

Year Two Weekly Update



Friday 19th October

Messages: This week we had an exciting time with a visit from the Fire Brigade and we also recreated the Great Fire of London in the school playground. The children all brought home leaflets about fire alarms - REMEMBER if you do not have any smoke alarms fitted in your home you can fill in the leaflet and return it to the fire brigade and they will come and fit smoke alarms for free! The children's homework is linked to fire safety - see below!

Reem and I would like to wish you all a lovely half term and a good rest!

Maths:

This week we have been doing some assessments of Place Value and recapping on lots of things which the children have been learning over the last half term. All the children need to keep rehearsing their number bonds to 10 and the related facts eg; $4+6=10$ so $40+60=100$ - it would really benefit them if you could keep going over them at home to embed these facts :O)

After half term we will be learning how to add a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number not crossing ten, then crossing 10. We will also learn how to add two 2-digit numbers. We do this through using a tens and one chart. See the reverse of this letter for an example.

Phonics / Spellings :

This week we have been doing assessments of the common exception words - the children are doing well with these. I will give you a copy of these assessments when they have been updated and you will be able to work on them at home as well.

The week after half term we will be learning about the homophones to/too and two and in which context you use each one. We will also be revising adding -ed onto a word which doesn't need to be changed such as help = helped.

English:

This week the children have enjoyed writing their own Traction Man adventure comic strips. They have learnt about the use of speech bubble and sound bubbles and have been rehearsing how to make their writing more interesting by using expanded noun phrases eg; his massive, shiny rocket.

After half term we will be starting work on a new book called 10 things I can do to help my world by Melanie Walsh. This is a book about planet conservation and environmental issues. During the first week we will be making posters about how to help the World.

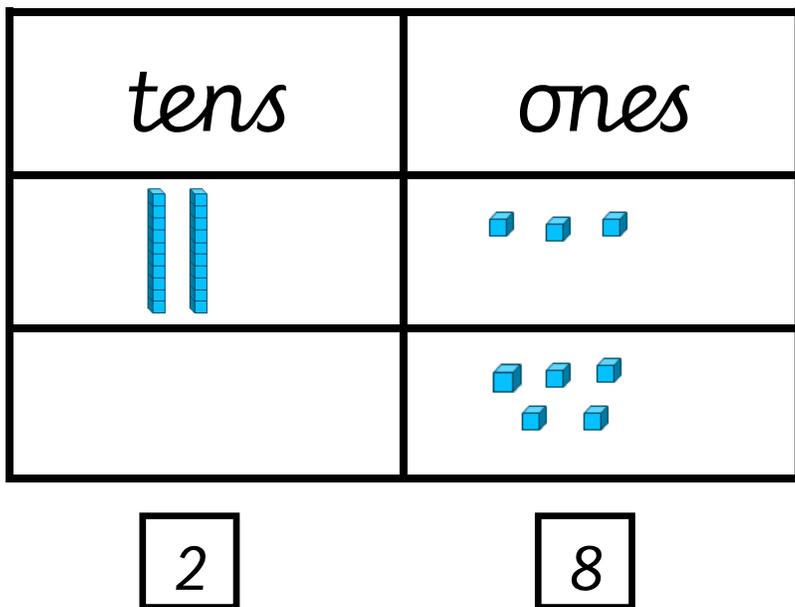
Topic:

This week in topic we have learnt about how London was rebuilt after the Great Fire to ensure it was a safer place. The children have designed their own 'safe London'. We have also been thinking about London and how it changed across the seasons and what people do in London in each season. In Science, the children have been thinking about how materials can be changed through twisting, bending, stretching and squashing. They have discovered that some materials can be changed and some cannot.

After half term we will be begin learning about War and Remembrance. We will be learning all about Walter Tull. We will be going on a trip to the Monument in London as well to complete our learning about the Great Fire of London.

Homework: only four children did the Reading homework set on Reading Eggs so I have reset it for half term—to access this, when you log into Reading Eggs, please select the Reading Eggspress tab and it should tell you you have some homework to do. Also, I would like the children to design a fire safety poster that we can display in our classroom - I will leave it to your imagination ...

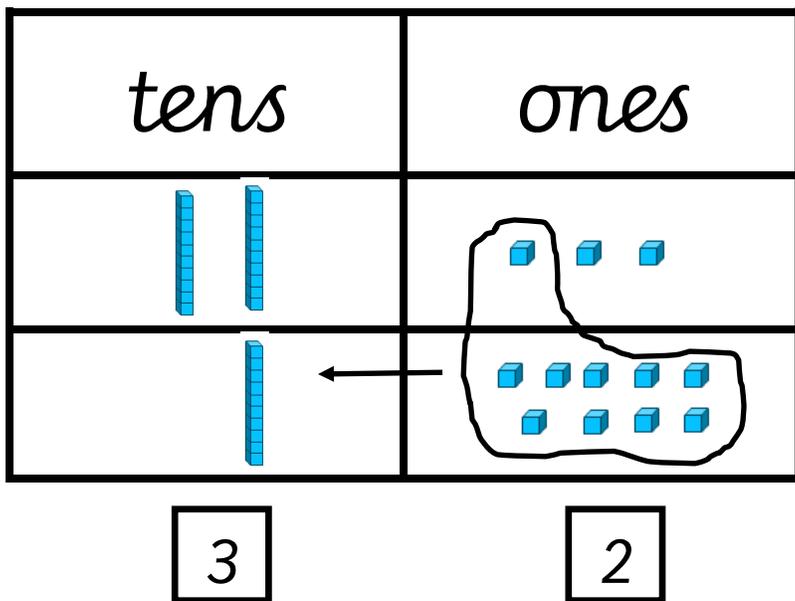
Wishing you all a fabulous half term & a good rest, thanks, Mrs Neal.



Adding a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number.

$$23 + 5 =$$

1. Draw the tens and ones of the 2-digit number in the first row.
2. Draw the ones on the second row.
3. Add up the ones
4. Add up the tens
5. Look at the number below the chart ... how many altogether ?



Adding a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number—~~crossing the ten.~~

$$23 + 9 =$$

1. Draw the tens and ones of the 2-digit number in the first row.
2. Draw the ones on the second row.
3. Make a set of ten ones.
4. The tens ones become one ten.
5. Now count how many altogether ...