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Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

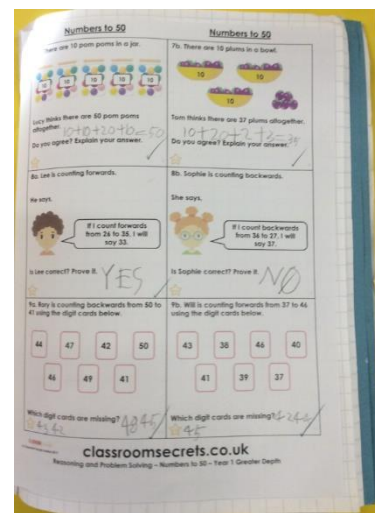
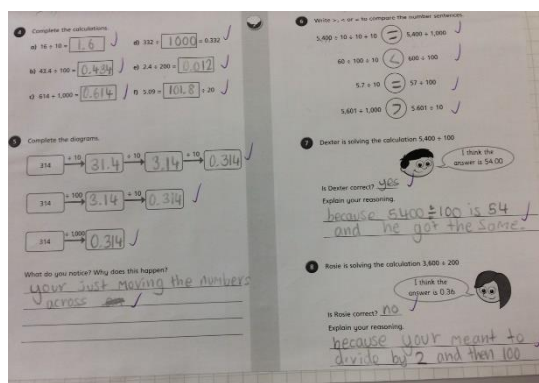
I can't quite believe we are at the end of another half term! This one feels to have flown by.

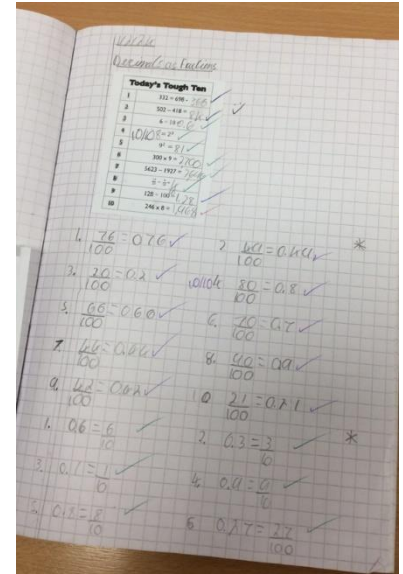
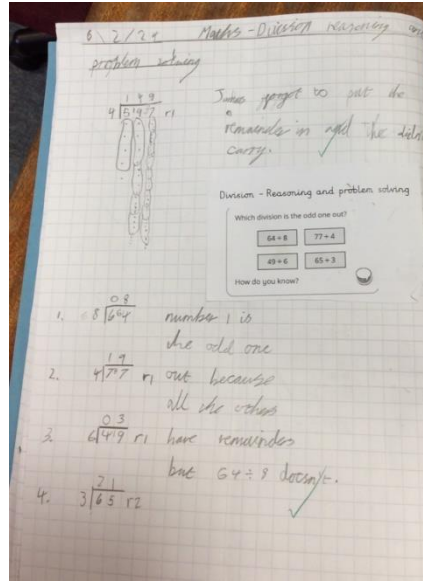
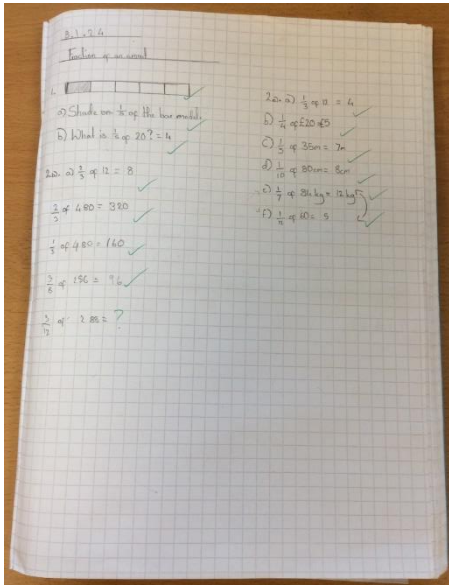
On Tuesday, Mrs Priest, Miss Dickenson and I were lucky enough to visit the classrooms to watch some maths lessons. We were incredibly impressed by what we saw. The behaviour was impeccable in every class, the children were enthusiastic and confident in their learning, they had great prior knowledge of a range of maths facts, they were clearly being challenged and stretched to gain mastery of the concepts being taught and great relationships were exhibited between pupils and between pupils and staff.

We then spent some time after school looking at the maths books. It was so clear to see the pride children take in their work – the presentation in all books was superb! We were really impressed with the range of activities and progress that was demonstrated across year groups. It was also really good to see how children were supported by staff within lessons to master more challenging concepts or address misconceptions.

We will carry on working on maths across the school, pushing for even more of our children to achieve greater depth by ensuring they are challenged to gain mastery of the concepts taught and ensuring that our girls feel as confident as possible.

Here is a snapshot of some of the excellent work we saw:





We have also had some lovely new displays go up around school this week. Year 1 have enjoyed making clowns as part of their Circus topic and year 6 have produced phenomenal Victorian mystery stories.



Welcome to the Circus!

As part of our Design Technology lessons this half term, Year 1 and Year 2 have each been sewing a lion finger puppet which will be a part of their very own circus! Each child picked out their fabric patterns and carefully cut and joined their pieces together using a range of sewing techniques. They all look wonderful and the children are very proud of the stitching they did.



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

This year, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024. We will be celebrating through sharing our favourite books in school and taking part in lots of fun reading activities.

As part of World Book Day, we would like the children to make their own top hat which links to their favourite book character or story. There will be a book token as a prize in each year group for the most creative design! Here is a link to help you create!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pd5OBVYH2zk>

Dressing up is optional, however, it should link to the top hat theme.

If you would like to find out more about World Book Day, please follow the link below:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Here, you will be able to find out about the books that the children will be able to receive free with their £1 book token and ways in which to celebrate World Book Day 2024!

Thank you for your support with this.

Rachel Dickenson

ParentPay

We would really appreciate if you are able to clear any outstanding payments on ParentPay. Thank you.

Message from Mr Sellers ...

DS20 Half Term Football Camp

!One week to go!

Come and join us on our fun Holiday football camp organised and led by UEFA B qualified coaches and qualified teachers with over 20 years experience in Football and Primary School PE.

Thursday 15th Feb - Friday 16th Feb

Huntington Hopgrove Playing Fields

10am - 3pm

Girls & Boys From 5 Years Old

£15 for the day or £25 for both days.

To book a place use the link:
<https://ds20.class4kids.co.uk/>

Limited places available

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

February 2024

Weekly catch up swimming for year 5 and 6	Tuesday afternoons
Schools closes for half term	Friday 9 th February 2024
Back to school	Monday 19 th February 2024
Bikeability	Thursday 22nd February Thursday 29th February Thursday 7th March Thursday 14th March

March 2024

Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal	Monday 4th March 2024
Year 3 and 4 production	Wednesday 6 th March 2024 – 6pm Thursday 7 th March 2023 – 6pm
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2024
Special Lunch for World Book Day	Thursday 7th March 2024
Music celebration assembly	Friday 8 th March 2024

Lego League Competition	Friday 8 th March 2024
Year 5 Farm trip	Monday 11 th March 2024
Parent consultations	Tuesday 12 th March (until 6pm) Wednesday 13 th March (until 7pm) Thursday 14 th March (until 6pm) Teachers will select 2-3 nights to complete their consultations which will be confirmed nearer the time.
Butter and Ice Cream making workshops for the whole school	Thursday 14 th March 2024
Easter Services at St Nicolas Church	Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – 10am EYFS & KS1/ 11am KS2
Easter Lunch	Wednesday 20th March
School closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Back to school	Monday 8 th April 2024

We hope that all the children have a wonderful half term when it arrives. We look forward to seeing them when we return to school on Monday 19th February.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments

- Five Minute Read – What Parents and Carers need to know about Persuasive Design
- YIKS Parent Forum Newsletter