

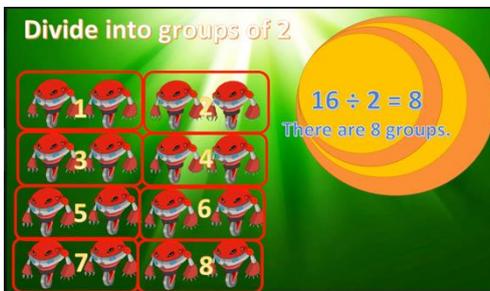
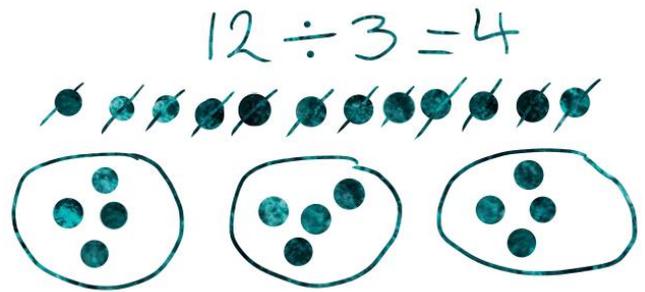


Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents,

In maths this week, we began by solving multiplication word problems by drawing arrays to help us find the answers. Next we looked at how we can solve division number sentences by sharing into equal groups. If we had to solve $12 \div 3 = ?$ we would draw a row of 12 dots and share them equally into three groups. Then, to find the answer we would count how many dots are in each group (see example).



We carried on with division by grouping. For example, $16 \div 2$ can be solved by finding out how many groups of 2 there are in 16. Then counting up the total number of groups to find the answer.

For our English this week we completed writing our draft reports about humpback whales. Then we used these to help write our final versions of the reports in our English books. We thought carefully about how to present our information under different sub-headings. The children worked incredibly hard for a whole morning on their reports and produced some wonderful pieces of writing. We have been trying hard to focus on forming our letters correctly, keeping our writing neat and using accurate punctuation.

The children continued with their stories of Piper. They were reminded of the key events of the video. After completing their version of the story, they re-read their work and edited them for common errors in spellings and punctuation marks using a purple pen.



In SPaG, children studied the use of suffix -er and -est for comparison. For example, *fast* can be changed to *faster* and *fastest* by adding the suffixes to the root word. They then constructed sentences using these words.

We have been continuing to work on two contrasting styles of dance in our PE lessons. On Tuesday, the children worked in pairs to choreograph some of their own short sequences to add to the routine. Then they taught their sequences to each other in groups of four.

As we have not been able to do much singing at school this term, we have been learning some sign language to the song of 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman. We have also been learning the alphabet and are starting to learn how to sign our names. Hopefully when we've finished learning the song we will be able to film the children performing it to show you!

Thank you for all of the cereal boxes that have been brought to school. We designed and planned how we will create our Tudor houses this week, so that next week we will be able to make them.

Homework:

Please learn five times tables (from 5 x 0 to 5 x 12) to be tested on Friday.

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: Common exception words

door *climb*

floor *parents*

again *most*

wild *only*

children *both*

We were delighted to meet some of you on our first Parent/ Teacher Consultation. It was a relief that there weren't any major technical problems using Zoom for the meetings. We appreciate that you took time off your busy schedules to chat to us. We are looking forward to meeting the rest of you during next week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Mrs Mockler and Mrs Pattanshetti