

Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy week in school with the children in Years 3-6 and Rainbow Class enjoying a live draw along session with a professional artist, producing some wonderful work!

Next week promises to be even more exciting with EYFS visiting Boydell's Farm, Year 4 visiting the Curiosity Cube at Samuel Ward Academy, 4KM enjoying their reading café, and then the Coronation day as the finale! I think the children will be ready for the additional bank holiday to recuperate!

We look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you of these wonderful enrichment opportunities.

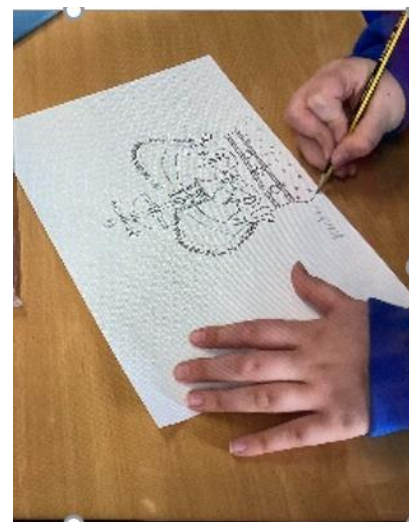
Last week we sent an email regarding the upcoming national strike dates, the intention being to give parents as much notice as possible - please do check your email to see if your child's class is affected.

The newsletter contains some uniform updates for September 2023 which we hope will help alleviate some of the financial pressures facing families. Please do take a look for the detail.

I hope you enjoy a restful bank holiday weekend - let's hope that sunshine makes a much-needed appearance!



Lisa McConnell
Head of School



Calendar:

May:

Wednesday 3rd May – Curiosity Cube Visit Year 4
Thursday 4th May – EYFS to Boydell's Farm
Thursday 4th May – 4KM Reading Café
Friday 5th May – Purple Day and the King's Coronation Day – details to follow
Monday 1st May – May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 8th May – Bank holiday to celebrate the King's Coronation – school closed
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 23rd May – Skills Escalator Visit for Year 2 – more details to follow

June:

Monday 5th June – PD Day – school closed to pupils
Week commencing 12th June – sports days. More info to follow
22nd June – provisional date for EYFS – Year 5 discos
27th & 28th June: Kip on a Ship residential (Year 5)
30th June - Trust-wide PD day (school closed)

July:

5th-7th July: Year 6 Mersea Residential
Thursday 13th July – Provisional date for Y6 disco
Friday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation (provisional date)
Week commencing 17th July: Transition days (provisional date)

Coats

With the start of summer term and the promise of warmer weather, it is tempting for children to start to attend school without coats.



The weather at the moment remains quite changeable and therefore we recommend that you continue to send your child into school with an appropriate coat, as all children will be going outside to enjoy the fresh air at breaktimes.

Uniform News September 2023

At Place Farm we place great importance on having high expectations in school uniform, as a means of creating school identity, a sense of pride and creating a sense of unity amongst our pupils.



We have listened carefully to the feedback of parents and recognise that finances are tight for many. With this in mind, we would like to make the following changes to our uniform expectations for September 2023, to help reduce the cost of school uniform moving forward:

From Autumn 2023:

The following changes will be introduced:

- Pupils may wear **plain black trainers** instead of black school shoes (we recognise that these may be more cost-effective and comfortable). These should, however, be plain black and without any coloured markings. Pupils can, of course, continue to wear school shoes.
- **For PE:**
 - Pupils may wear a **plain white t-shirt or plain white polo shirt** (rather than the polo shirt with a logo, although this may also be worn)
 - Pupils may wear **plain blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and jumpers**

Please note that the rest of our school uniform remains unchanged: our summer uniform continues to include the wearing of a white polo shirt with the school logo on for those children who wish to wear summer uniform. The alternative to this is for children to continue to wear their shirt and tie.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact admin@placefarm.org.uk



**MAKING REMARKABLE
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Unity Schools Partnership are Hiring!

Unity Schools Partnership is currently hiring. Please visit www.unitysp-careers.co.uk for our vacancies and to sign up to our job alerts.

