

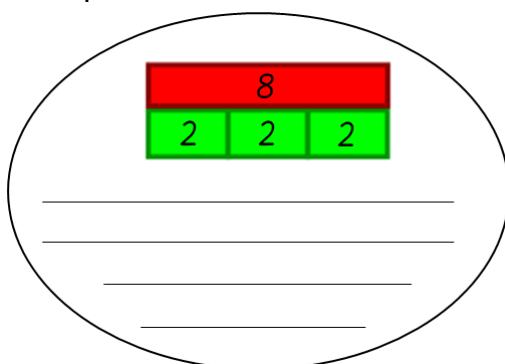
Dear Parent/Carers,

In English, each child has written a fact file about their invented country and they have impressed us with their English skills. They were able to use their imaginations to include anything in their country that they wanted so we had some very exciting countries with tropical thunderstorms, delicious food items and interesting clothing choices!

We have continued to learn about our next spelling rule when adding the -ed suffix to a verb. If the root word (the word you start with) ends in an e, you first remove the -e before adding -ed. This may seem silly as it seems more sensible to just add a -d but the rule also applies when adding other suffixes (e.g. -ing) so it is important for the children to understand this rule.

In Maths this week, we built on our understanding of equal and unequal groups and learnt how to represent multiplication in many different ways by drawing money, Numicon, bead strings, real life examples and bar models. We have also started to explain how we know whether a picture does or does not show a multiplication. We then explored using repeated addition and how it gives us the same answer as a multiplication.

For example: 5×3 is the same as $3+3+3+3+3$.



e.g. *This bar model does not show 4×2 because there are 3 groups with 2 in each group but there should be 4 groups.*

In Art, we have started to learn about the artist Andy Warhol and his unique style of painting called Pop Art which features very bright colours and repeating patterns. One of his paintings features 32 repeating soup cans which he chose because they were his favourite lunch. Following on from this learning, we have created printing blocks using polystyrene and cardboard. Next week, we will create a piece of artwork in the style of Andy Warhol using these printing blocks and bright coloured paint.

This half term, our curriculum focus is 'Be Creative'. There is an 'Artist of the Term' competition running at the moment and we are focusing on the artist, Andy Warhol. With this in mind, we are asking children to enter their Warhol inspired artwork by Wednesday 1st February. Please make sure that your child writes their name and class on their artwork.



Many thanks,

Mrs Collins, Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman and the Year 2 Team