West Pennard Church of England Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 21st January 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to have our first Celebration Assembly of the New Year today with children receiving awards for a range of reasons. The children at West Pennard always amaze me and are an absolute credit to their families. When I showed a prospective family around the school today, they were extremely positive about your children and the class monitors were able to explain their learning so articulately. It was particularly lovely going into Year 6 hearing such enthusiasm for reading with our Head Boy and Head Girl passionately explaining their class reader. It was also super to hear George (our Head Boy) proudly explain that he has now read 1 million words since starting on Accelerated Reader.

Wishing you all a great weekend ... wrap up warm!

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. C.S Lewis

Attendance and Lateness

Please see figures below for late marks this week:

38 children recorded as late (between 8.50am-9am)

4 children recorded as unauthorised (after 9am)

If a child has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in the last 12 school weeks parents may be subject to a penalty notice.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.



Menu Week 1

Stars

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' for today's assembly:

- Year 1: Thomas & Arthur
- Year 2: Martha & Meg
- Year 3: Adam & Willow
- Year 4: Elliot & Sydney
- Year 5: Felicity & Maiya
- Year 6: Ruby & Sam

The children are able to wear their 'star' badge for the week. Please can children return their badges to the school office after this time.

Writer of the Week: Erin (Year 6)

If your child has received an award outside of school, then we would love to be able to present them with it in our weekly celebration assembly.

Addition Mission

As methodology changes over time in terms of how we teach certain concepts in Maths, I thought it would be helpful to explain how we teach for understanding using concrete (physical resources) and visual representations (pictures) as per our calculation policy. I will focus on each of the number operations in turn, starting this week with **addition** in Key Stage 1. Next week we will explore how this progresses into Key Stage 2

In Year R we tend to use the following vocabulary when teaching children to add: part, whole, add, more, plus, and, make, altogether, total, equal to, equals, double, most, count on.

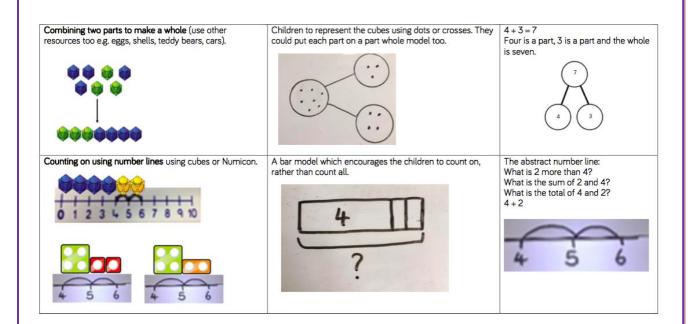
They use visuals to record calculations e.g. make 6... Children use Numicon to help them develop a mental representation of number and to compare numbers, saying what is one more or less They use part whole models to add e.g. 3 · Use objects to add two single-digit numbers by counting on to find the answer. parts add 2 parts = 5 parts 5 4 + 3 = 7Whole They use 10 frames to represent numbers and to find 3 + 2totals to 10 6+4=104+4=8 Part 5+2=7 2+4=6

One of the best things you can do to prepare children for the mathematical world is to get them to subitise – to immediately recognise a number. We do this, for example, using dice. We immediately know that the number rolled is a 5, as we have experience of the arrangement of dots. Children in Year R need to recognise the value of numbers at speed.

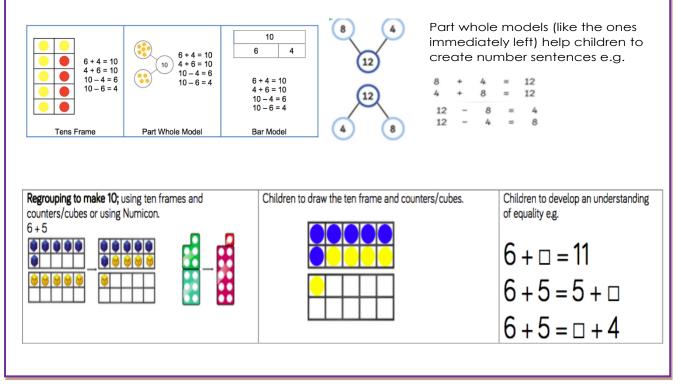
<u>Year 1</u>

In Year 1 we tend to use the following vocabulary when teaching children to add: part, whole, addition, add, forwards, put together, more than, total, altogether, distance between, difference between, equals = same as, most, pattern, odd, even, digit, counting on.