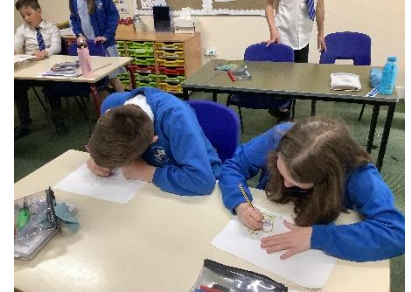
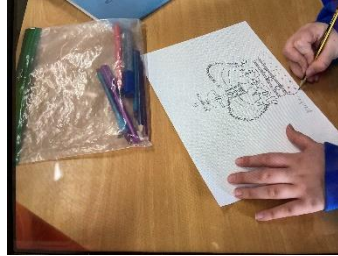


Coronation Celebrations – 5th May 2023

Place Farm Academy will be celebrating King Charles III Coronation on Friday 5th May, alongside Purple Day. The children will be encouraged to dress in red, white and blue with a purple accessory. There will be a £1 voluntary donation on the day for Purple Day.

Throughout the week, children will be creating Coronation Crafts, learning about the British Royal family history and creating class time capsules. As well as this, the lunch for the day will be a fish and chip lunch in the hall with a special red, white and blue-themed dessert. The hall will be decorated in the style of a British tea party including bunting, table decorations and British proms in the park music playing. There will also be Bouncy castles in the afternoon on the field, courtesy of Prestige Sports. We look forward to sharing more information and photos nearer the time.

On Monday 24th April, Years 3-6, including Rainbow, took part in a live Draw Along with Rob Biddulph. They drew the King's crown in celebration of the King's Coronation. Rob told the children lots of fascinating facts about the crown and how important it is. All the children really enjoyed the time and loved the challenge when it came to the intricate parts of the drawing 😊



You can rewatch the event here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7tG6sO4_WU

Marvellous Maths at Place Farm!

Maths in Early Years:

The children in Early Years have been working so hard in their Maths learning. In their Maths Meetings, they have really been working on using mathematical vocabulary and answering in full sentences. Last week, the children were consolidating their learning as it was the first week back after the Easter break. This week in particular, they have been introducing the concept of sharing between groups of: 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Super work Early Years – keep it up! 😊



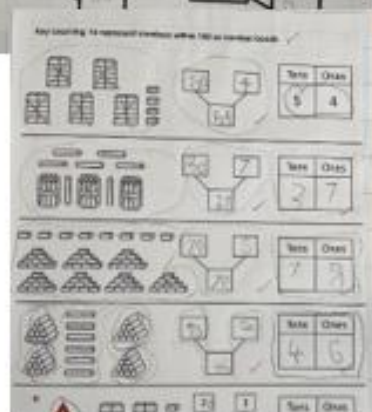
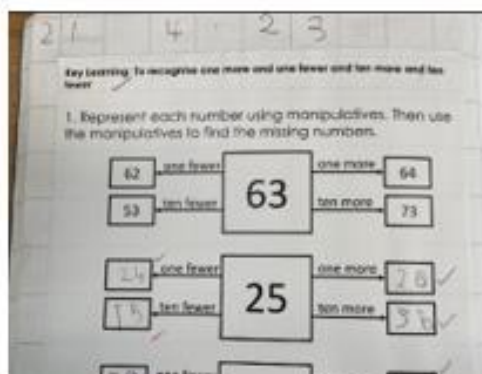
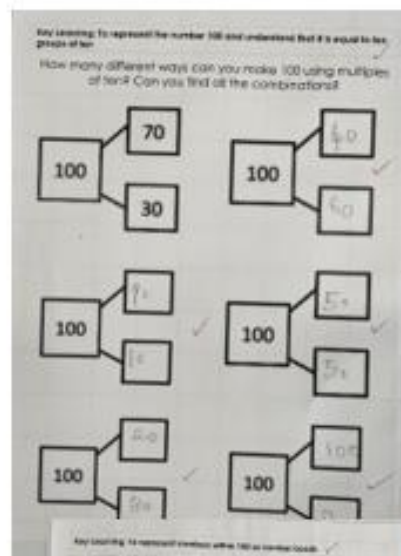
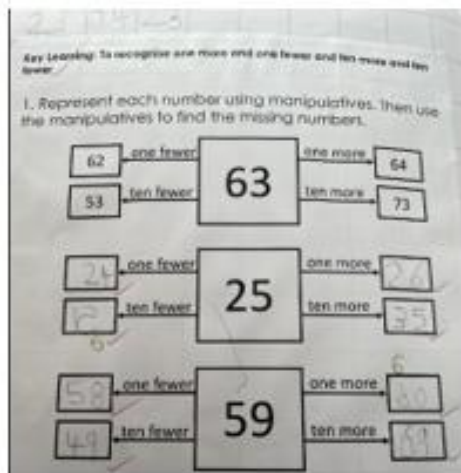


Maths in Year One:

The children in Year One have been working so hard! They have been looking at recognising one more and one less and one ten more and less. As well as this, they have been looking at different ways to make 100. You can see this below with the part-part-whole diagrams. Finally, they have been looking at numbers to 100 and identifying how many tens and ones the numbers have and partitioning these.

