



The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools Barnby & North Cove Primary School *Weekly Newsletter*



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Message from Miss Danks—Acorn Class

In Acorn class this week we have had a big focus on our names! We have discussed how a name is important and gives you an identity. We have talked about our first middle and second names and why we have each one. We have also been practicing finding and writing our names. In maths we have been learning about one more and one less... We have used a range of resources to investigate numbers and find a total amount for two groups. We have also been practicing subitising with numbers to 10 using dice, our fingers, pictures and small parts. In our talk 4 writing sessions we have mapped out some more of our story, drawing pictures to help us remember the words and making up actions to go along with our performance. The children are beginning to be able to perform this with lots of enthusiasm!



Message from Mrs Bramwell—Oak Class

This week we have begun to take on the role of an author by innovating the story of Beegu during our English lessons. Our story is called Sid. He is a tall green alien with six eyes and a long pointy nose who lives on the Planet Plog. He zooms about the galaxy in his sparkly diamond rocket but one day his rocket crashed... more to follow.

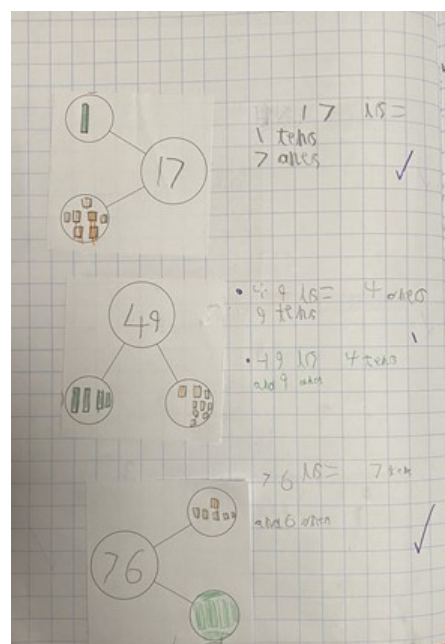
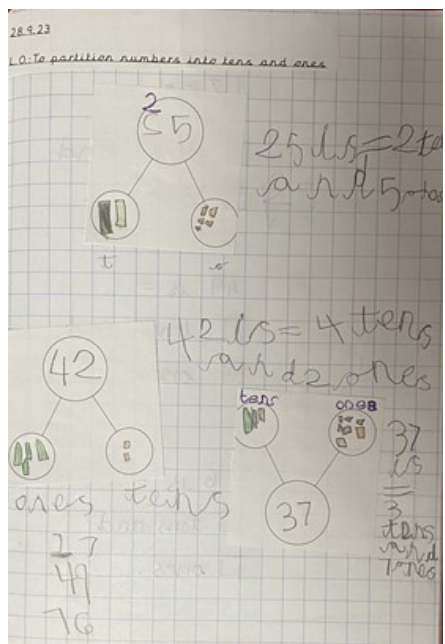
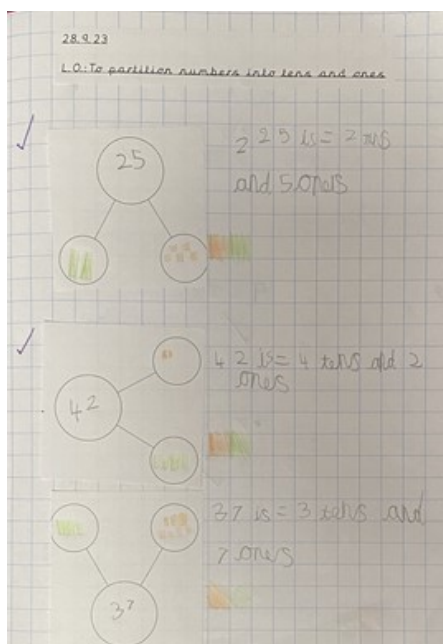
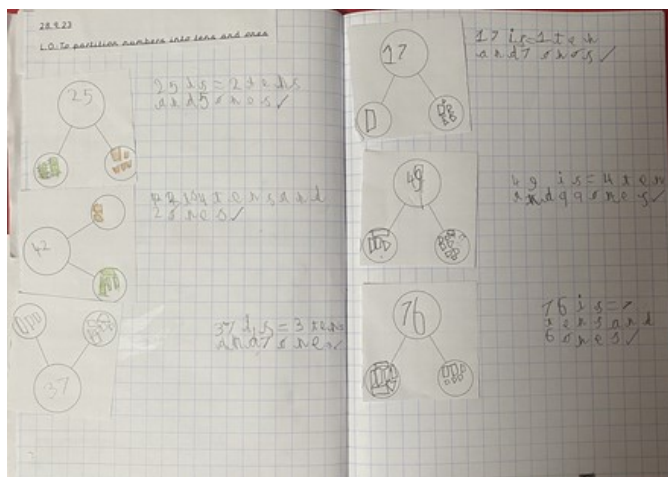
In maths we have begun to record our understanding in our books using pictures. We have used the part whole model to partition (chop into parts) two digit numbers into tens and ones. For some of us it was our first time writing in our maths books and we took care to make sure our work was presented clearly. It can be tricky to remember to put one number in one square but everyone tried really hard. I have chosen Jax, Billy, Max and Grace's books but I could have filled the page because they were all so well set out.

Our Reading Champion last week was Jax - Well done Jax!

Our Reading Champion for this week is Milly- Great work Milly!

Thank you to everyone for sending me news from home. We have shared our adventures in the classroom with our friends. If you do anything this weekend you would like to share, email me pictures m.bramwell@bordersprimary.org.

Have a great weekend!



Message from Mrs Hall—Willow Class

A lovely week of learning with Willow class.

Our explorers have been looking closely at the climates in Greece and the UK. We looked at the average temperature and rainfall across the seasons in order to compare what the climate and weather was like in each country.

In science we delved deeper into habitats. We explored the different habitats in our school grounds and then looked across the globe. We thought about what was special about each habitat, what lived there and how those animals were adapted to living in those conditions.

In English, we are reading through 'Why the whales came' by Michael Morpurgo. We have explored the features of a diary and have been working towards writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters. This novel is another version of a warning tale and so by the end we will have a few versions to compare.

In maths, we have challenged ourselves with round to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000. We have now finished working on place value and will end the week with a little quiz to see how well we remember our learning. Next week we will start our new topic of addition and subtraction.

In R.E, we looked at the 4 Gospels and compared the well known story of the Nativity through the writings of Matthew and Luke. We discussed how they were similar and different.

Next week brings about some new topics.

So I look forward to exploring something different with my fellow Willow friends.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hall.

Message from Mr Euinton – Chestnut Class

It seems incredible but the fourth week is already drawing to a close... And it's been another good week in Chestnut Class. One thing which has really struck me is the quality of the discussion and debate we've been having, particularly in the foundation subjects. For example, this week we looked at favelas in Brazil which led to an interesting conversation about inequality and justice and even touched on the economic problem of infinite wants and scarce resources.

We also considered Humanism and the Humanist idea that we create our own meanings in life by living our lives as fully and as well as possible. In doing so, we thought about all the things which make us happy as individuals and looked for patterns and commonalities. On at least some level, we discovered that we all found happiness in friends and family and in doing our favourite things. This led to an interesting discussion about what that tells us about the human condition.

In mathematics, we have looked at rounding numbers to varying degrees. This is something which can be challenging to master but I've been very impressed by the children's efforts. In English, we have drafted and edited our stories and will be ready to publish them on Monday before turning our attention towards the poetry of Valerie Bloom.

I hope everyone has a great weekend!