

Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 18th October

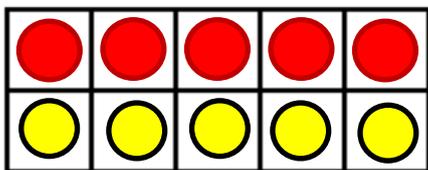
Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we have finished reading 'The Storm Whale'. We have thought about the events in the book and discussed how we knew that it had a happy ending. We have been writing a story, pretending that we were the whale from the story. We had to think very carefully about the key events from the story that involved the whale, as well as how the character would have been feeling through the different events.

When we wrote our own stories, we had to think very carefully as we were pretending to be the character, so we had to remember to use 'I' in our writing, instead of 'the whale'. This was much trickier than we thought it would be!

In mathematics, we have been learning different methods for solving addition and subtraction problems. We recapped what each of the symbols means in a calculation. We know that '+' means to add and therefore, our number will increase in value. We used this knowledge to look at solving addition problems. We were practising our number bonds to 10 using different methods. This week we learnt how to use 10 frames. These are a visual way to show the number bonds.

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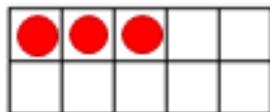


5 red counters + 5 yellow counters
= 10 counters

$$5 + 5 = 10$$

Once we were confident with using the 10 frames, we had a trickier challenge, where we had to work out what the missing number could be to complete the calculation. E.g.

$$3 + \underline{\quad} = 10$$



Here, we had to draw the remaining counters and then count them to find the missing answer.

If you would like to play some phonics games with your children through the half term to continue to build their confidence, I have listed some useful games below:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html> (Practise real and pseudo words).

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html> (Practise real and pseudo words).

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PictureMatch.html> (Practises blending and recognition of words)

In Science, we have finished our learning about the body and senses. We know all about the 5 different senses and the body parts we need to use each of our senses. We have had a lot of fun with the different experiments this term.

Home learning ideas for half term

Here are some ideas of some writing and maths activities for you to do with your child during the time off, these are **optional**.

- Write a diary of the week or a report of a day. Thinking about their letter formation, checking letters are the right way around and including capital letters and full stops.
- Handwriting practice – The children need to start using their cursive letters in Year 1, which means that they need to include lead-ins and lead-outs on their letters.
- Reading. This is not restricted to their school books, if they enjoy reading other books, they can note this down and share this with me when we come back!
- Counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s orally.
- Practising their number bonds to 10 (they can go up to 20 if they are confident with going to 10).
- Phonics and word reading games (websites provided above).

We hope you all have a lovely half term,

Kind Regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks