised and may result in a penalty fine.

Restorative Justice

We use these questions to help children reflect on inappropriate behaviours and help them to make Wise Owl choices to move forward:

-  What happened
-  What were you thinking?
-  How were you feeling?
-  Who’s been affected/upset?
-  What do you need to do to make things better?
-  How can we all move forward

Safeguarding

We work together to keep your child’s safe. All incidents/disclosures are recorded on our digital platform CPOMS (Child Protection Online Monitoring System).

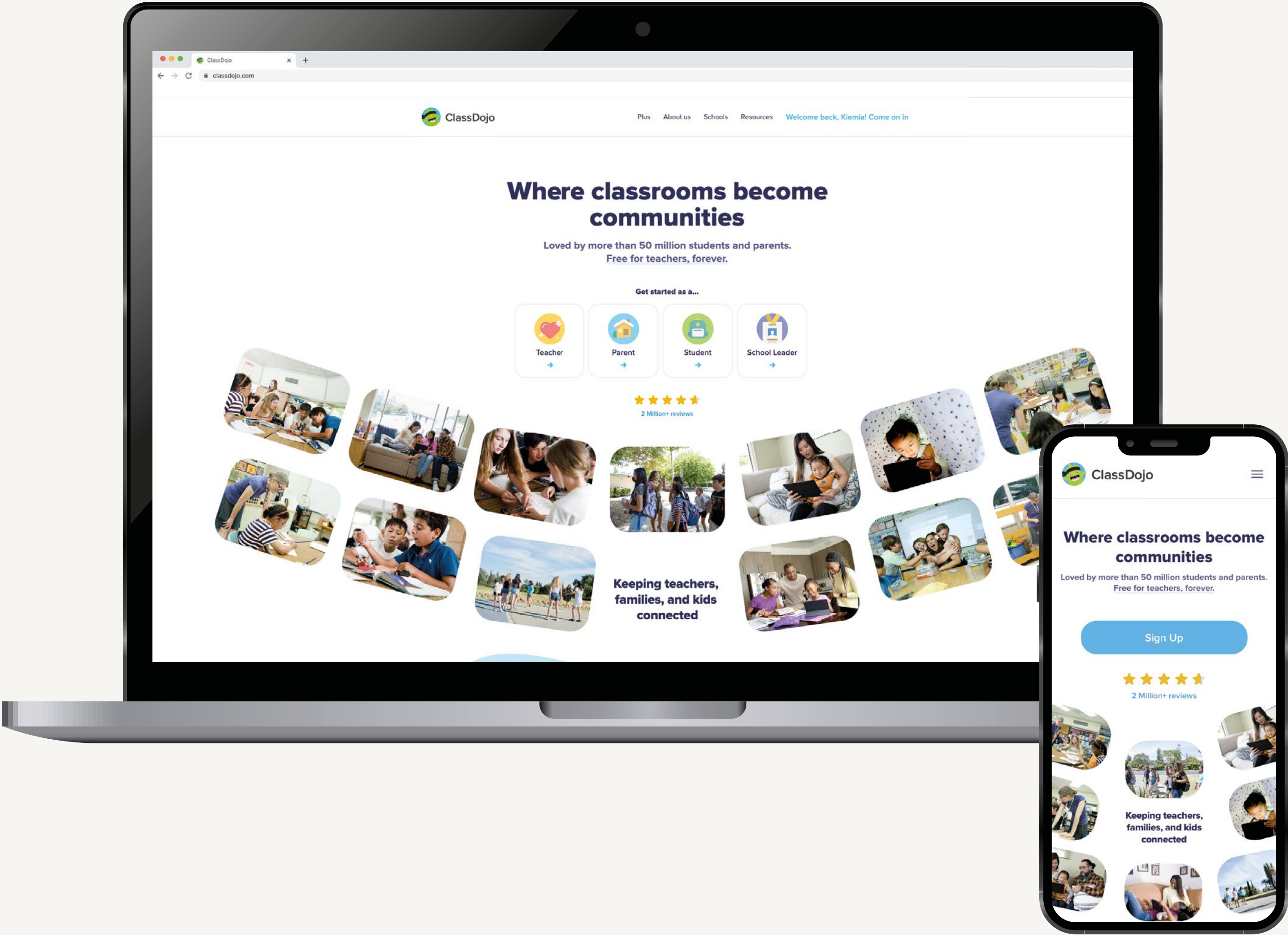
Communication and Celebration

Recognising and celebrating all children’s efforts

We use Class Dojo to communicate with all parents/carers.

