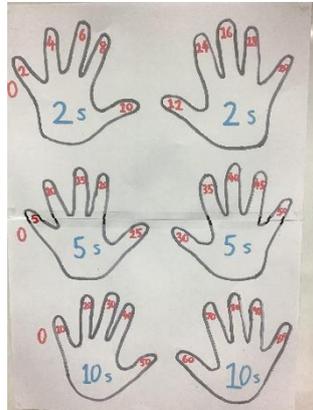


Friday 17 January 2020

### Year 1

In Year 1, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We use our **Counting Hands** to practice counting in multiples. We have also started to look at the patterns in numbers. When counting in 10s all the numbers end with a zero. When counting in 5s the numbers end in 5 or zero. We have also seen that when counting in 2s the numbers all end with 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0. So we are trying to predict what number we might say when counting.



### Year 2



This term, we have been writing instructions. We have discussed why we need instructions and can identify the features found in an instruction text.

### Year 3

This term, in geography, Year 3 are learning about Extreme Earth. Throughout this unit, children will learn about natural phenomena around the world such as volcanic eruptions, tornados, earthquakes and tsunamis. The children had a very explosive start to the topic with a volcanic eruption experiment!



### Year 4

This week we used our sketchbooks to experiment with shading a still life of peppers. We looked at the lines and shades of colour. No waste either as we ate them!

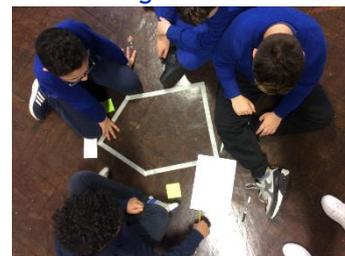
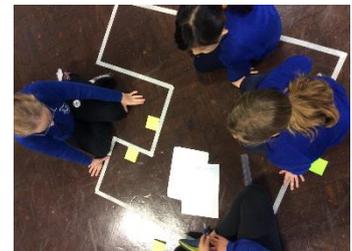
### Year 5

To encourage all year five students to complete their Reading Buddy and Rockstars homework, laptops will be available for student use on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime. This week, lots of students came to the first session and enjoyed challenging each other on Rockstars and completed their homework quizzes on Reading Buddy.

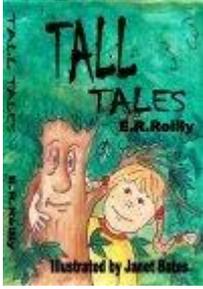


### Year 6

This week's maths focus was all about shape. Children have enjoyed learning about different types of formations including 2D and 3D structures. Students used nets to help visual 3D shapes and work out the correct number of faces, vertices and edges. In addition to this, they have learnt how to measure the area and perimeter of complex shapes and worked together in groups to discuss their learning and share their answers.

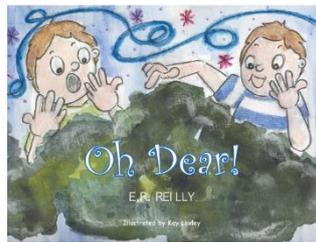


## KS1 English



Following our successful author visit last week, the children in Years 1 and 2 have been bringing in books by the author and sharing them with their peers. Each class has two copies of his books and these are displayed in the class book

corners. Class teachers have been reading the stories to the children in their class- modelling what good reading should look like. 'Tall Tales and 'Oh Dear'! were the most popular choices with our younger readers. Information about the author and a signed copy of his books can be found in our school library. The children have been enthused because of this!



## KS2 English

### Reading is a window to the world!

Our brilliant author visit last week has increased reading engagement and the desire to read. Children have been very busy reading books and some have read a whole book in just two days! We encourage children to read as often as they can both in school and at home. Please encourage your child to read as many genres from their tube map and tick these off as they read books.

Here are some great book recommendations from our KS2 pupils' favourite authors: Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone (J.K Rowling)

The Goblet of Fire (J.K Rowling)

The British Spy School (Eamonn R. Reilly)

Poetry Wonderland (Written by pupils from various schools including Derwentwater children).



## Online Safety Minecraft

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/minecraft-parents-guide/>



Millions of people around the world play Minecraft. According to Wikipedia it is the best-selling video

game of all time. 180 million copies have been sold up to the end of 2019, with 112 million active users per month! Users mine for raw materials which can then be used to create tools, build structures, buildings and worlds. Children can pick up many skills in playing Minecraft such as problem-solving, creativity and even teamwork.

However, as with all things to do with technology, there are many things for you to consider. Due to the fantasy violence, the age limit is restricted to 10. But there is a 'Peaceful' mode that removes hostile mobs from the game. There is the potential for your child to become addicted to playing Minecraft.

Minecraft worlds are hosted on computers around the world. Some are closed and some are open. Be aware that open worlds mean that your child has the potential to be speaking to strangers. This chat facility also means that there is a potential for 'griefing' and cyberbullying.

## Choir

The school Choir will be hosting a Winter Concert on:

Thursday 23rd January from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Top Floor Hall.

If your child is in the choir or any other school music-related activity, please feel free to come along and watch the children perform. Everyone is welcome and there is no entry fee. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Dates for your diary		
All Day	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
All Week	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
All Day	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief Week
7:00 pm	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	DSA - Comedy Night It is going to be brilliant! Professional Comedians. Watch this space!
3:40pm -5:00pm	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
3:40pm -7:05pm	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
9:15 am	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 Open Classrooms Year 6 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Open Classrooms Year 4 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Open Classrooms Year 1 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Open Classrooms Year 5 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:30 am	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Assembly at St Mary's Church. <b>This is not a parent event.</b> Parent volunteers are welcome. Please leave your name at the office so that Mrs Nicholas can assign you to a class to support the children walking to and from the church.
9:15 am	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 3 Open Classrooms Year 3 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.
9:15 am	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 2 Open Classrooms Year 2 parents are welcome to visit their child's class and share in their learning.

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