



Autumn Term

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## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

We have had great week with lots of reading going on in anticipation of World Book Day. The children came dressed in such a variety of costumes and it was wonderful to see. They really became their characters and were keen to tell us all about them and what happened in their chosen story. Thank you for your help with this. Staff enjoyed dressing up too and Mrs Powell had her class looking everywhere for dinosaurs, surprisingly she ended up finding a rather big one!



Our link Governor for reading Mrs Newell also took the opportunity to come into school and find out how reading is taught across the different age groups. She was able to hear a few readers and capture pupil voice regarding reading and what we do that helps encourage children to read and develop a love of reading.

We also had our link Governor for music and SEND Mrs Turnock-Ley in to visit. She came to find out about music, with particular reference to singing. When talking to the children she was able to hear about the range of music that they are introduced to, music that they enjoy and songs they like to sing. Their enthusiasm for music is delightful to witness. Please look out for the letter for Year 2's and their involvement in The Newport Big Sing coming up in a couple of weeks.

Thank you to both Governors for taking time to come into school. It always helps them gain a good understanding of how, what, and why we do things here.

Also, thank you so much to Friends of School for preparing the gifts with the children for Mother's Day. I know they are now straight on to Easter, all your support with their activities is really appreciated.

I hope you have a wonderful time together this weekend.

Happy Mother's Day.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



### Guess who?

Can you guess who is under the hat? See if you're right later in the newsletter.

We would like to welcome our new Year 2 child.

Welcome



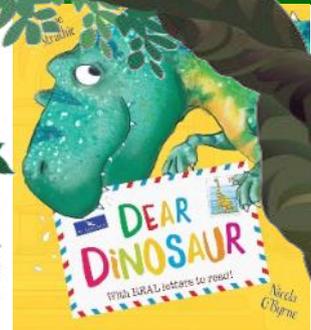


# WORLD BOOK DAY





# CLASS 1



*We have had a 'dino-mite' week in Class One!*

Our focus text this week has been Dear Dinosaur and in this story a boy called Max and a T.Rex become pen pals! We were sad that Spike, our pet dinosaur, had to leave last week so we decided to write letters to him, just like Max. We were very excited to get a reply from Spike!

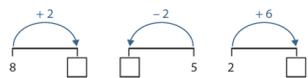
In maths Reception have been thinking about the number 7 and the two parts that make the whole number. We know that 7 is made of 5 and 2.



Missing number problems:

$$3 + 2 = \square \quad \square = 6 + 2 \quad 9 - 2 = \square$$

$$2 + 9 = \square \quad \square = 2 + 5 \quad 2 - 2 = \square$$



Part-part-whole diagrams:



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Reception learned all about plants and how they grow this week. They have all planted a sunflower seed and are excited to watch it grow over the next couple of weeks.

Year One have learned about the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees in their Science lessons this week.

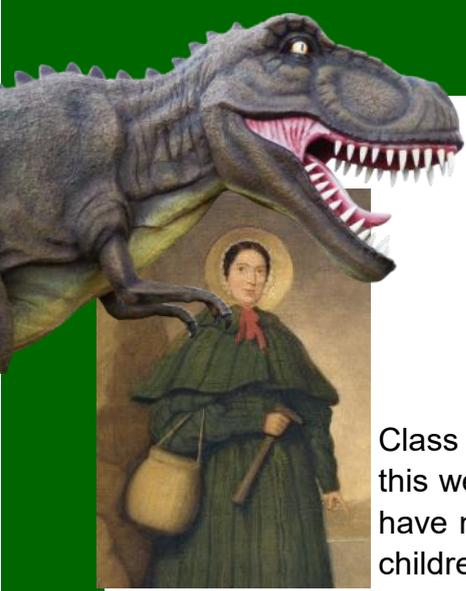


We hope you all enjoy celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday and we will see you next week!



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Rewarded for making so much progress and always trying super hard.**



# CLASS 2

Class 2 has been full of wonderful writers and amazing mathematicians this week! The children are proudly showing their skills in their work. We have now finished our retell of Mary Anning and the Sea Dragon. All the children have shown a fantastic understanding of her life and why her discoveries are so important.