Each child has their own icon and staff give reward Dojo points for achievements and effort linked to BLP and the Golden Rules.

Dojo certificates are given out after achieving multiples of 50 points. Multiples of 100 are celebrated in assemblies along with Head Teacher Awards. The class team share celebrations and upcoming events/activities with you via the class story. You can send a personal message to the class teacher and office.



Curriculum continuity from Tenterden Infant School to Tenterden Junior School

Tenterden Infant School is Federated with Tenterden Church of England Junior School.

We work closely to develop the children's learning journey through the Primary Phase; planning our curriculums together to ensure consistency of presentation, teaching and learning pedagogies and building on prior learning.

We are a strong staff who love teaching and learning. There are times when the children work and play across year groups and these are always a lot of fun too.

We follow the White Rose curriculum in Maths which ensures high expectations and opportunities for applying maths facts.

We apply Talk for Writing pedagogy for English lessons so children can develop and widen their oracy skills.





Our School Curriculum

- Phonics and English
- Discovery Learning
- Maths
- Fine and Gross Motor Skills
- P.E
- Into the Woods

Phonics and English

We continue from the phonics learnt in preschools and we follow the validated scheme Little Wandle.

We have lots of opportunities for enjoying listening to stories and facts. Children read and share books.

In English we also enjoy the creativity of using 'Talk for Writing' skills to promote reading, writing and language acquisition. The children love learning to retell and adapt stories using pictorial representations.

In this way we promote a love of reading and high expectations when developing out writing skills. Children love to share their stories and written accounts as they develop their writing skills and use of exciting vocabulary.

Children progress best if they read regularly at home. Two books are sent home with your child each week so parents/carers can share the joy of reading a book together.

Little Wandle introduces weekly 'tricky words'. These are sent home to practice. We hope you will join us in our parent phonic workshops - more information about this to come.



Discovery Learning

Children spend time exploring and developing their Super Squirrel skills whilst being an Action Ant with their friends.





