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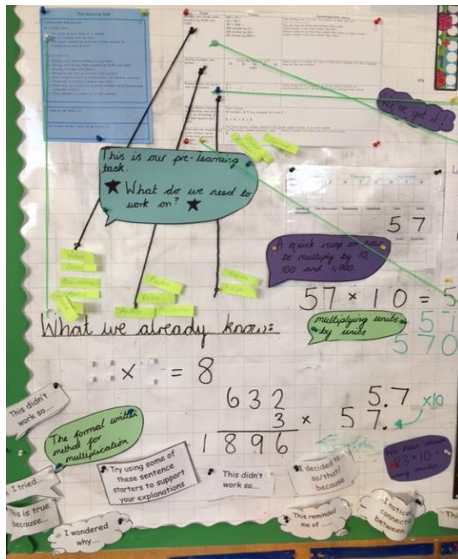
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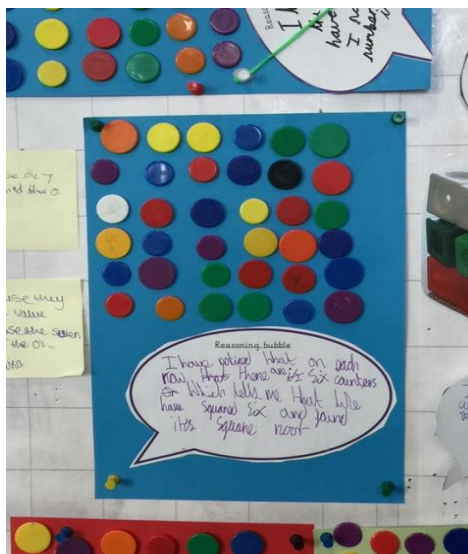
Dear Parents / Carers

HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

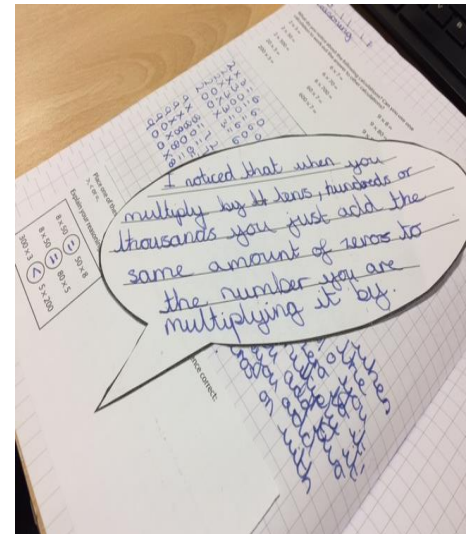
Welcome to the eighth edition of our new style newsletter. We had lots of fun as well as learning last week at St Oswald's. Our Sparkle Day, held on Friday, was enormously successful. Together as a school, we managed to raise/donate 1,247 items for the food bank at St John's church. Please see below for winning class details. In our classrooms, we have been having a rigorous focus on maths right across the school. This has had a positive effect in developing our children's mathematical skills this term.



Maths working walls.



Using models and images.

