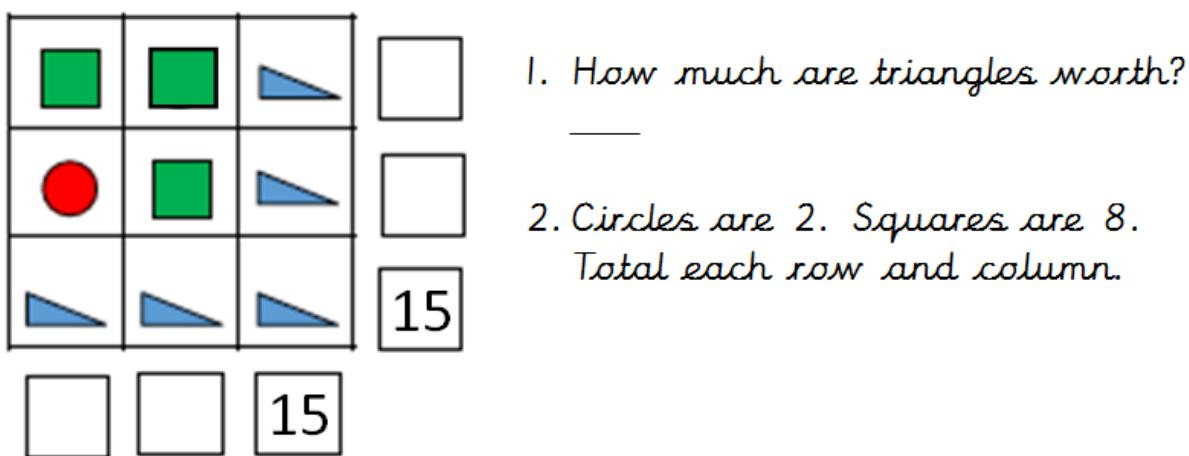


Dear Parent/Carers,

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 English lessons this week, we have continued to focus on Non-fiction texts. Now we are Geography experts and know lots of facts about St Lucia, 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. Next week, 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 Maths 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:



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 how to use the index at the back of an atlas to find a country and work out which continent it is in. We keep on reminding ourselves of the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans as these are important geography facts for us to know by the end of Year 2!

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,  
Mrs Haigh, Mrs Shaw and the Year 2 Team