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Newsletter

3 - 19 September 2025
Autumn Term 1

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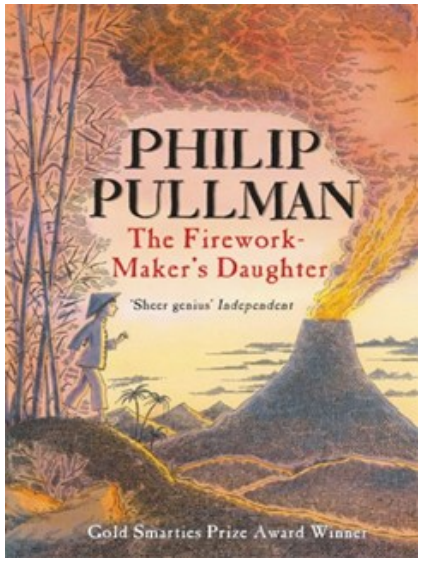
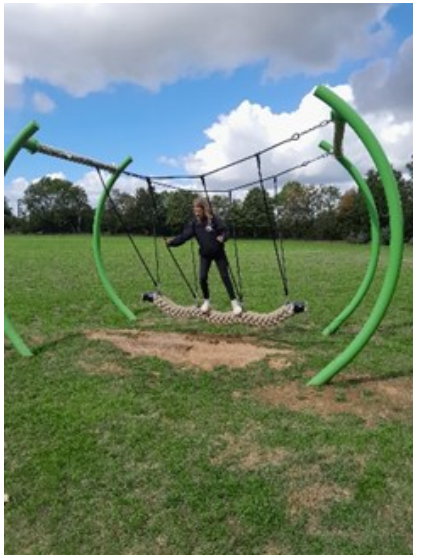
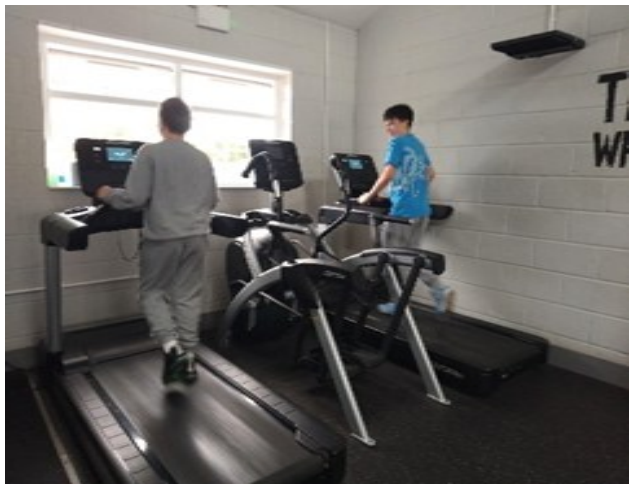


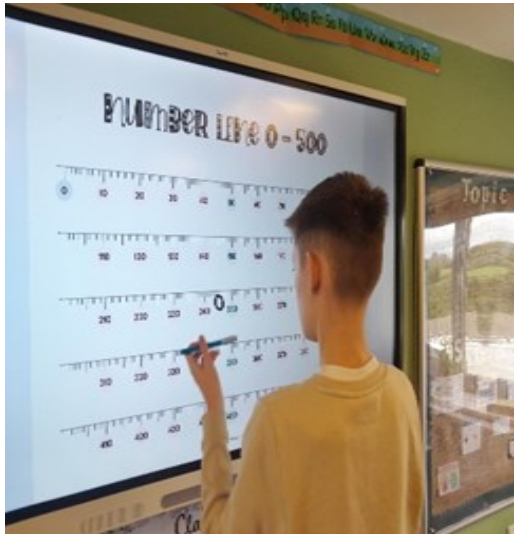


Our set text for this term is the brilliant book by Philip Pullman called "The Firework Maker's Daughter". Here's Elisha settling down for a good read and Keysha imagining what the main character, Lila, looks like.

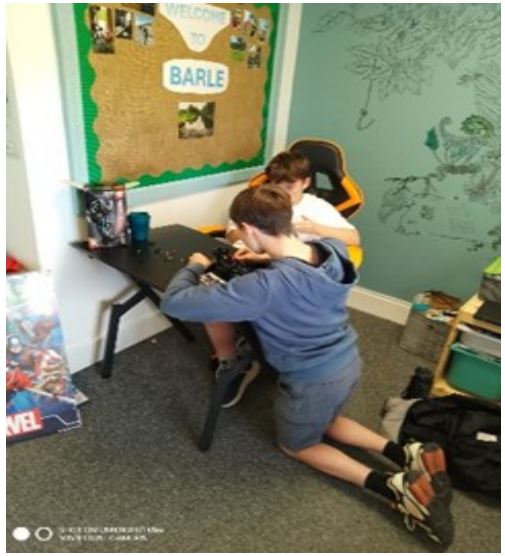
Keysha, Elisha, Bobby and Danny all keeping fit and healthy in different ways that they enjoy, developing physical strength, stamina, balance and control skills.

Some of our pupils visited the Bridgwater Jobs Fair. They impressed all those that they spoke to, by using confident social skills, asking the presenters interesting questions and using the opportunity to think about their futures!



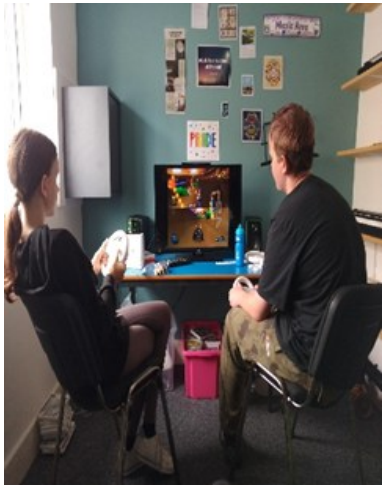


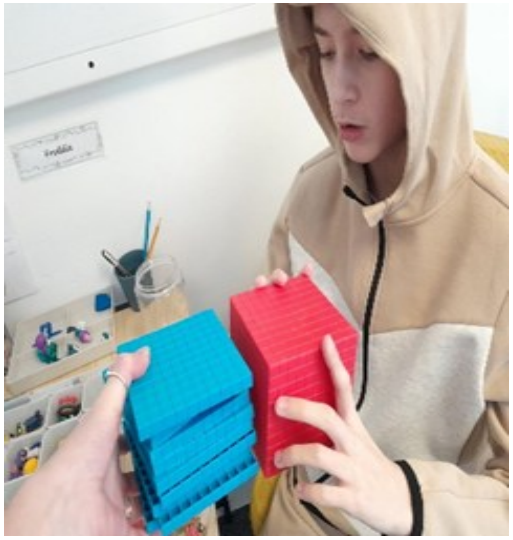
Maths with manipulatives makes understanding concepts much easier to grasp. At Petherton we use the C P A—concrete, pictorial, abstract approach to teaching and learning about maths. Using things like unifix cubes and Dienes rods helps us understand place value, and number lines help us understand numbers' ordinal relationships and magnitude. They are brilliant at helping solving addition and subtraction calculations too. Here Kian is using unfix cubes, Freddie is using Dienes blocks and formal number lines, and Keysha is making and using her own number line!

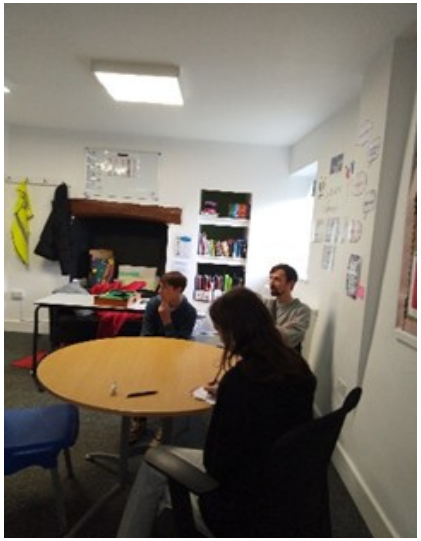


Avon Class are enjoying playing Monopoly at the moment—and games are played without tears or a cheating banker! This game helps with developing social skills, turn taking, resilience (if the game doesn't go our way), as well as maths skills and strategic decision making. A popular close second to this is playing Cluedo or on the Wii!

Kai and Dan are working together here in a tricky construction challenge—a high level of patience is needed!







Here we have School Council discussing the serious matters that our pupils want to address and make decisions about.

And here we have Elisha having a lot of fun with messy play. School can be both fun and focused, serious and silly!

IMPORTANT DATES - Autumn Term 1 &2

END OF TERM 1: WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2025 @ 3.00pm

SCHOOL INSET: THURSDAY 23 and FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025

HALF TERM: MONDAY 27—FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025

TERM 2 STARTS: MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2025

TERM 2 ENDS: FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025 @ 12.00 pm

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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

It has been wonderful welcoming the pupils back after the summer break (some of whom have shot up in height) and to welcome our new starters as well.

As you can see from the newsletter detail, learning has got straight back under-way in it's differing forms and the pupils have been sharing various facts and opinions with us, as we visit the classrooms to see what they are getting in-volved with.

Pupil council meetings have resumed and a variety of well thought out pro-posals were put forward by those involved.

Our Therapies Team have been welcoming pupils back for sessions and group work and it is evident just how important a multi specialist approach is for pro-gress to be in felt all areas of growing up and becoming successful citizens in the future. It was lovely to see the pupil interest in future careers at the jobs fair and we hope it will be a building block for opportunities available to them in the future. It has been a fantastic start back to the year and your children have done themselves proud already in so many ways. I hope they enjoy a well earned restful weekend.

Best wishes

Beccy

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility

If you have any safeguarding concerns about ANY child (not just a child within our setting), please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL):

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