

Dear Parents,

Reading challenge

Well done to Harriet who was the only child in the class to read 5 times this week. As a reward for being the only one, she moved onto our special gold star and was able to choose a prize. We still have some children who are not reading at all. Please help your children to move along the stars by reading with them. It only needs to be a few pages each time.

Literacy

This week in literacy we are reading the story, 'The Queen's Orangutan'. The children have been using expanded noun phrases to write a description of the Queen's room, e.g. six sleepy corgis. Later in the week we will be thinking about what the Queen would like for her birthday, before finding out what she actually does get.

Maths

In maths we have started our new 'addition and subtraction' topic. The children have been learning about addition and subtraction number families,

e.g.

$$12+8=20$$

$$8+12=20$$

$$20-12=8$$

$$20-8=12$$

We have been discussing how the largest number goes at the end when adding two numbers together. When subtracting one number from another, the largest number goes at the start. The children should understand that there are three numbers in the family and they are used once in each of the number sentences.

We have also been learning strategies to help us check out work. If we know $6+5=11$, then we know $11-6=5$.

Homework

Spelling - Please allow your child to login to Spellingshed and practice the spellings we have set for them.

We have been checking Spellingshed and have given 5 dojo points to all those children who have completed their spelling homework. We will continue to do this.

Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families>

Children should complete the number families game. Please focus on + and - and support your child in finding the appropriate level for them.

English - Please support your child in learning how to read and spell some of the Year 2 common exception words. These are the words children are expected to be able to read and write by the end of the school year. I have included 5 of the words to start learning. There is also a full list of the words for the children to look at throughout the year.

I just want to take this opportunity to say how much we are enjoying working with your children. They are such a lovely, kind and caring class and we are very proud of them.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs McBride