

Key Stage 1 Newsletter



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Reminders:

Coats

Coats needed every day please.

Knitted Christmas Tree

Keep knitting those green triangles! Thank you so much to the knitters who have already sent in some wonderful triangles! The deadline for you to bring them in is Friday 25th November as we will be constructing the tree on the following Monday Ready for our Christmas Fair on Thursday 1st December.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to the PSA for funding amazing prizes for our school raffle. Please keep doing your bit to support the school by selling as many tickets as you can. Well-done to those who have already sold them all!



Website and Twitter

Mrs Priddle is currently working with Upper School colleagues to improve our website and share more information about what goes on in school. We are working on adding more pictures and 'news' to the Lower School pages and are also aiming to 'tweet' news and celebrations at least once a week. It would be great to have any feedback from you about this and also to direct you to look at what's going on in our classes!



The children have loved coming in in their own clothes today and we are so grateful for the generous contribution families have given for the PSA Christmas Fair and we have also raised lots of money for Children in Need.

Thank you also to those of you who were able to come and enjoy our little singing 'show' at coffee morning earlier today. I think our voices helped raise even more money and the children we so proud to show you how hard we have been working in our singing assemblies each week.

Year 1:

The Great Fire of London

The children have loved learning about the Great Fire of London and have been completely immersed in the story this week – writing 'fact sentences', acting out the story, telling the tale as an oral story and finally writing the story in full. Next week the children will be writing in roll as a character from the past and imagining how people felt in the aftermath of the fire.

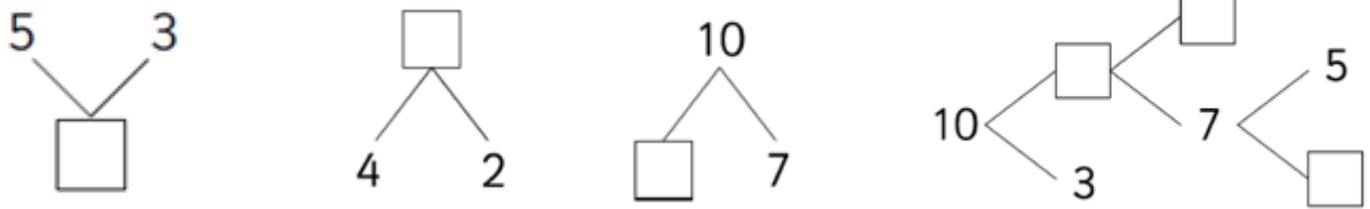
We have also been doing lots of artwork this week. The children have made prints of Tudor houses and used collage and paint to make a 'fiery background' for their print work.

We are excited to be welcoming members of the local fire brigade into school on 8th December to finish our Great

Fire of London Topic. The fire officers are specially trained to come into schools and will be talking to the children about fire safety.

Maths

We have continued to look at number bond to 10 and within 10 this week. We have been working on both addition and subtraction facts related to these bonds and understand that these are inverse operations.



This is the new model the children have learnt this week to represent their thinking. The arrows/two lines, point to the total or sum. The children can then say "I know 5 and 3 is equal to 8" etc

Next week we will be moving on to 'money', understanding the value of different coins and the concept of 'exchange'. It would be really helpful if you could show some coins to your child and go over the value of each coin, particularly 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p. Thank you!

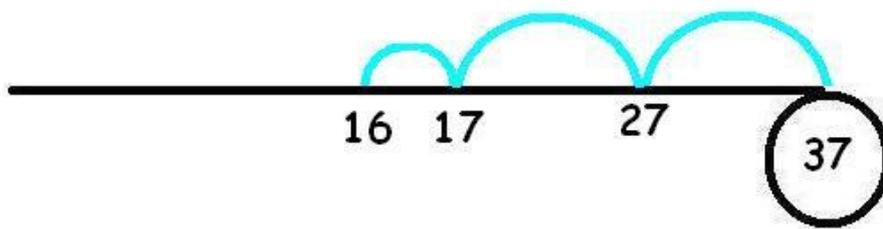
Year 2:

Maths

We have been working on addition and subtraction using a number line. Next week we will be partitioning numbers and showing this in jumps of 10s and ones on the number line. This is a sample number line, but ask the children what is missing.

At home, help by asking children what is ten more or ten less than a given number.

$$37 - 21 = 16$$



English

This week we have been working on reading with expression the class story of Beauty and the Beast. The children have written character descriptions of the beast, noticing how he changes throughout the story.

Next week we will be producing our own story. We will also be learning about different types of sentences (commands, statements and questions) and tackling the interesting challenge of apostrophes of possession. No doubt both Miss Watson's class and Mrs Shaw's class will amaze us!

Mini Parents Sports Morning

Through our topic work, we have been looking at different sports and over the last week we have been inventing our own sport. We would love to invite you all to attend on Friday 25th November straight after drop off, instead of the maths game, for approximately 30 minutes. Your child will be able to teach you the game they have invented as well

as a few other games to test your throwing, jumping and running skills... sportswear will not be necessary!

This Week's Celebrations:

1OP - Ethan Blandchard-Emmerson our 'learner of the week' in 1OP in celebration of the effort and focus he has shown this week in all areas of the curriculum. Ethan has shown such a good attitude to his learning and been willing to get stuck in to everything he has tried. Because of this, he has made progress even over the past few days and is really developing stamina and resilience especially in writing. Ethan wrote a wonderful opening to his story of the Great Fire of London, using adjectives and storytelling language. Well done Ethan!

1OP - Janki Guy is Citizen in 1OP this week. She shows such courage and positivity through the trickiest of days and is always ready to learn with a smile on her face! Janki has a calm and kind nature and always has a kind word to cheer a friend up. I noticed this week she supported a friend who was sad at playtime but distracting them with a story and trying to make them laugh! Thank you Janki!

1S - Thomas is our learner of the week this week in celebration of his wonderful attitude to writing this week. Thomas has pushed himself to use adjectives and to write extended sentences when retelling the events of the Great Fire of London. He has been self-motivated to show his very best, and I have really noticed! Well done Thomas!

1S- Oscar is citizen of the week this week in celebration of the way he consistently shows he is following our class carpet rules, with his eyes looking and ears listening ready to learn. Oscar sets a super example to those around him and is always alert and ready for instructions! Thank you Oscar.

2W – George White is this week's learner because of the fantastic effort he has put in across all areas of our learning this week. George has produced wonderful writing this week about Beauty and the Beast and has contributed some very original ideas, which sparked lots of other discussion in the class. Well done George - I have loved reading your work this week, keep it up! Also a big thank you to George for introducing our singing show this morning!

2W – 'Citizen of the Week' is Finn Soane because of his wonderful attitude this week in our classroom. He came in this week in a really calm manner and has taken on board all the advice given to him and what a fantastic week he has had! Finn has been such a good friend and has remembered his manners on every occasion. Well done Finn!

2SC – Citizen: Oli Coles, it was such a delight seeing you work with your partner in our topic work (inventing a new game). You showed excellent skills of listening to another point of view, and adapting your own ideas to take these views into account. Great team work! Well done Oli.

2SC – Learner: Oliver Foden, it is a great pleasure to award you Learner of the Week. You are keen in all your learning and are able to apply what you learn in your independent work. This week, you were highly focussed on ensuring you had evidence for all our learning objectives in your writing. What wonderful writing you produced about the Beast! Well done Oliver.