

Beech Green Primary School

“Respect, Achieve, Belong”

Newsletter for Thursday 13th January 2022

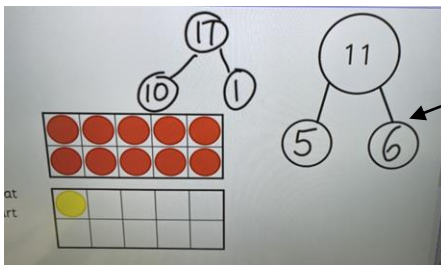
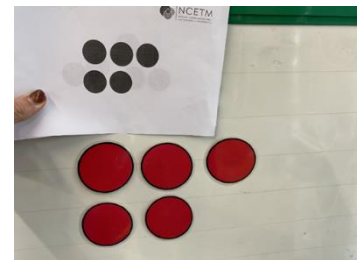
Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you all know this, but your children are incredible! They have settled back into their classroom routines and met teacher’s expectations about behaviour for learning with enthusiasm. They work so hard; making the most of every minute.

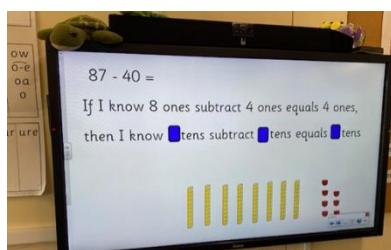
The teaching staff are also all learning. We regularly observe each other’s lessons to identify what is or isn’t working. All our leaders collect and analyse evidence, we are constantly finding ways to improve our work, which impacts on positive learning experiences and progress for our pupils. Mrs Thorne and Mrs Ballinger have found examples of how manipulatives (resources) are used in maths. I thought it might be helpful to share this with you, your child might be able to explain what they have done in class. It doesn’t matter if they can’t tell you, learning is a slow process and explaining something out of context is difficult.



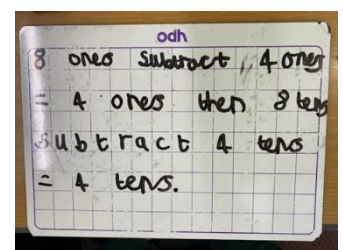
In Reception
The Mastering Number approach supports children in creating images in their mind. This photo shows a lesson where children took a photo of the image with their mind and then discussed how to recreate it.



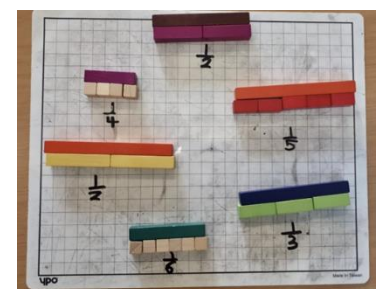
Year 1
Each example was modelled on the board the children were recreated it with their equipment and recorded the number pairs that go together to make 11, this allowed them to develop confidence.



Year 2
Gradually more information was covered up (by the blue boxes) and children worked with their talk partners and dienes to complete the sentence.



Year 3
These photos of a Year 3 lesson show how children used Cuisenaire rods to support their understanding of unit fractions, where the numerator is 1.



Census Day Menu – Change of Menu for Next Thursday 20th January

To encourage other families to try a school dinner on Census Day, Caterlink will be offering a change of menu for 20th January only. The published menu next Thursday will be replaced with...

Red - Sausage & Chips

OR

Green - Veggie Sausage & Chips

OR

Amber - Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

Extra-Curricular Clubs for the Spring terms

All clubs start next week and run for the next 10 weeks, finishing Friday 1st April 2022.

A couple of clubs, Y4 Art and Y2/Y3 Spanish, have proved very popular, so we have split them into 2 groups of 5 weeks each. This is to save any disappointment.

On Tuesday we ParentMailed, confirming who is in which club.

Just to let you know, there are still spaces for the Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Cheerleading Club, which will be held each Tuesday for 10 weeks from next Tuesday. Cheerleading Club will incorporate a range of gymnastics skills, lifts, stunts and dance moves. As they practice, all children will get the opportunity to enjoy dance related games, pom pom work and to create routines from all that they have learned.

The cost of this externally lead club is £40 and will need to be paid directly to the company. Please email admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk if you would like to be added.

Swimming at GL1

Year 3 started their 6 week block of lessons yesterday, which run every week until 16th February inclusive

Year 4 will be next, Wednesday 2nd March 2022 to 6th April 2022 inclusive

Year 5 Mr Dawson is trying to organise a special GL1 swim session to make up for the lost week.

PE Kit

Please can all pupils remember to bring correct PE kit, teachers will be asking pupils with hoop earrings to remove them, these should not be worn at all in school. Thank you

News from the School Council

It is tricky for the School Council at the moment, as having a meeting with six different year groups is not ideal. However, they are not letting this stop them! This week they are meeting with their classes to discuss and agree the OPAL Charter. Once the Charter has been fully discussed and agreed by each class, the School Councillors will sign a master copy, on behalf of their class mates.

RockSteady Planned Concert

We have heard from our RockSteady Band Leader that sadly, the planned concert was cancelled and that parents were informed. There is another planned at Easter.

Outstanding Uniform

Apologies if you are awaiting uniform. The fleeces, etc. ordered before Christmas have been chased with our supplier. We are assured they will be delivered by the end of this week. As soon as they are ready for collection, we will let those who ordered know.

The Imperilled Adventures of the Adventure Playground

As you are aware, we place huge value on play here at Beech Green, and following the success of our Stay and Play sessions, lots of you have seen first-hand how rewarding it can be. Although the opportunities we offer our children may seem a little challenging and daring, it is exactly this type of challenge which is essential for physical and social childhood development. The following podcast is all about using risk within play and discusses how 'safe' risk is beneficial to children as they grow, learn and discover more about the world around them. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000zcf5>

Teaching Assistant Post

Start date: Monday 28th February

Interview date: Wednesday 2nd February

Application deadline: Thursday 27th January

www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/vacancies

Please contact the school office 01452 722363, email sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or speak to someone at the gate.

Local Quiz Night in aid of Help If We Can

Teams of 4 needed at Quedgeley Community Centre on 29th January, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Food, bar, raffle. £6 per team. To register your team, please email the team name to

bulldog.smith@btinternet.com

NCMP & Vision Screening

A reminder screening for children in Reception is taking place on 26th January 2022 and Year 6 on the 27th January 2022.

If you do not wish your child to be screened, you need to have phoned 0300 421 8225

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