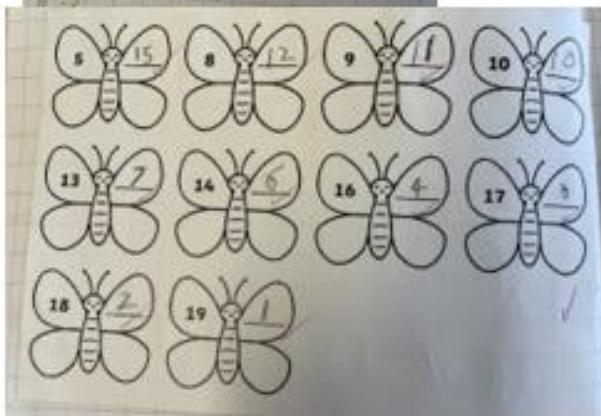
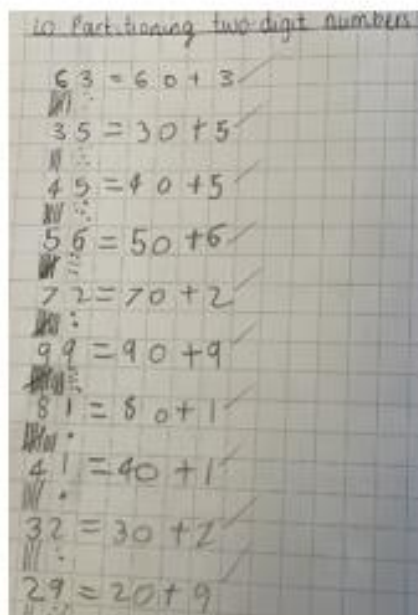
Here are some photos of their great Maths work.

Keep up the amazing work everyone! 😊



Maths in Year Two:

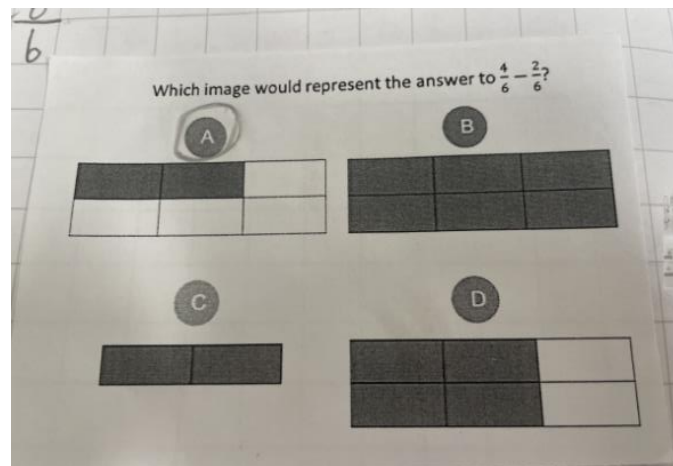
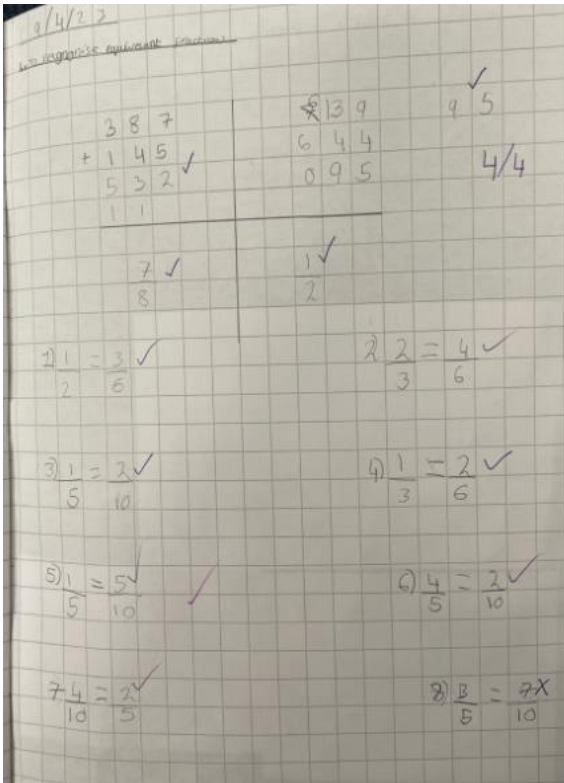
Year Two have really shown drive in their Maths lessons. They have been revisiting their learning so far in Year Two. They have been practising their arithmetic questions and reasoning ready for SATs. The children have found some of these quite challenging but have demonstrated real resilience! The children have been working hard on their column addition and column subtraction. They have been representing the tens and ones using Dienes and practising their number bonds to 20 to help them. Keep up the amazing work Year Two. Here is some of their excellent work 😊



