



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 26th February 2024

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. This year the children can come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. Please do not feel that you have to order a special outfit for the occasion - outfits can be kept as simple as possible. It would be great, though, if the children did not just wear the kit of their favourite football team—that's more for mufti days. We want the children to be able to talk about their favourite books / characters. We will also link World Book Day to an art lesson. The children will get the chance to design their own book character, possibly from a story they have written in class. We are continuing to focus on a 'love of reading' at school and every classroom has a cosy corner where children can go to relax with a book. We want the children to get as much enjoyment from reading as they can.



Headteacher's Welcome

MIND-BLOWING MATHS TRIP!



Charlie and Izzy study a mathematical problem - see above right



Eureka! I've got it!

Challenge 1

Psychic Numbers

Person *without* a calculator to read out the instructions to the person with the calculator....

1. Choose a 3 digit number (123)
2. Enter it twice in your calculator (123123)
3. Divide by 11
4. Divide by 13
5. Divide by your original number
6. Ask them, 'Do you get the number 7?'

NEXT

1. Choose a 3 digit number (123)
2. Enter it twice in your calculator (123123)
3. Divide by 11
4. Divide by 7
5. Divide by your original number
6. Ask them, 'Do you get the number 13?'

WHY DOES THIS WORK?

Entering a three-digit number twice (for example 123123) is the same as multiplying it by 1001

$$123 \times 1001 = 123123$$

Because $1001 = 7 \times 11 \times 13$ the six digit number will always be divisible by these three numbers and the original number

Swap with your partner for the next challenge!

The challenge above

The Upper Juniors said they absolutely loved their trip to the History of Science Museum in Oxford.

The children learnt how our mathematical understanding has been shaped by people and places from around the globe.

The interactive lesson on maths innovators included finding out:

- How Ada Lovelace, born in 1815, wrote the first computer program!
- What are Napier's Bones?
- How Al-Kwharizmi improved the Egyptian and Roman ways of counting.

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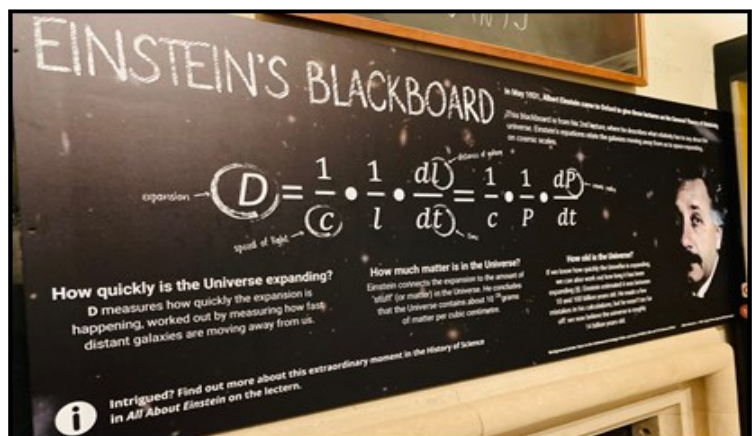
Left: the Upper Juniors learn about Einstein. They were able to solve some tricky equations!



Tilly, Rubie and Jack tackle a problem with an abacus



Lexi, Aisha, Aria, Emrys and Jack work out the answers to a multiplication problem using coloured strips of paper



Left: Emrys and Ollie arrive at the museum



Above: Stanley, Jasper, Lily, Amelia and Miss Cleere use matchsticks to make Roman numerals.

Left: mathematical superstars — Aisha and Lexi



Izzy

Children in the Reception class have been learning about the Chinese new year, which began with the Year of the Dragon on 10th February. In art, the children made dragons, while in English they wrote a fortune based on the Five Good Fortunes in the Chinese culture. They also learned about Chinese food and practised eating some noodles with chopsticks. The Year of the Dragon represents positive qualities such as power, strength, good luck and wisdom.

NOODLES OF FUN IN THE RECEPTION CLASS



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A G'DAY FROM DOWN UNDER!



So smart...Aria and Miles in their school uniform



Miles with a kangaroo in the background

It was great to hear that Miles and Aria are getting on so well in their new home in Brisbane, Australia. I thought I should share these lovely photos of the children that mum Sara sent to school.

Sara said: "Miles and Aria have been at their new school - Yeronga State Primary School - for a few weeks now and have settled in beautifully.

"Miles has made some great friends who share similar interests in learning Jiu Jitsu and chess. He devours books and enjoys playing soccer (that's what we need to call it now) every lunchtime with his friends.



Aria at the Queensland museum

"Aria took a week or so to settle in but is steadily finding a friendship group and learning the new class rules. She has been enjoying playing in the sunshine and being able to go to the library at lunchtime and take out books on her own. She feels very grown up! She has also been enjoying Spanish lessons."

Sara went on to say that it has been the hottest summer for quite a number of years averaging around 30 degrees every day and even peaking at 42 degrees.

"We do miss Lewknor and our community there but we are so thrilled that the children have taken to their new school and have been so impressed with their adaptability," said Sara. And we miss Miles and Aria too — we can't quite believe they have been away for two months already. Hopefully, we will continue to keep in touch.



Miles and Aria pictured in front of their new school



Every week in our school newsletter, we will include a prayer and a Bible reading. These are taken from our new Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RE (Religious Education) and are shared with the children in class and at whole school assemblies.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord

Thank you for the choices available to us. Help us to always remember that looking after ourselves is our responsibility. Let us take time to pause and think of which choices are the best for us and will keep us happy and healthy. In your name, Lord.

Amen

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.



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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
FOR SPRING 2024**

HEALTHY ME

WORD OF THE WEEK

Treacherous

Adjective

A person who is treacherous cannot be trusted.

If something like the sea is treacherous, it is dangerous.

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

Creation Station Art Club runs every Monday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

Sports Club runs every Thursday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

MARCH

Monday 4th March. Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5pm.

Wednesday 6th March. Parents' evening 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday 7th March. World Book Day.

Friday 8th March. Mother's Day assembly starting at around 9am.

Friday 15th March. Red Nose Day—wear something spotty!

Thursday 28th March. Easter egg hunt and last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm.

APRIL

Monday 15th April. Summer term begins.

Friday 26th April. May Day Celebration.

MAY

Friday 24th May. Last day of term. School finishes at 3.20pm. Half-term holiday from Monday 27th to Friday 31st May.

JUNE

Friday 14th June. Father's Day Assembly.

Monday 17th June. Partnership rounders competition for Years 3, 4 and 5.

Friday 21st June. Sports Day weather permitting, or Friday 28th June.

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