

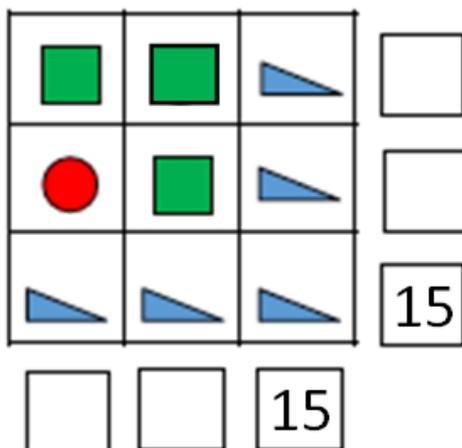
Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We have been very pleased at how quickly the children have settled back into Year Two routines after the Christmas break.

In our Literacy lessons this week, we have continued to focus on Non-fiction texts. Now we are Geography experts and know lots of facts about Russia, we have begun writing a fact-file to share our facts. In the introduction section, we used a variety of punctuation which included questions mark (Did you know....?) and commas for a list. After half-term, we will be writing about the countries we have designed so this week's homework is an opportunity for your child to begin thinking through any ideas they already have about their country.

In Numeracy lessons this week, we have been finding the most effective way to add three single-digit numbers together. We have used our knowledge of number bonds to ten and doubles of numbers to ten. In addition to this, we have introduced the children to algebra – using symbols instead of numbers to create calculations. We had to work out what each shape represented and then find the answer to the puzzle. For example:



1. How much are triangles worth?

2. Circles are 2. Squares are 8.
Total each row and column.

We have also learnt how to use the inverse operation to link addition and subtraction e.g. if $12 + 8 = 20$, $20 - 12 = 8$.

In CCL, we have learnt the names of the seasons and which months fall in them. We learnt about seasonal changes and are going to keep a close eye out at the end of this term for signs of Spring appearing!

In indoor PE lessons this half term, we will focus on gymnastics. The children will use a variety of apparatus and build on the skills that they learnt in Year One. Even though it is cold, we will continue to do outdoor PE so please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms, a warm jumper or hooded top and trainers in school at all times. It would help if girls had a pair of socks to wear for when they have removed their tights. Some children are still struggling to tie their own laces. It is essential that they can do this independently from now on.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Fiddler, Miss Freeman, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley