

Dear Parent/Carers,

In English, each child has written a factfile about their invented country and we have been very impressed with the accuracy of the children's work. They had a lot to think about as they wrote including ambitious vocabulary, conjunctions and punctuation (capital letters, full stops, apostrophes and commas).

We also focused on learning spelling rules that turn a singular noun (only one of the object) into a plural (2 or more of the object) e.g. school → schools, class → classes. The children joined in with some songs to help them remember that if the noun ends in a hissing sound (ss, s, x, ch, sh, zz), we add –es instead of just an –s.



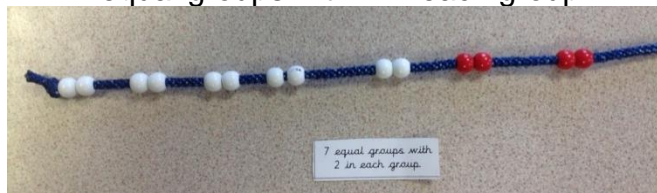
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In Maths, we started to learn that multiplication is the same as making “___ equal groups with ___ in each group”. For example, 8×5 is the same as making “8 equal groups with 5 in each group”. Although many of the children can multiply numbers mentally, it is important that they understand why they are counting in 5s when they answer 8×5 and are able to explain what they are doing. To help us understand this better, we have practised recognising whether groups are equal or unequal, made equal groups practically using equipment, drawn equal groups and started to see that multiplication is the same as repeated addition. Some examples of the children's work is shown below!

7 equal groups with 2 in each group



5 equal groups with 4 in each group



In Science, we have started our new topic – Living things and their habitats. The children have shared their knowledge and we are all looking forward to learning more especially on our trip to Tropical World!

As stated on the letter that was sent out for our trip to Tropical World which is taking place on Wednesday 29th January, children should bring with them a waterproof coat and a water bottle. Packed lunches will be provided for those who would normally have school dinners. Children who would usually have packed lunches at school should bring their lunch with them in a disposable bag. The trip is taking place within school hours but if there are any delays due to traffic resulting in a delayed return time, school will text to inform you.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Haigh, Mrs Shaw and the Year 2 Team