With God's love, we learn hand in hand



12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we finish this half-term, I would like to thank you all for your support during my first term as your Headteacher. It has been wonderful to get to know the school and meet the children and families, albeit often via telephone or by watching clips of your children's learning on SeeSaw and Google Classroom. I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school as soon as we are instructed it is possible and safe for our community.

Next half-term we had a staff training day booked on Friday 19th March, this will not go ahead and will now be on Friday 30th April.

As we await announcements regarding the return to school, we have planned that we will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 11th March. During that week we will hold a series of activities related to reading and celebrating books. We would like to invite all our children to plan a costume related to their favourite book character. We are mindful that buying costumes can be expensive and not environmentally friendly, therefore we encourage you to be as creative as possible when planning your costumes - use what you already have as far as possible! Children will also be invited to create a story in a box as one of their activities. If you have a spare shoe box, please do not throw it away as we will be using these in our Book Celebration Week from 8th March, more information will follow but please do not throw them away over the next month!

I hope that your children have enjoyed our well-being Wednesday activities, I know this coincided with some fantastic outdoor play in the snow. All the staff enjoyed seeing the snowmen and sledging pictures. A much needed break from routine!

Finally, I would like to say you have done a fantastic job with teaching your children over the past 6 weeks. Being a teacher takes many qualities: creativity, energy, enthusiasm, resilience, patience and resourcefulness to name but a few! Over this short break, ensure that you give yourselves and your children time to re-charge and replenish your energy. Our teachers will be here to support and take the reins in guiding your child through continuing their learning journey after half-term.

Yours Faithfully

Jennifer Marsden

Headteacher

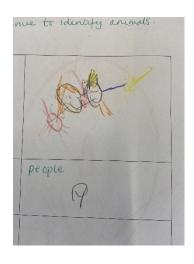
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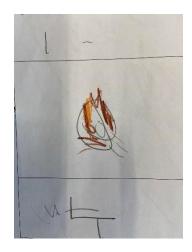


This week's Special mentions are:

Mrs Wrightson's Class:

Mrs Wrightson has chosen Lily to receive this week's special mention. She is applying her phonic skills in her writing and is beginning to form her letters with greater accuracy. She is doing this in both guided groups work and her independent learning. Well done Lily! We are very proud of you.

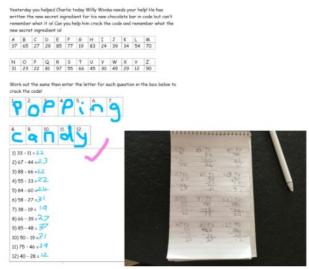


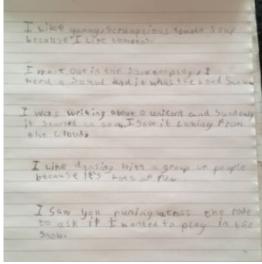




Mrs Owens' Class:

Mrs Owens has chosen Isla to receive this week's special mention. She has worked incredibly hard with all of her home learning and is trying her best to work more independently at home. Your videos this week have also put a big smile on Mrs Owens' face.





Mrs Prosser's Class:

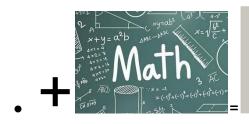
Mrs Prosser has chosen Adam to receive this week's award for his attitude to learning and pushing himself to achieve more within every activity asked of him. This is reflected in his comparison work on the life of Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

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Well done for all your hard-work this week - look out for your certificate in the post!

Our half-term Hero Awards are....Mila in Team 1, William in Team 2 and Noah in Team 3! Fantastic effort this half-term, keep up the hard-work!







Welcome to our brand new subject 'Spotlight' which will be used to keep you up-to-date with all our learning in different subject areas. This week we will focus on all that is 'Maths' here at Sigglesthorne Church of England Primary Academy.

Maths is not just about knowing how to work things out or remembering facts, like your times tables, it is also about solving problems and reasoning about number, measurement, geometry and statistics and here at Sigglesthorne we love a good maths problem! We follow a program called: 'Maths No Problem!'

EYFS have found it NO PROBLEM practising writing their numbers, sorting numbers, investigating number bonds and using number tracks to start their addition journey!











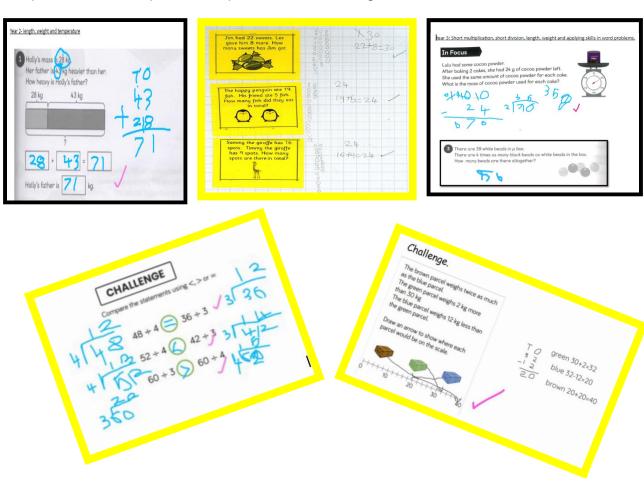
Year 1 have found it NO PROBLEM to count in two's, find even numbers and represent numbers focusing on the place value of each number! With all this fantastic learning, even word problems were NO PROBLEM!

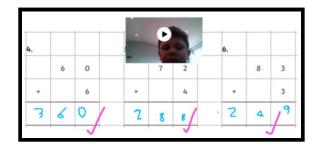




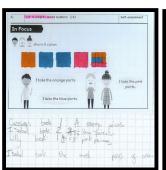


Year 2 and 3 have had NO PROBLEM using all their place value skills and the four operations to complete word problems about weight and measure.

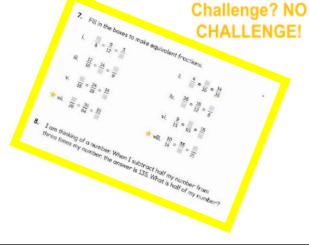




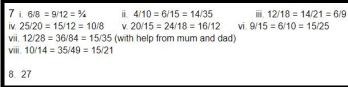
Year 4 and 5 have NO PROBLEM in representing fractions to: find equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions and compare improper and mix fractions.

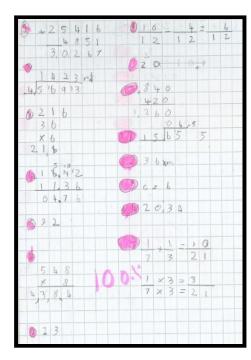






<u>Year 6</u> have had NO PROBLEM in continually practising all the maths skills they have learnt within their maths fluency challenges!





At Sigglesthorne Church of England Primary Academy, we find Maths No Problem...Do you find maths NO PROBLEM?

Here is a challenge!

9. In a Year 5 group $\frac{1}{3}$ of the boys, and $\frac{1}{5}$ of the girls wear glasses. Altogether 16 of the 68 Year 5 children wear glasses. How many girls are there in the Year 5 group?