



Tilstock⁺

Part of the **Marches Academy Trust** 

Talking Heads

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

My learning walks this week have highlighted some fantastic examples of hands-on learning and real-life contexts. We love giving children hands-on experiences that help bring abstract ideas to life and our Badgers class certainly had an unforgettable one! As part of their science unit on day and night and the Earth's rotation, the children enjoyed a live FaceTime call with Miss Thomas's sister-in-law... all the way in Australia! Despite it being 1pm in Tilstock, she took the children on a sunny walk down her street and showed them the moon in the Australian sky, explaining that the rest of her family were fast asleep. This real-time experience helped the children see first-hand how different parts of the world experience day and night simultaneously. Inspired by what they learned, Badgers pupils produced beautiful written explanations, showing a strong understanding of why we have day and night, and even created their own play-dough Earth models to demonstrate rotation. A truly memorable way to make learning meaningful!

Our Bumblebees have been busy exploring number bonds to 5 in the most hands-on, joyful way. Using egg cartons as their maths toolkits, the children collected sets of five and experimented with all the different ways numbers can come together to make 5.

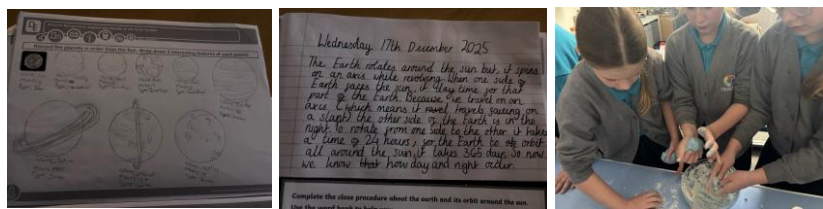
Once they had built their combinations, each child proudly 'told a story of 5,' using a part-whole model to record their number sentences. It was wonderful to see their confidence blossom as they explained their thinking and showed how numbers can be broken apart and put back together again.

At Tilstock, we know that strong handwriting is about more than beautiful presentation - it strengthens the brain connections needed for accurate spelling, clearer thinking, and confident, independent writing. Today, we were delighted to award Pen Licences to pupils who have shown real care, fluency and consistency in their handwriting. This is an important milestone in their journey as growing writers. A huge well done to all our newly licensed pen users - we're very proud of your hard work and dedication!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



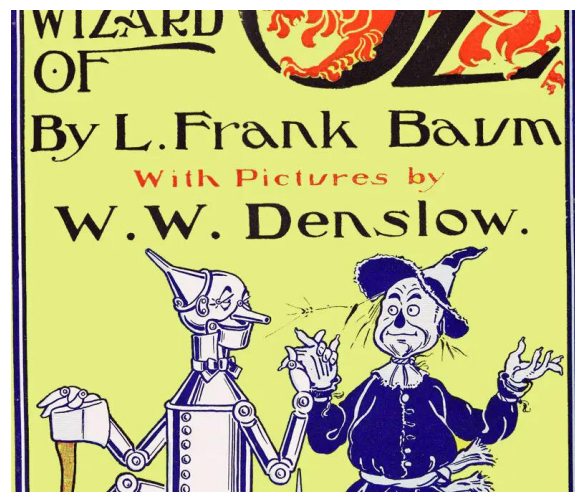
Badger Science



Audio- books for the Winter season – listen to a book before bed 😊

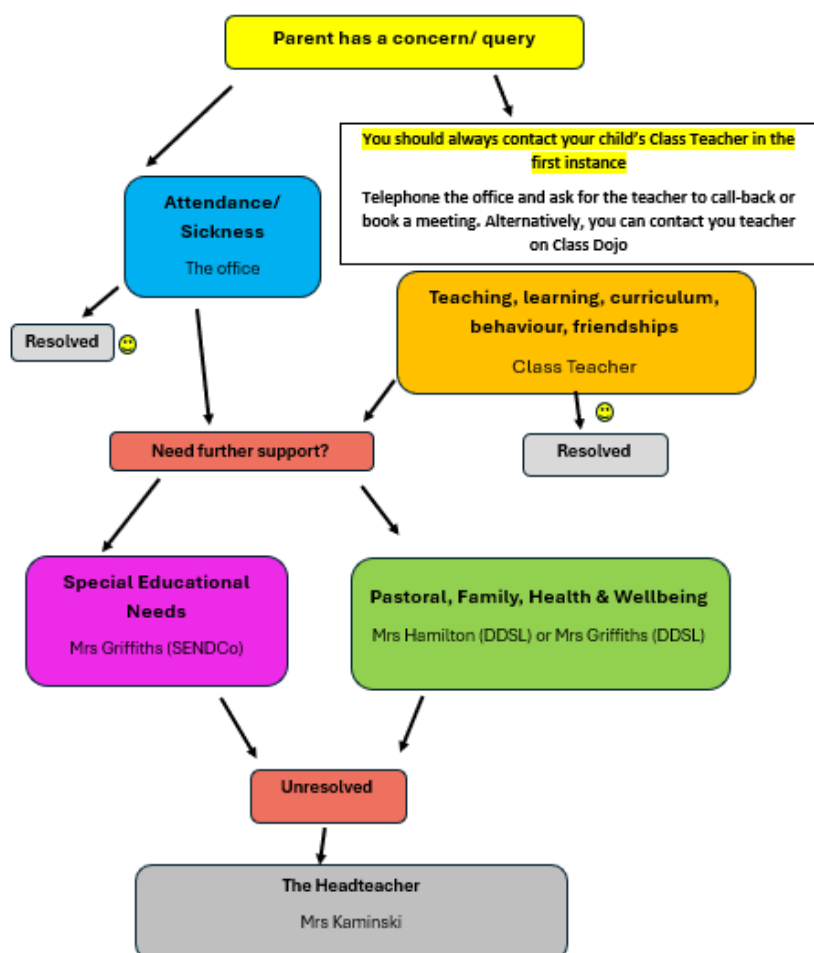
<https://www.storynory.com/chapter-1-wizard-of-oz/>

This week we have chosen 'The Wizard of Oz' – if you're a fan of the Wicked films, then this is the original story behind the movies.



Who do I contact if I have a concern or query?

To ensure we resolve any issues or concerns you have in the most efficient way, it's really important that you know who to contact and when.



Pen Licences



WORSHIP



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of **Respect**.

Our chosen bible stories

- The story of Joseph
- The Ten Commandments
- Daniel and the lion's den
- Zaccheus the Tax Collector

Parables:

- The Good Samaritan
- The singing Shephard boy
- Abraham and the three visitors

Our worship song

- Shine Jesus shine
- From the tiny ant



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

6th February:- NSPCC Number Day – no-uniform
12th February:- Saltmine Theatre visit into school
16th February:- Half-term holidays for one week
23rd Feb PD Day (no children in school)
24th Feb Collaboration Day (no children in school)
30th March:- Easter holiday starts.
13th April:- Summer term starts.



Happy birthday to

Maya, Phoebe, Eliza, Ivy-Mae

Who celebrate their birthdays this week - We wish you a very happy birthday!



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