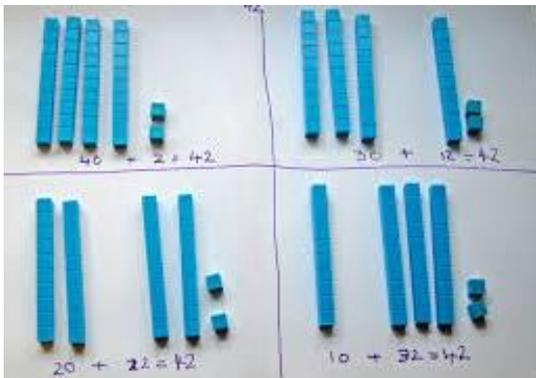
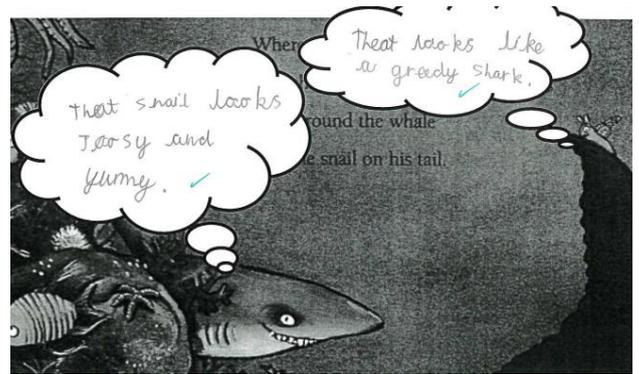


Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We continued to look at the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' and began the week by using speech and thought bubbles to capture what the characters might be saying or feeling at different parts of the story. Next, we discussed how the author, Julia Donaldson, likes to use rhyme in her books and we identified pairs of rhyming words in the story. The children did a fantastic job at identifying rhyming words and thinking of their own! Finally, we looked at the different punctuation used in the story and focused on how we can use commas to separate items in a list. Then we wrote our own sentences, using commas in the correct places. The children enjoyed watching this video about using commas in a list: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8x6cj6/articles/zxvcrdm>



In maths this week, we began by partitioning two-digit numbers in different combinations of tens and ones and recording these as number sentences. We used the base ten equipment to help us (as seen in the picture). Next, we used our reasoning skills about tens and ones to solve problems involving place value.

We learnt to identify numbers on a number line, including number lines with some numbers missing. We realised that some number lines count up in steps of 2s, 5s and 10s. By trial and reasoning, we identified numbers marked by arrows. In addition to this, we compared numbers up to 100 using the language 'greater than', 'larger than', 'lesser than' and 'smaller than'. Then, we used mathematical symbols to compare numbers (>, < or =).

In SPaG, we continued writing sentences using adjectives and verbs. We orally rehearsed our sentences first to ensure that we used accurate sentences in our writing.

We did our first spellings test and times tables test on Friday. The scores are recorded on the sheets sent home. We also learnt spellings for the next week.

In PE, we continued to learn more of the steps and moves which we have added on to our dances. We have been moving our bodies to various rhythms.

For our Great Fire of London topic, we learned about the different types of jobs people used to have in 1666 and compared them to the types of jobs people have today. We looked more closely at the similarities and differences between the job role, clothing and equipment used by a fireman from 1666 and today. We also had an exciting delivery arrive in school! An old chest was discovered buried in London, which has some old artefacts in. We are going to keep this chest in the classroom for a while to see if we can use the clues inside to work out who it may have belonged to.



In RE, we read a poem by Steve Turner called 'In the Beginning' which retells the creation story from the Bible. We recited the poem as a whole class and used actions to help us remember the words.

Homework:

Please learn two times tables (from 2x0 to 2x12) to be tested on Friday.

(the children who are quick and accurate at recalling the times tables facts will be asked to solve challenging questions based on two times tables)

Please learn the following spellings to be tested on Friday.

Please read daily and record it in your Reading Record Book.

Spellings to learn this week:

write

wrist

written

wreck

wrote

wrestle

wrong

wriggle

wrap

wren

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Mrs Mockler and Mrs Pattanshetti