**Sharing tools and caring
for the environment**



Co-operation

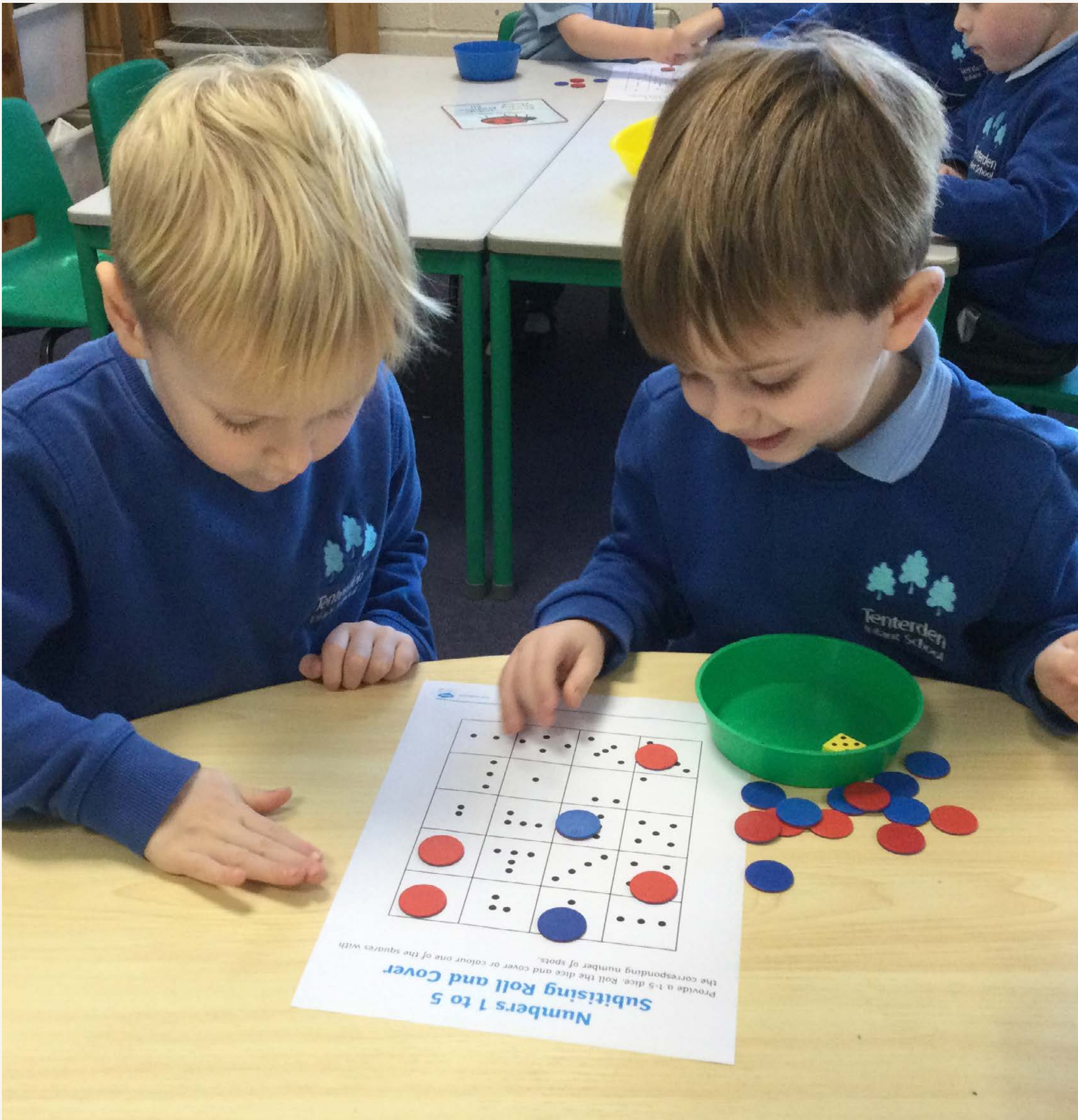


Core strength and balance

Maths

We adopt a small step mastery exploration of maths, focusing on small step learning to ensure understanding and confident number recognition.

We focus on using lots of pictorial representations and practical tasks to question, understand and explore number and shape. Children learn to mark make to represent numbers and then progress to learning digits and math symbols.



Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Through a variety of engaging activities we develop fine motor skills, strength and coordination. This includes building core strength on the outside apparatus, enjoying cycling and construction building.



P.E

We love being active in the hall and outside. We have key balances and skills to learn . We use our hall for drama and dance activities too. This is also where we enjoy our whole school assemblies and lunch.

We regularly use our bikes and trikes, creating exciting routes and following our road way.

Through games and challenges, children learn to work together, developing spatial awareness, balance, changing direction and how to move safely around classmates. Children learn to listen well to instruction and begin to develop an understanding of their own physical limits and how to handle equipment safely.

Our PE includes includes lots of body movements, including walking, jumping, running, hopping and skipping. We celebrate our PE in our exciting fun packed sports day each year.



Into the Woods

The outdoors has so much to offer our children and provides different opportunities to work collaboratively with others, take risks and explore nature. This builds curiosity, resilience and friendships, all of which have a significant impact on our learning.



