



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 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.





Our School

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

School Structure

This year for September 2023 we will have:

Two Foundation classes

Snow Leopards
Tapirs

Two Year 1 classes

Hedgehogs
Sea Otters

Two Year 2 classes

Polar Bears
Tigers

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 EYFS wooden gate 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.

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.

3:15pm: Pick up

All children are dismissed by their school teacher at 3:15pm. Staff dismiss children from their class in line with our safeguarding policy. Adults collecting must be named and 18+ years of age.

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. This is subject to change but the following plan is our intention.

Thursday 31st August 2023

9:00 to 11:00am Play and Stay session
(Child and Parent/Carer)

Friday 1st September

9:00am to 11:00am Play and Stay session
(Child and Parent/Carer)

Monday 4th September

9:00am to 12:00am

Tuesday 5th September

9:00am to 1:00pm (This includes lunch)

Wednesday 6th September

9:00am to 1:00pm (This includes lunch)

Thursday 7th September

Full time 8:45am to 3:15pm

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 for working parents and 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.

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

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

* 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 – Black
- Trainers

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

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

Communication and Celebration

Recognising and celebrating all children's efforts

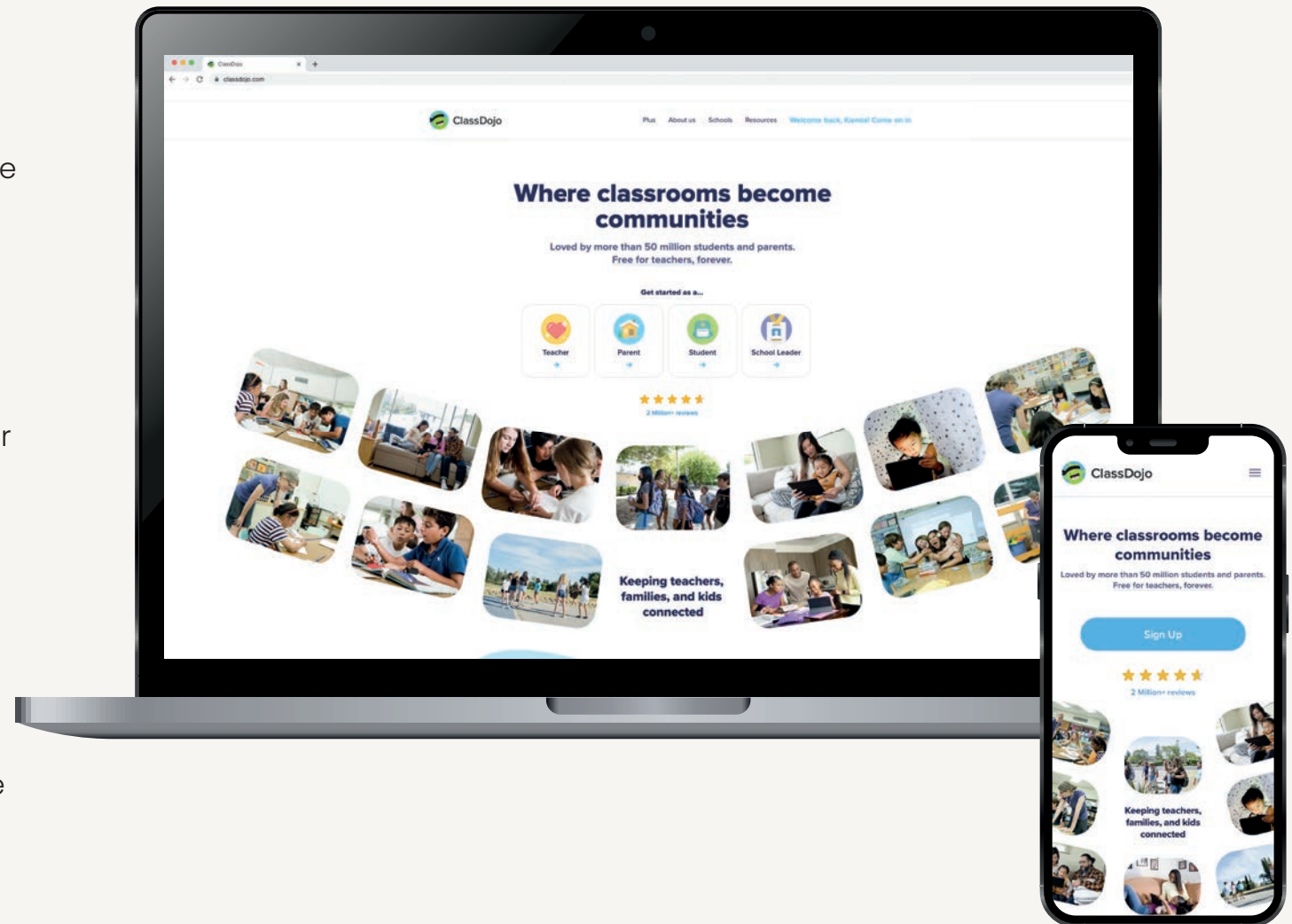
We use Class Dojo to communicate with all parents/carers.