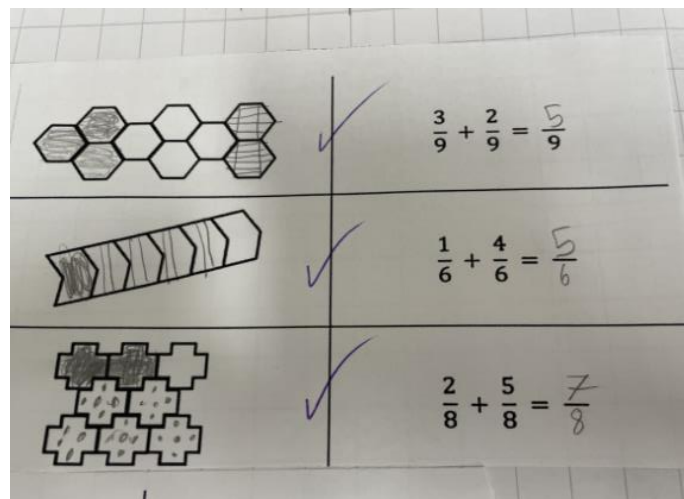
Maths in Year Three:

Year Three have really enjoyed their Maths lessons. Last week, the children were busy working on fractions. They were adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and representing these pictorially. As well as this, they were finding equivalent fractions. The children have moved on to learning all about angles. They have been finding angles in shapes and challenging themselves to use the correct mathematical vocabulary.

Here are some photos of the work and challenges they have produced:



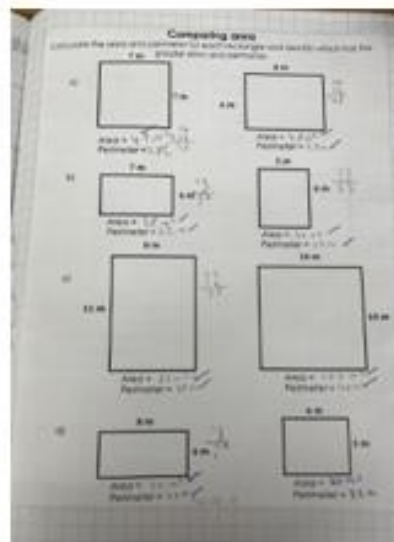
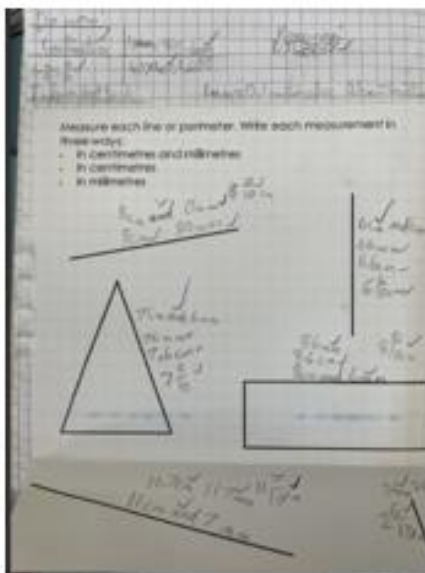
Fantastic work Year Three! 😊



