

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

We began our English lessons this week by watching a video clip of the story 'The Black Hat'. After this, we sequenced the story and picked out exciting vocabulary used by the author, Maia Walczak. Next week, we will retell the story using descriptive features such as adjectives, ENPs, powerful verbs and fronted adverbials.

In Maths, we started our multiplication and division unit by learning the grid method for multiplication. Times table recall remains of paramount importance but is especially important during this unit as we learn how simple statements can help us to calculate with larger numbers E.G. knowing $5 \times 5 = 25$ helps us to quickly work out $5 \times 50 = 250$.

$54 \times 5 = 270$			
x	50		
5	250	4	20

A video which demonstrates how to use this method can be found in the Maths section on the school website. In addition to this, children can use a prompt sheet which is included at the end of this letter if you wish to practise this method at home.

We started a new topic in our 'RESPECT' lessons which focuses on communities and living in the wider world. This week, we discussed rules and laws and how these help a community to work together and stay safe.

Thank you for taking the time to keep in touch with us by reading these weekly newsletters. As part of the transition to KS2, full newsletters in Year 3 are not sent following the Christmas break. From next week, a summary of our learning will be available on the whole school newsletter.

Many thanks,
Miss Stephenson and Miss Parker

Grid method for multiplication

Write out the calculation and partition the 2 digit number

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{T O} \\ 54 \times 3 = \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 50 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

Draw your grid

x	50	4
3		

Multiply the tens x ones

You may need to use a known fact to help (and x10)

e.g. I know $5 \times 3 = 15$ so $50 \times 3 = 150$

x	50	4
3	150	12

Multiply the ones x ones

x	50	4
3	150	12

Add the 2 answers together and put your final answer in the calculation

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{T O} \\ 54 \times 3 = 162 \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 50 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

x	50	4
3	150	12

$$150 + 12 = 162$$