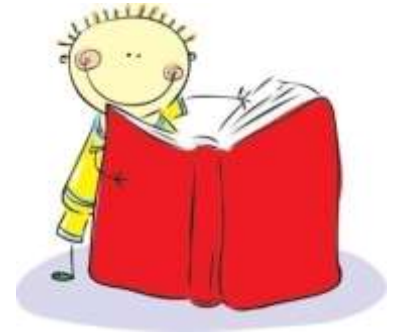


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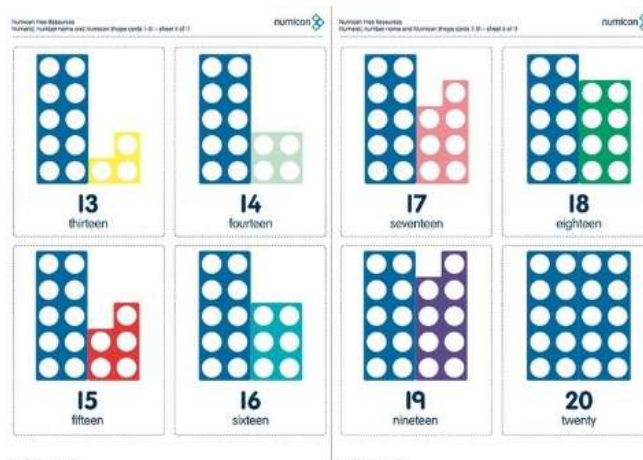
Friday 19th April 2024

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a super Easter break! The children have come back full of beans and ready to go - the learning has been fantastic!



In phonics this week we have moved onto Phase 4 where we focus on consonant blends as well as revising digraphs/trigraphs previously learnt. The children have been learning words with four sounds in using short vowel sounds such as band, lump, help, went and tent. We have also learnt some new Tricky Words this week: said, so, have and like. Tricky Words are the words which ignore our normal phonics patterns and sounds as the letters are 'naughty' and make different sounds in Tricky Words. I have provided a hard copy of the new Tricky Words so the children can have a go at reading these (and writing them if they would like to) at home.

In maths this week we have started to focus on numbers beyond 10 and we have focused on 11-20. The children have been focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 20. We have also been making 11-20 using Numicon which this helps the children to understand that 11-20 are 2 digit numbers. The children made 11 by using one number 10 Numicon tile and a 1 Numicon tile and they made 12 using a ten and a two. They created all the numbers using Numicon as you can see in the example below.



We were lucky to be welcomed back to school on Monday by a theatre company who gave the whole school a fantastic performance of 'The Hobbit'. It was a great interpretation of the story and thoroughly enjoyed by all!

The children had a fantastic Woodland Learning session this week. They enjoyed a 'Scavenger Hunt' where they had to work as a team to find lots of different things in the woods. We read a story and thought about the changes in each season we have observed during our sessions this year.

The children have been enthralled by our new chick topic this week! We are going to be learning about the life cycle of chickens and hatching chicks in the classroom this term. The children cannot wait for the fertilized eggs to go in the incubator next week! We are hoping to have chicks in the classroom before the end of term, which is very exciting!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McKiernan

Woodland Learning