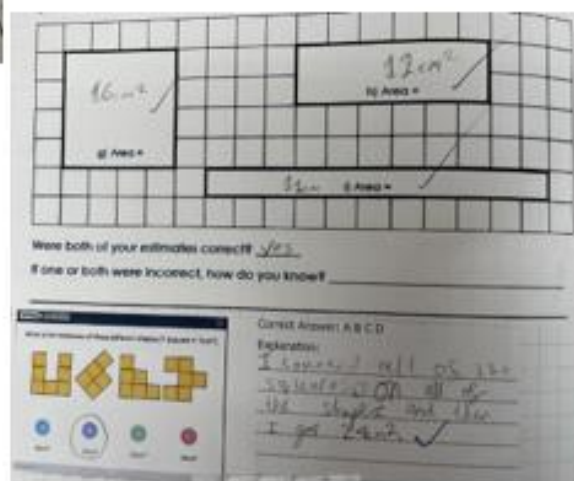
Maths in Year Four:

In Year Four this week, the children have been working very hard with their Maths. The children have been finding the area and perimeter of different shapes. As well as this, they have been applying their problem-solving skills to solve a variety of problems. Some of these have been very challenging and have required them to convert measurements. They have had to remember to use the correct unit of measurement.

The Year Four children are continuing to work hard on their times tables too – remember to keep practising at home too on TTRS 😊



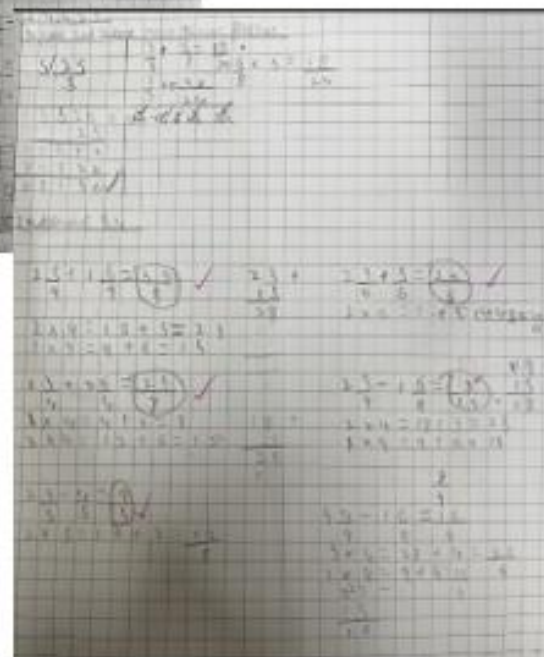
	My estimate	The actual measurement
What is the area of the garden?	2.5	2.5
What is the area of the field?	10.5	10.5
What is the area of the park?	10.5	10.5
What is the length of the garden?	2.5	2.5
What is the length of the field?	10.5	10.5
What is the length of the park?	10.5	10.5
What is the capacity of the garden?	2.5	2.5
What is the capacity of the field?	10.5	10.5
What is the capacity of the park?	10.5	10.5



Maths in Year Five:

Year Five have been working incredibly hard in their Maths lessons this week. The children have been showing real resilience in their fractions unit. They have been revisiting how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. They moved on to learning how to add improper fractions and mixed numbers, which can be very challenging. The Year Five children are continuing to work hard on their Arithmetic test, which they complete weekly. Great work everyone 😊

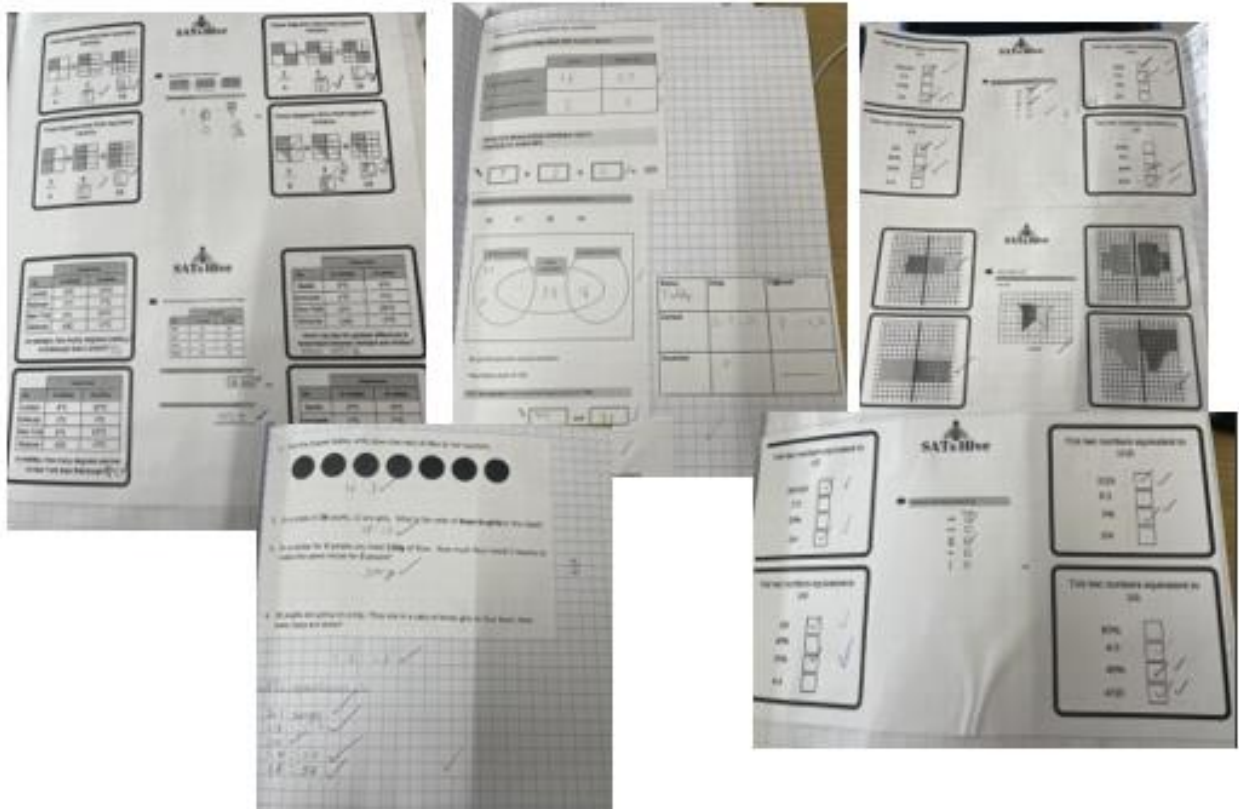
Please see below for some of their fantastic work!



Maths in Year Six:

The Year Six children have been continuing to work so hard in their Maths learning. With the SATs so close now, the children are working so hard and demonstrating all of the PROUD values. We have continuing with the weekly arithmetic test and the children's scores have been AMAZING! We have been doing a lot of reasoning and problem solving and lots of practise SATs questions. This is really helping the children's confidence and they are smashing them! 😊

Keep up the fab work everyone – you've got this!




Rainbow Class

This week in Rainbow Class, the children have also been working super hard! They have been looking at place value with a particular focus on addition and subtraction. They have been looking at how this changes the place value in our numbers. Some of the children have been looking at numbers to 10 and others have been looking at numbers to 20. They have also been using known facts to help them solve equations.

Here are some photos of their super work!

Well done Rainbow Class – keep up the splendid work! 😊


Key Learning: To add by counting on using a number line

First	Then	Now
	$+$?

part plus part is equal to whole

16 + 1 = 17


Can you make your own story?

First	Then	Now
	$+$?

part plus part is equal to whole

5 + 1 = 6

Key Learning: To add by counting on using a number line

First	Then	Now
	$+$?

part plus part is equal to whole

17 + 2 = 19


Can you make your own story?

First	Then	Now
	$+$?

part plus part is equal to whole


8 + 2 = 10

Key Learning: To subtract by counting back using a number line

First	Then	Now
	$-$?

whole subtract part is equal to part

13 - 1 = 12

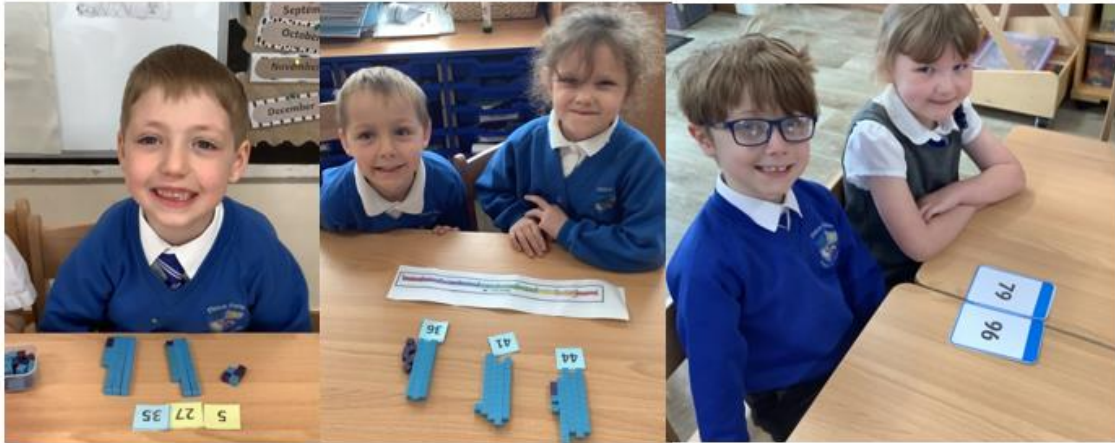
First	Then	Now
	$-$?

whole subtract part is equal to part

16 - 3 = 13

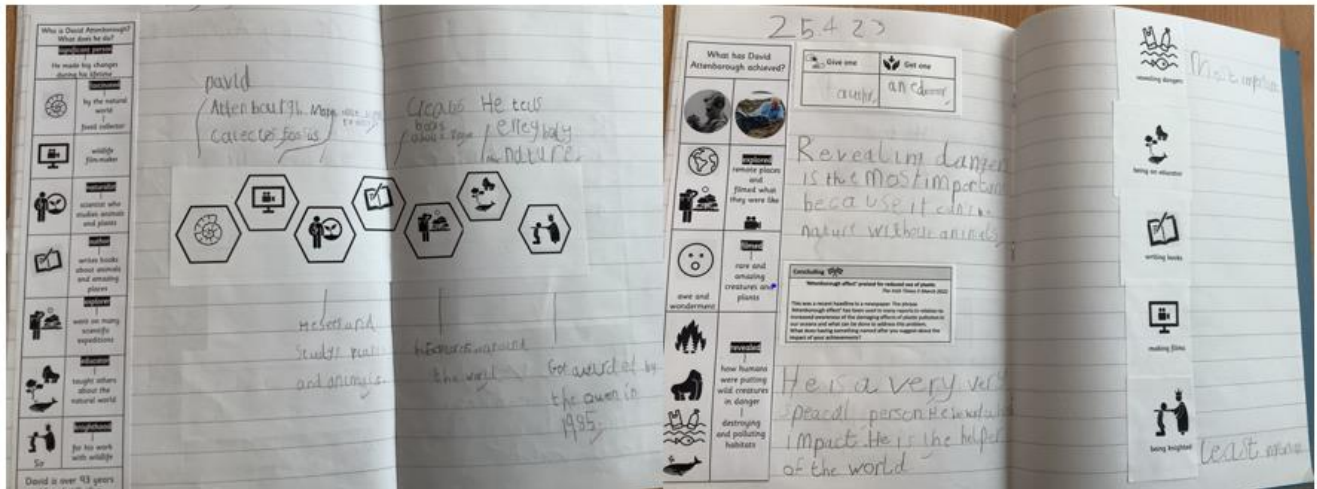
Year 1

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In PSHE we have been learning about how to cross the road safely.



Supporting young people's mental health - free parent and carer workshops coming May 2023

The below free virtual workshops are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are delivered as live Zoom sessions and are 60 minutes long.

Supporting our Young People Manage Big Feelings

A workshop aimed at parents of young people aged up to 11 to help support our children manage difficult emotions.

Monday 15th May at 1pm to 2pm [Book a place](#)

Supporting our Young People with Low Mood

For parents to understand low mood and how to support their child/teenager.

Monday 15th May at 6pm to 7pm [Book a place](#)

Building Understanding and Supporting your Child with Tourette's/Tics

This workshop is delivered by clinicians experienced in working with young people with Tourette's/Tic Disorder

Tuesday 16th May at 6pm to 7pm [Book a place](#)

Social Media and Impact on Teenagers' Mental Health

The impact on our teenagers' mental health

Tuesday 16th May at 7.15pm to 8.15pm [Book a place](#)

To find out more and book a place on to a workshop, click the links above or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Psychology in Schools Team – NSFT

For all news and updates on emotional wellbeing support for schools and families, go to: www.suffolk.gov.uk/wellbeingeducation

The poster is for a youth group production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. It features a black background with colorful, stylized text for the title. The production is presented by Centre Stage Company and NODA. It is a youth production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd. The show is scheduled for four nights in October 2023. The poster also mentions financial support from Haverhill Town Council and provides the website and phone number for Haverhill Arts Centre.

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JOSEPH
AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
youth group Production

LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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Wednesday 18th October 2023 7PM
Thursday 19th October 2023 7PM
Friday 20th October 2023 7PM
Saturday 21st October 2023 2:30PM and 7PM

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