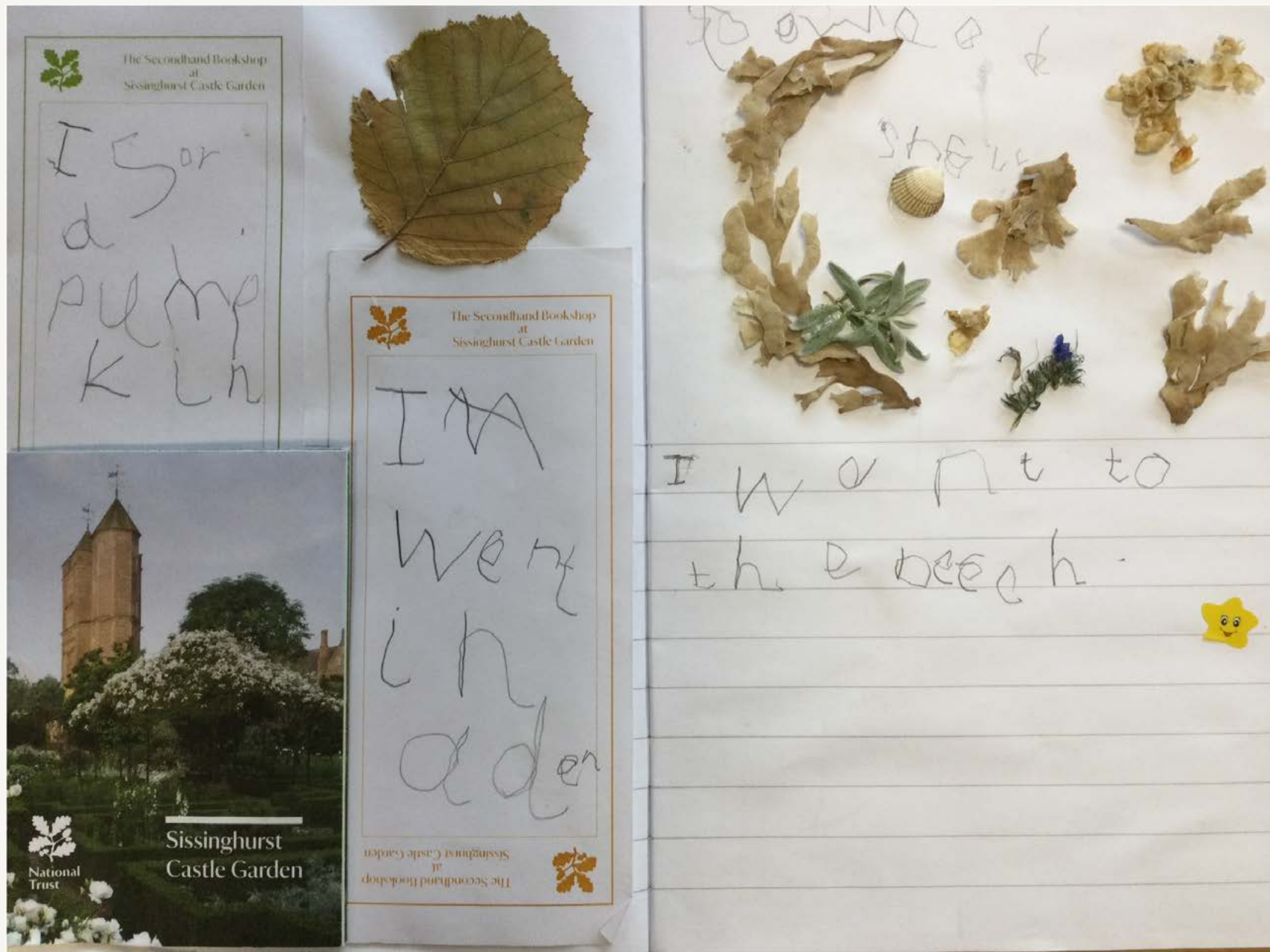
Into the Woods

EYFS spend one afternoon a week in our beautiful woodland area all year round, come rain or shine. Each week there is a different activity and the setting is enhanced with different resources.

