

Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

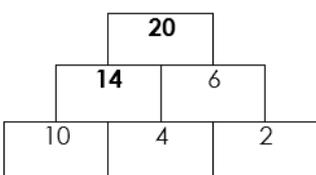
We had a great time in forest school on Tuesday! We read a book called 'The Dragon Machine' and searched the forest for clues to see if any dragons had been there. We found dragon tail marks, dragon nests, burnt ground from where dragons had been breathing fire and eight dragon eggs. We



spent the rest of forest school making our own dragons out of clay and sticks, dragon dens, dragon traps and (not forgetting the other creatures of the forest) snail and slug homes too!

In English this week we completed our dragon adventure stories. We focused very hard to ensure we wrote detailed middles and endings to our stories, including adjectives and adverbs to make our stories interesting and exciting to read. We also watched a short clip from 'How to train your dragon,' which showed Hiccup learning how to fly on his dragon. Then we wrote detailed instructions explaining how you can ride a dragon.

For maths this week, we had a big focus on number bonds. We practised recalling number bonds to ten and twenty, then we had to write four number sentences for each bond to 20. We also had a number bond pyramid challenge, where we had to fill in the missing gaps by working out which two numbers you could add together. Finally, we looked at the 'inverse operations' for addition and subtraction. We looked at



how we could solve missing number problems such as: $\underline{\quad} - 13 = 24$ by using the inverse operation ($24 + 13 = \underline{\quad}$).

$$12 + 8 = 20$$

$$8 + 12 = 20$$

$$20 - 8 = 12$$

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In Religious Education, we discussed how Jesus taught Christians how to behave by setting examples with the actions he took during Holy Week, for example: showing forgiveness on the cross and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We began our History topic of 'The Vikings' this week. We learnt about who they were, the countries they came from and how they travelled across the seas. We looked closely at the Viking longships they used to sail in and we designed our own longships in a similar style.

In Geography, we learnt about our final continent 'Antarctica.' We were interested to discover that Antarctica doesn't have any countries and because no people officially live there, it doesn't have a flag either. We learnt about the types of animals that live in Antarctica and thought about the types of activities we could do if we went there.



Thank you to all the mums who were able to make it to the Mothering Sunday Celebration meal this week – it was a loud but lovely lunch!



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler

Year 2 Spellings

The sound /zh/ spelt 's'

<i>television</i>	<i>usual</i>
<i>treasure</i>	<i>usually</i>
<i>pleasure</i>	<i>leisure</i>
<i>measure</i>	<i>division</i>
<i>occasion</i>	<i>vision</i>

This week's spellings are very tricky. I thought I'd include a copy of the poster with pictures on, to help your child if they find it easier to learn the words with the associated picture. Also, if your child is finding these too hard, I am happy for your child to practise spelling these high frequency words instead:

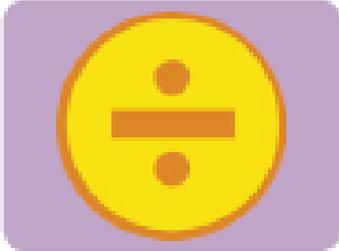
<i>when</i>	<i>time</i>
<i>were</i>	<i>one</i>
<i>also</i>	<i>after</i>
<i>people</i>	<i>because</i>
<i>make</i>	<i>could</i>

For this week's spellings...

we are looking at the sound /zh/ spelt 's'

usual

usually



division



vision



pleasure



measure



television



treasure



leisure



occasion