

BRITISH SCHOOL ALGIERS

Primary Newsletter

1st October 2026

RECEPTION

Elephant Class have been working hard this week! In Phonics, we have been reviewing the /s/ sound and learning the action and song for /a/, using a multisensory approach. I'm sure you may even hear your child singing the songs at home! In Maths, we have been exploring sets of objects, and identifying items that do not belong. For example, a pencil does not belong in a snack box! The children have been developing their mathematical vocabulary by using the words "different" and "same". We have also explored the story of *One* and completed our first number formation lesson. This week, we have also been developing our scissor skills. The children have been practising how to hold their scissors correctly while using their other hand to guide the paper. Some children have even been reminding me and their friends about how to use and store scissors safely around the classroom. Well done, Elephant Class! You are amazing!



YEAR 1

This week in Geography, Year 1 has been exploring our world! The children have been learning about the world around us and beginning to identify and locate the continents on a map and globe. They have enjoyed discovering where different continents are and developing their understanding of the wonderful world we live in.



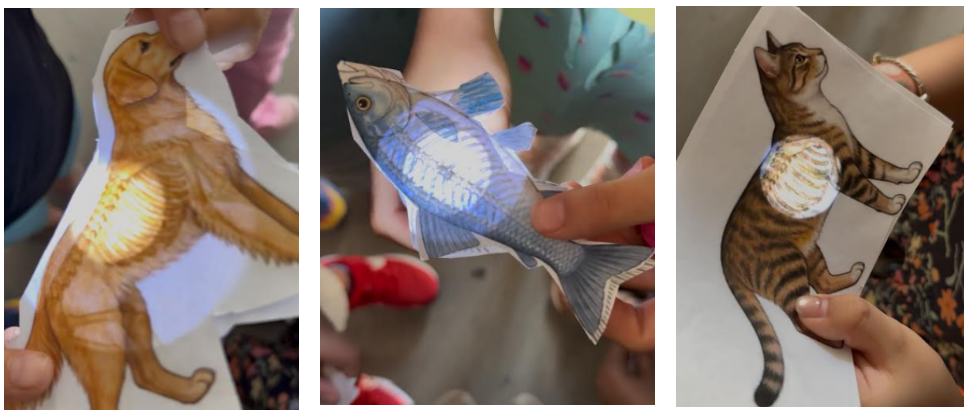
YEAR 2

This week in Maths, Year 2 has begun exploring numbers that are 'greater than' and 'less than'. When writing greater and less than, children are taught that the mathematical symbols that they should use are $>$ and $<$. These almost look like the mouth of a crocodile, so as a fun way to recap previous knowledge the children of Bear and Pangolin class went to the playground armed with a model crocodile mouth, mini-whiteboards and pens. The children were shown two numbers - one that was bigger than the other. They had to tell the crocodile which one to 'eat' and then record the maths 'number sentence' on their whiteboards as both greater than and less than recording. It was a fun and exciting way to introduce a new area of learning!



YEAR 3

This week in Science, Year 3 explored and compared the skeletons of different animals through a fun, hands-on investigation. Using torches, the children investigated how skeletons are positioned inside different animals' bodies and discussed how they help to support the body, protect important organs and allow movement. They discovered that not all animals have the same type of skeleton, comparing animals with internal skeletons, external skeletons and those without a skeleton. The children shared their observations, identified similarities and differences between the animals and developed their understanding of the important role skeletons play in helping animals survive.



YEAR 4

It has been extremely busy in Lynx class this week. The children have been working hard to build and publish their setting descriptions based on the Pinewoods forest from our class novel, *Ice Palace*. There have been some excellent pieces of writing, with the children using ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language to really bring the setting to life.

We also finally got round to burying our time capsule! This included a letter from each child to their future self, sharing how they felt about the year ahead, their goals, hobbies and what they would like to be when they grow up. It has been lovely to see how much enthusiasm the children have shown this week, and we are looking forward to another exciting week of learning together.



LEARNING STARS THIS WEEK:



In panda class - Adam D and Aline
In Tiger class - Rammy and Prescilla
In Bear class - Adam and Isaac
In Pangolin class - Acil and Yinuo
In Penguin class - Afya and Areen
In Turtle class - Alyssa and Sofia
In Snowleopard class - Nelia and Samy
In Lynx class - Moussa and Sabreen

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- **KS1 Taekwondo:** Every Wednesday, **3:45–4:30pm**
- **KS2 Taekwondo:** Every Thursday, **3:45–4:30pm**
- **Arts & Crafts – Wellbeing Club:** Every Wednesday, **3:30–4:15pm**

Please note: These clubs are only for children who are on the club list for this half term. Children who are not on the list should not attend.

PICK UP REMINDER

A reminder to please make sure you collect your children **on time** at the end of the day.

Teachers finish their duties at **4:00pm**, so they are not available to supervise children after this time. Any children remaining after 4:00pm may be left **without staff**

supervision. Please ensure you arrive promptly for collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reception: 3:15

Year 1: 3:20

Year 2: 3:25

Year 3 : 3:30

Year 4 : 3:35

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sunday 4th October whole school open morning
- Monday 12th October KS1 phonics workshop
- Tuesday 13th October KS1 and KS2 reading workshop
- Wednesday 14th October KS1 and KS2 maths workshop
- Thursday 22nd October international day