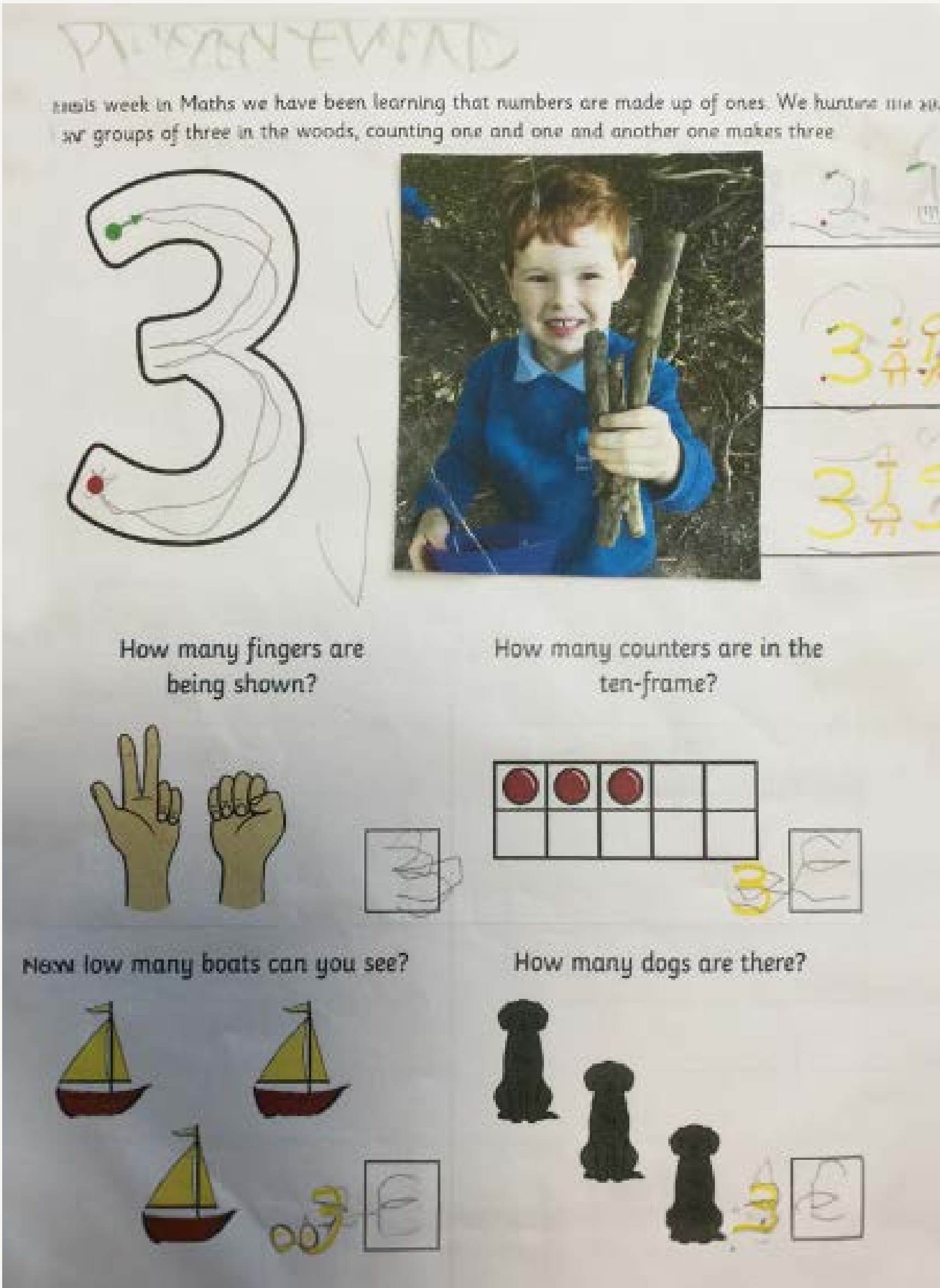


Working in Collaboration with Parents

At Tenterden Infant School we aim to build positive relationships with our children and their families from day one. Every week the children will bring their 'sharing book' home with a piece of work that they have completed at school. They are proud to show their family, and this also keeps parents informed about their child's learning.



Over the weekend, we encourage the children to share some news about their weekend in the same book which can then be shown to their friends at school.



Welcome Pack

This pack is full of information to ease your child's and your transition to school.

The content items in **red** are for you to fill in and return to school.

The items in **blue** hold necessary information for your child's start at school.

Please fill in and return to school.

- Admissions/Health/Medical Information
- Contact information
- Permission to Collect
- Home-School Agreement
- Free School meals and Pupil Premium
- Using images of children-consent form
- Parking Concession
- Earlybird Club Application
- Latebird Club Application

Please retain and refer to when needed.

- School Uniform
- Things needed for school
- School Attendance – Information Sheet
- Project 97
- Administering Medicines
- Responsible Internet Use
- Free Fruit and Vegetables
- Nut Allergy
- Letter and Number formation
- Talk 4 Writing
- School Year 2025 – 2026
- Data Protection Act





Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our school community. We look forward to welcoming you and your family into our family.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office where we will be able to help.

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