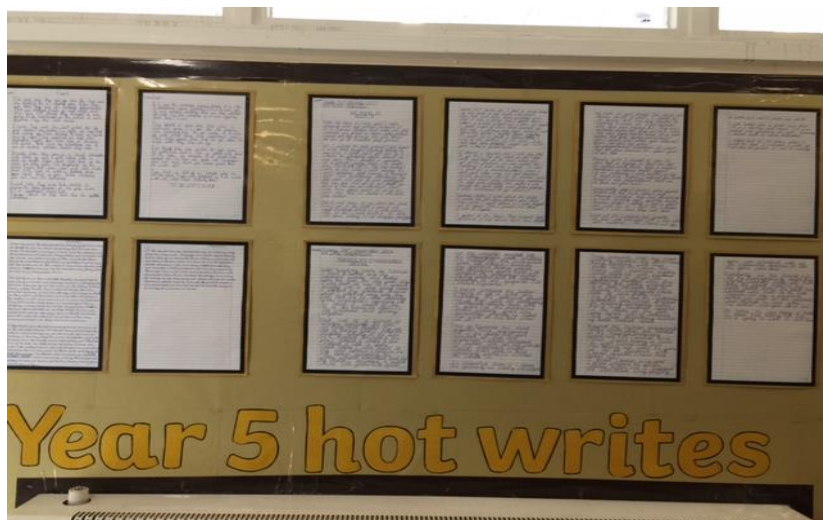


Reasoning in maths books.

Here are some examples of how maths is shaping up at St Oswald's. At the moment, we are having a whole school focus on reasoning, with children being able to apply key skills and mathematical fluency to problem solving.

...and don't forget about our writing skills!

Last week I told you that our 'hot writes' were happening across the school. Well, the results were amazing! I was happy to see that children were using age related grammatical structures in their writing. This is year 5's 'hot write' display.



All of our classrooms have 'hot write' displays, whereby children show off their best writing.

The Staff at St John's church came to take the food back to their food bank today and gave their thanks for all your efforts.

Sparkle Day Winners:

3rd place: Year 3 Beech with 93 items

2nd place: Year 3 Sycamore with 120 items

1st Place: Year 6 Rowan with 317 items

✓A massive thank you and well done to all classes who helped with our grand total of 1,247 items of food to be donated to the food bank charity.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

Miss G Wilson
Head of School



RECEPTION OPEN AFTERNOONS

We are holding a number of open afternoons for prospective reception parents/carers. They will be at 2.30pm and 5.30pm on 12th December 2017 and 9th January 2018.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School closes at 3.15pm next Friday 15th December 2017 and re-opens on Thursday 4th January 2018. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DINNER MONEY WILL INCREASE IN JANUARY TO £1.70 PER DAY, £8.50 PER WEEK.
NURSERY DINNER MONEY WILL INCREASE TO £1.50 PER DAY.**

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

In maths we are learning about 2d shapes. You can help at home by asking your child to look for different shapes around the house, e.g. a clock is a circle shape. In Literacy we are learning about The Nativity Story. You can help at home by talking to your child about how baby Jesus was born in a stable. In topic we are learning about Christmas. You can help at home when shopping in town, look out for things related to Christmas, e.g. trees in shop windows. In science we are learning about floating and sinking. You can help at home by placing floating and sinking objects in your child's bath water.

What we are learning in Reception

In maths we are learning about one more and one less and matching numerals to amounts. You can help at home by making up problems for them to solve eg. You have 3 sweets I give you one more, how many do you have now? I have 4 biscuits I eat one. I now have one less how many do I have? In Literacy we are looking at the story 'Whatever Next'. We have been learning about writing captions and sentences to match a picture and writing their names. You can help at home by helping your child with their handwriting homework that is linked with the sounds they are learning. Writing simple words using the letters they know. Practise writing their name. In topic we are learning about the night sky. We have been looking at rockets and the night sky. We have been making rockets and talking about what we can see at night. You can help at home by talking about the difference between day and night. What can they see in the sky in the day or night? Look for pictures about the moon, space or rockets.

What we are learning in Year 1

In maths we are learning about geometry. We are learning to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. You can help at home by helping me spot different shapes around the house. In Literacy we are learning about The Christmas Story. We are writing a sequence of sentences to form a narrative. We are also focussing on using capital letters in the correct place and ending each sentence with a full stop. You can help at home by encouraging me to retell a familiar story in the correct order. In topic we are learning about how to make a balloon car and how to test our cars to see which car is the best. You can help at home by watching a video clip on youtube about how to make a balloon car.