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.





Our School Curriculum

- Phonics and English
- Talk for Writing
- Discovery Learning
- Maths
- Fine Motor Skills
- P.E

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 our writing skills. Children love to share their stories and written accounts as they develop their writing skills and use of exciting vocabulary.



Discovery Learning

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





Maths

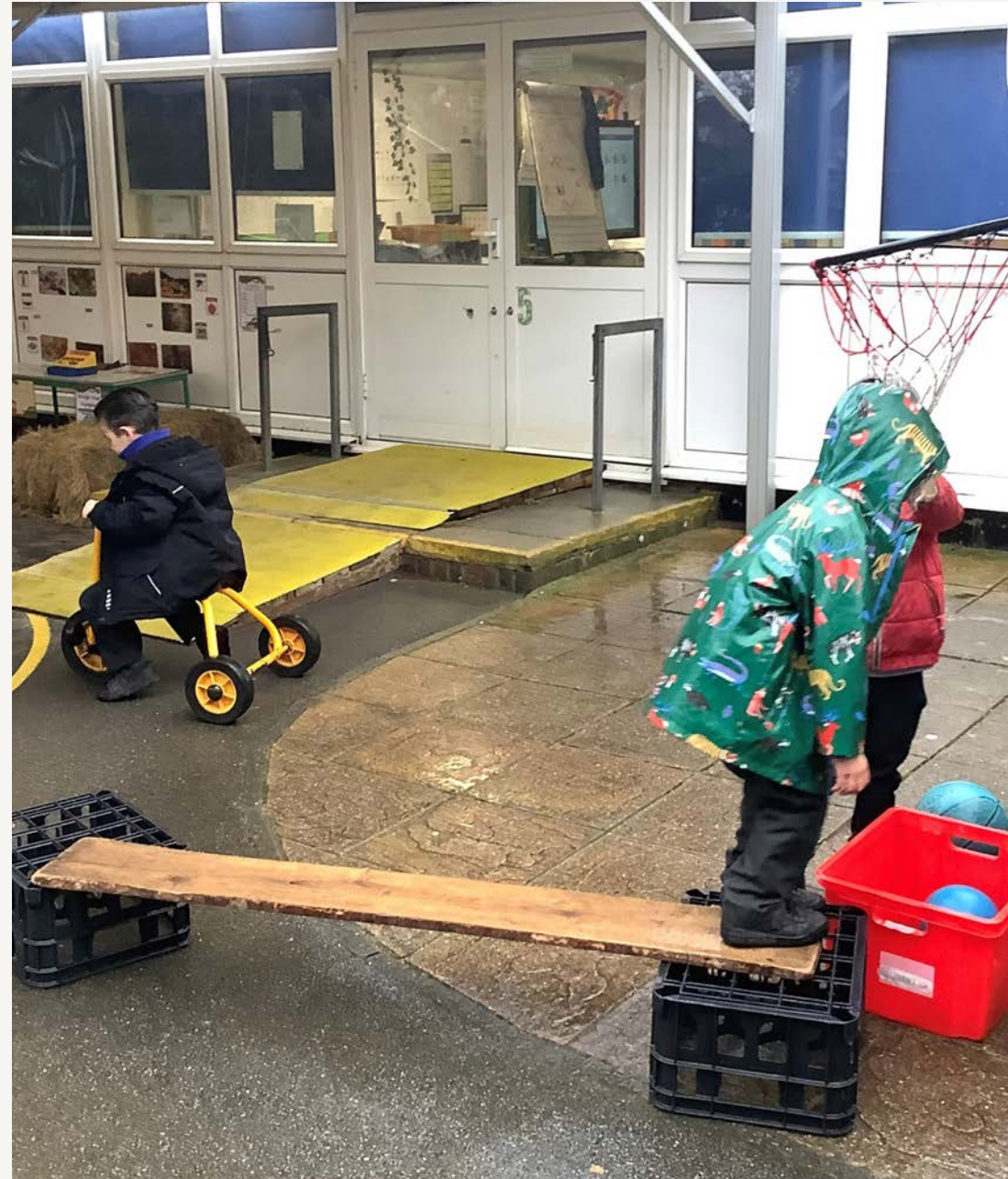
We are in our fifth year of the Mastering Number programme, focusing on small step learning to ensure understanding and confident number recognition.

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, cycle and construction.



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.



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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