In year 1 maths we have been securing our number facts within 10. They have solved number problems in a variety of ways, securing their knowledge. There is a good activity called the 'Hi the button' that your child might like to play to check bonds and facts to 10. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

The year 2 children have been practising counting on in 2s. They have been introduced to the vocabulary factor and product and seen the multiplication facts represented in different ways.

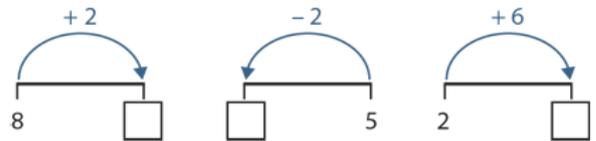
To all the Mums and Grandmas have a lovely weekend!



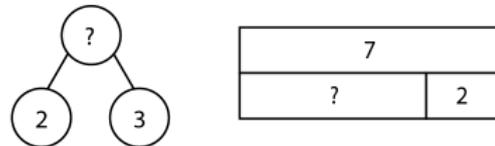
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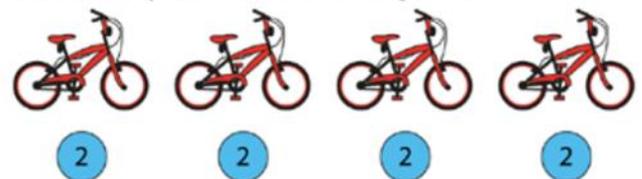
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Part-part-whole diagrams:



• 'How many wheels are there altogether?'



- 'Two, four, six, eight.'
- 'There are eight wheels.'
- $4 \times 2 = 8$        $8 = 4 \times 2$
- 'Four is a factor.'
- 'Two is a factor.'
- 'The product of four and two is eight.'
- 'Eight is the product of four and two.'



**Rewarded for being an all round superstar in all his lessons.**



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

# Important Dates

15th March—Friends of School—Mufti Day & Bring a bottle

20th March—The Big Sing—Year 2 children only, parents welcome. 4pm See consent letter sent home this week.

21st March—Easter Bonnet Parade

22nd March— Last day of Term.

25th March—5th April—Easter Holidays

8th April—Return to School



**THIS WEEKS  
WINNING TEAM IS**

**GREEN TEAM**



## **OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations  
on your awards  
and  
achievements in  
football.



**Did you guess  
right?**



**Spring Mufti Day**  
Friday 15th March

The children are invited to wear their own clothes for Spring

We would like to kindly ask in exchange for wearing their own clothes children bring a bottle for the tombola ready for our spring fair.

Thank you for your support

Friends of School

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**BIG WALK**  
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS  
**AND WHEEL**  
11-22 March 2024

Headline sponsor **SCHWALBE**

**STARTS MONDAY  
11TH MARCH**



# *Celebrating Success*

## **REWARDS OF THE WEEK**

**Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful Writer, Hand Writer of the week, Reader of the Week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.**



**Class 1**



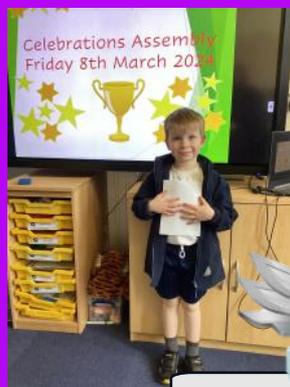
**Class 2**

# Celebrating Success

# Mathletics



**BRONZE**



**SILVER**



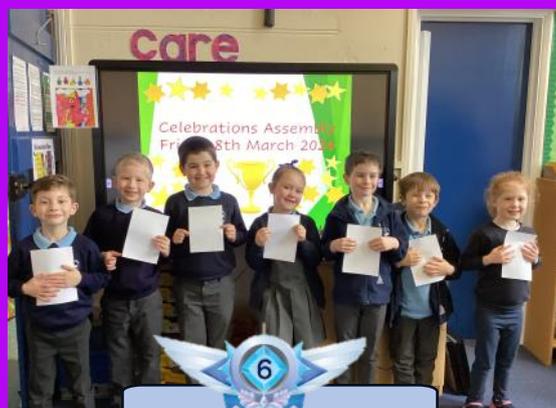
**GOLD**



**PLATINUM**



**EMERALD**



**DIAMOND**