

Year Two Weekly Update



Friday 9th March

Messages:

Next week is parent consultations. You should have received your times by now. If you have a problem attending, please let me know so we can reschedule. It is important I meet with all of you, with our busy term impending.

REMEMBER revision guides are on sale now and should be paid for on School Money. You can then collect them from the School Office.

Our class assembly is on Friday 22nd March. We hope you can join us for this exciting event.

Maths:

This week we have been learning how to find half and quarter of a shape and an amount. We have also found thirds of a shape.

Next week will be learning how to find a third of a shape and an amount. The children will also be learning about the equivalence of a half and two quarters.

Please see the reverse of this sheet which explains how we have been teaching the children to find half, quarter and a third of an amount using the bar model. Hopefully this will enable you to support your child at home with this.

Phonics / Spellings ;

This week we have been revising the spelling rules for words with the s grapheme, making a /sh/ sound. We have also been practising the homophones there, their and theyre. The children need to know which homophone to use in which context.

Next week we will be learning the spelling rules for adding -es to a noun ending in y, eg; cherry becomes cherries or baby becomes babies. We will also be practising the common exception words busy and people.

English:

This week we have started work on a new book which will see us through to the end of this term.; The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl. In this story a girl puts the magic finger on the Gregg family because they are hunting harmless animals - This week we wrote a letter to the Greggs family suggesting they stop hunting and why.

Next week we will be writing a diary entry from the point of view of one of the characters. We will be learning to use description in our writing.

Topic:

This week we have been learning more about Christopher Columbus and his exciting expedition. We have also been learning about the different parts of a plant and what each part of the plant does.

Next week, in Topic we will be finishing learnignabout Christioher Columbus and learning about a new explorer - Neil Armstrong. We already touched on this last term but will be learning more about him for the next couple of weeks. In Science the children will be growing plants from food scraps, such as, carrots and potatoes.

Homework: I have set some more Mathletics work on Fractions to support what we have done in class this week. Please could you make sure the children do this as it will be support their learning in class.

Please could you collect any food scraps that can be regrown such as potato eyes, carrot tops, the bottom of let-tuces and cabbages, the tops of onions etc. Please bring them into school for our lesson on Tuesday !

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Neal :O)

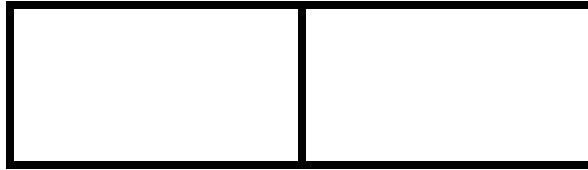
Finding fractions of amounts

Finding a half

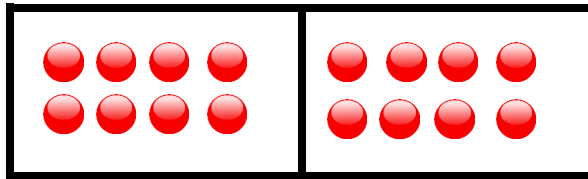
How to find $\frac{1}{2}$ of 16 ...

1. First draw a bar with two parts because finding a half is the same as dividing by 2

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2. Now share 16 across the two boxes equally by putting one dot in one box then one in the next box until you get to 16.

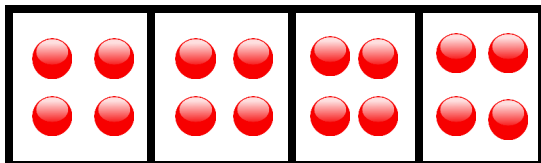


3. Now count how many is in one part of the bar to find one half.

We will be moving on to finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of an amount. In this case we would count how many in three quarters of the bar model.

To find a quarter we use a four part bar and count how many in one quarter ...

Finding $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16



To find a third we use a three part bar and count how many in one third...

Finding $\frac{1}{3}$ of 12

