

Lower Phase Newsletter

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Maths in Year 1

The children are learning to read and write numbers from 1 to 10/20/30 in numerals and words. They are practising identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and using the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.

Some of the children are beginning to recognise the place value of numbers beyond 20 (tens and ones).

Maths in Year 2

We are learning to read and write numbers to 100 and have been placing them on empty number lines. The children are developing their knowledge of place value. We have been selecting a 2 digit number and then making the amount using 10ps and 1ps. This reinforces the idea of tens and units. Ask your child "How many tens in 84?" and see how they are doing! Being secure with place value is a vital foundation for numeracy.

ICE ZONE

We are now in Space!

Experiencing and learning about exploration, early flight pioneers, space travel and what we need to survive in space, compared to here on Earth.

The children have all been introduced to 'Explorer Bear' who has joined us in the ICE zone. With Explorer Bear the children will be researching explorers of different regions on earth and beyond.

The role play area is up and running and setting the scene. It is all looking very exciting.

Reminders:

PE kit: Plain white T shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls.

Literacy in Year 1

The children have been studying familiar fairy tales - the characters and their settings. They have been re-enacting a story, sequencing main events and using phrases from the text. They have then been writing their own simple sentences to tell a story.

Literacy in Year 2

Following a walk around the school grounds we collected some signs of autumn. Once the ladybirds and earwigs had been re-housed we use the collection for a poetry starting point. The children brainstormed adjectives and then selected favourites to be included in their work. We had an initial attempt at drafting; by writing a sentence and then returning to it the next day to extend and improve it. The children coped very well with this idea.

Daily Reading

Please help your child achieve 5 reads and a book talk weekly. Any queries please speak to the class teacher.



Homework: Please remember homework needs to be done in pencil. One piece of Literacy and one of Maths is due in every Monday.

As the weather changes: Please make sure your child has their coat. Water bottles and sun hats are still required.