What we are learning in Year 2

In maths we are learning about multiplication. We are learning to recognise groups. You can help at home by practising multiplication facts linked to 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x. In English we are learning how to punctuate different sentence types, including questions and exclamation sentences. You can help at home by pointing out punctuation in books that you read to your child. In topic we are practicing our Christmas nativity. You can help at home by helping your child learn their lines or learn the songs.

What we are learning in Year 3

In maths we are learning about the three and four times tables. You can help at home by practising multiplication and division facts. In Literacy we are completing our 'hot writes' which are non-chronological reports about an African animal. You can help at home by looking at non-fiction texts together. In topic we are learning about foods which come from Africa. You can help at home by looking at food packaging to see where different foods come from.

What we are learning in Year 4

In maths we are learning about multiplication and division by 10 and 100. You can help at home by asking your child to convert pounds to pence. In Literacy we are learning about conjunctions and speech. You can help at home by asking your child to use these words in a sentence, nor, yet and so. In topic we are learning about David Hockney. You can help at home by taking a trip to SALTS mill.

What we are learning in Year 5

In maths we are learning about factor pairs. This has helped us to learn about what a prime number is. We have also been learning about square numbers. We arranged counters in arrays to show how a square number works. You can help at home by encouraging your child to log onto Sumdog. In Literacy we have started our new unit which is based a story from another culture. In a nutshell, we are learning to use descriptive language in our writing. You can help your child at home by asking your child to orally describe a place such as a park or special place they have been. In Science we have been preparing a small presentation about night and day. As part of our presentation, we have discussed the orbit and rotation of our planet.

What we are learning in Year 6

In maths we are learning about Co-ordinates and translating and reflecting shapes on a grid. We have been looking at co-ordinates and plotting points. You can help at home by helping your children to read a co-ordinates grid with Y and X axis. In Literacy we are learning about a new Narrative book called Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell. So far we have been predicting what the story may be about using clues like, book covers, the blurb and vocabulary from the text. You can help at home by discussing this with your children every day when they get home. They also need to practice using commas in all their sentences. In topic we are learning about Paris and are focusing this week on the famous artist Leonardo Da Vinci whose famous painting 'the Mona Lisa' is on display at the Parisian museum the Louvre. The children have started to create their own version of the famous painting. You can help at home by practicing drawing in detail and looking at facial features.

Star Learners of the Week

- R Oak – Cordell Gwata.
 R Ash - Sabaahat Naeem.
 1 Pine - Laiba Zaman.
 1 Birch - Riley Dossett.
 2 Maple – Samuel Tokar for trying hard to improve his handwriting.
 2 Redwood – Zaid Turk for fantastic multiplication work.
 3 Beech - Hajara Nisar for another incredible 'hot write.'
 3 Sycamore - Saiyf Ali for making an enormous amount of progress in Maths.
 4 Olive - Joshua Marsh for noticing how sound changes.
 4 Poplar - Iraj Askari for consistently using grammar features taught.
 5 Rosewood – Curtis Gwata for excellent effort with the Maths reasoning paper.
 5 Willow - Imad Uddin for always helping those around him and putting others first.
 6 Cherry - Aysha Sharif for her excellent prediction skills in English.
 6 Rowan - Isra Yaseen for being ready to learn and on task.



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 4th DECEMBER 2017

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
 Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY 4 th DECEMBER 2017	Pork sausage (gluten free) Halal Chicken Kofta Veggie Soya Shepherd's Pie	Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit Cheese Cake
TUESDAY 5 th DECEMBER 2017	Roast beef dinner Halal Pasta Bolognese Vegetable Roll	Apple Crumble Oat Cookie
WEDNESDAY 6 th DECEMBER 2017	Beef Lasagne Halal Chicken Tikka Masala Quorn Burger	Orange Drizzle Cake Fruit Jelly
THURSDAY 7 th DECEMBER 2017	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chocolate and Mandarin Sponge Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY 8 th DECEMBER 2017	Fish Fillet (Gluten free) Vegetable Soya Bolognese	Jam Sponge Decorated Bun