

23rd September 2016



Dear Parents,

This week the children have been looking at written methods for addition. They have been introduced to an empty number line and are using this method to support their addition. If you are unfamiliar with this method and would like a copy of our 'progression in calculation' document, or wish for me to go through it with you, please let me know (although I definitely think your child could teach you just as well!). The children have also been impressing me with their skill at doubling numbers up to 20. They are even able to identify odd and even numbers and explain how they do so.

I have set a maths activity for them to do on 'my maths' if they would like. It may challenge them at times as I explained previously. I also apologise for any confusion over the times tables. The children are just learning the blue section. They are timed tests and take a lot of getting used to so please do not expect your child to move on until they are secure with each section.

In English we have completed our 'Hodgeheg' topic and the children went on to create their own road safety superhero, writing about its powers. The children have been able to use their word class knowledge to identify nouns, verbs and adjectives from last week's learning. This week they added to this knowledge by learning how to use imperative verbs (bossy verbs!). They were pretty good at being bossy!

We visited the church on Friday and the children were interested to hear about the many occasions that we may celebrate there, and also to listen to Father Matthew talk about his role.

In PE the children decided at the end of our multi-skills lesson that they wanted to try a little 'long distance' jog. I am amazed at just how much stamina they have, although when they challenged me to a race I realised that PE with them may prove a tough session for me!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Wardle and Mrs Patterson