The children are still taught how to use resources to aid their understanding, but move on to using visual representations that they or their teachers draw using working drawings e.g.

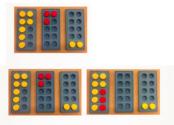


Year 1 children learn the number bonds to 20 and their related number facts. To do this they use bar models, part whole models and 10 frames,,,



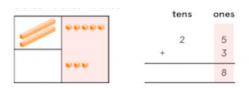
<u>Year 2</u>

In Year 2 we tend to use the following vocabulary when teaching children to add: part, whole, +, add, addition, more, plus, make, sum, total, altogether, how many more to make...? how many more is... than...? how much more is...? =, equals, sign, is the same as, tens, ones, partition, near multiple of 10, tens boundary, more than, one more, two more... ten more... Year 2 children use 10 frames and pictures to add three 3-digit numbers e.g. 7+3+2

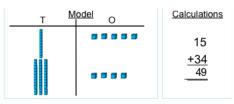


7+3+2 = leads to 10 + 2 =

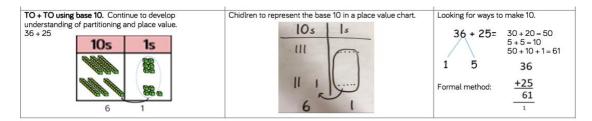
They use dienes apparatus (bars and ones) to add 1-digit and 2-digit numbers e.g.



This leads them to being able to add pairs of 2-digit numbers e.g.



Year 2 children can then use the same method to add pairs of numbers where an exchange is necessary e.g.



You can see that when they are ready, they move from using the resources to drawing visual representations and then to abstract numbers (see pictures directly above (left to right)). If children move too quickly to the abstract or don't have experience of the resources they may not understand the maths behind the concept. This is where, as adults we can go wrong sometimes, as we forget the journey we made to get to our own understanding or were taught a procedure rather than actually understanding what is going on mathematically.

Anyway, I hope that you have found this insight into how we teach maths useful. Next week we will explore how we teach addition in Key Stage 2.

Mr Wheat

Year 4 Squash & Biscuits - change of date!

Please note this has been changed to **Friday** <u>15th</u> **February.**

Christmas Cards Request

If you have any used Christmas cards you no long want please bring them into the school office. During Enrichment time they will be used as part of the Eco-Education project to be made into decorations for next year's Christmas Fayre.

Frequently asked questions

Reading

We are really fortunate at West Pennard to have parents who encourage their children to read at home, but I am often asked - 'How much reading should my child be doing at home?'

We have an expectation at school that children will read at least 4 times per week at home.

Beginner readers benefit from having an adult sat with them when reading and parents should record what and how much their child reads on the home side of the planner. Generally children who are still learning to decode the text will find 10 minutes of reading per session enough. At this stage it is better to hear your child most days but for a shorter time.

Older children and more advanced readers do not always need to read to an adult, but should still have this experience so that vocabulary and content can be discussed. As a general guideline, fluent readers should read for a sustained period of at least 20 minutes per reading session, building up to a sustained period of at least 30 minutes per session. Older children or their parents should record what they read at home in their planner.

This positive partnership of school and home reading generally results in better than expected progress and a passion for reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

After School Club Phone Line

Our After School Club has a dedicated phone line for use in emergencies after 3:15pm. 01458 833224

Stars of the Week Badges

If your child received a Star of the Week badge in the Autumn Term please return it to the office as soon as possible. Many thanks

Dates for the week ahead

Monday 21st January	IEP Surgeries
Wednesday 23 rd January	Year 6 SATs Information Evening for parents