



## Weekly Update: 14th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

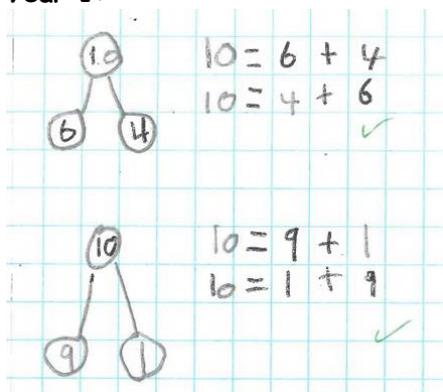
It has been difficult to know what time of year it is when we have had such cold wet days. I commend the children managing with 'wet playtimes' when they have had to stay in- a special mention to Gala class who impressed me in their indoor play this week with all the children engaged independently in a range of activities like draughts, colouring matching games and board games.

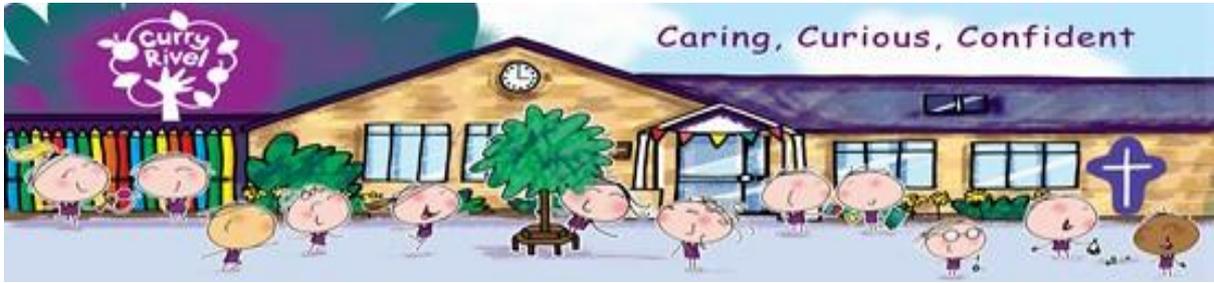
As head teacher I am often conducting 'learning walks' to assess the quality of teaching and learning across the school, and this week Mrs Ward and I have been conducting more formal lesson observations- we have been impressed by the children's 'behaviour for learning' in all classes. The lessons we have seen are representative of the broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum we are teaching here at Curry Rivel, exposing the children to high level vocabulary, building on prior learning and ensuring the children are gaining new knowledge and practising new skills. In Pippin, I was impressed with Pippin pupils' use of 'ten frames', Deines equipment and number lines to start adding numbers; Maigold demonstrated great tennis skills, learning how to hold a racket and how to hit a ball with accuracy; Gala have been writing their own creative version of the Owl and Pussy cat; Discovery were making predictions about their new text 'The Great Kapok Tree', English work linked to their learning about the Amazon rainforest; Camelot pupils were learning how to compose a piece of music using the 'Garageband' App (Chords, major and minor notes included!) and Blenheim were learning the complexities of rounders rules and how to avoid running your teammates out in a game! All lessons aim to develop 'sticky knowledge' so that children not only 'know more' but 'remember more'. Of course, we have areas to work on, and I am impressed that the staff here are so committed to their own professional development and improvement.

### Presentation in Exercise Books

We are raising expectations regarding presentation in exercise books. We have shared exemplars with the children (see below for examples) and a poster outlining presentation rules means that everyone knows what we are looking for- well done to the pupils who have shown they really want to take pride in all the work they do.

#### Year 1:





Year 4:

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L.O. Subtracting fractions			
F5	$3 \times 10 = 30$ ✓	$3 - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$ ✓	$4 - \frac{2}{6} = \frac{2}{6}$ ✓
	$4 \times 10 = 40$ ✓	$5 - \frac{5}{5} = \frac{5}{5}$	$\frac{4}{6} - \frac{2}{6} = \frac{2}{6}$
	$5 \times 10 = 50$ ✓		
	$6 \times 10 = 60$ ✓	$4 - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$ ✓	$5 - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$ ✓
	$7 \times 10 = 70$ ✓	$5 - \frac{5}{5} = \frac{5}{5}$	$\frac{5}{7} - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$
	$8 \times 10 = 80$ ✓		
	$9 \times 10 = 90$ ✓		$\frac{3}{6} - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$ ✓
	$10 \times 10 = 100$ ✓		

Year 4:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May

L.O. To understand why the Pentecost was important to Christians.

① ✓

-  Jesus taken to heaven
-  Flame appeared to the disciples
-  Fire rests on heads
-  Disciples talk in different languages



Year 6:

Handwritten student work on grid paper. On the left, there are diagrams of angles with labels: 'actual = 90°', 'estimate = 45°', 'actual = 35°', 'estimate = 225°', 'actual = 245°'. Below these is a vertical subtraction problem: 
$$\begin{array}{r} 300 \\ - 115 \\ \hline 245 \end{array}$$
. On the right, there are handwritten notes: 'a) Sometimes because the biggest an acute angle can be is 89 and 89 + 89 = 178 less than 180 and more than 90 but you could have 50 + 50 = 100', 'b) Never: 360 ÷ 4 = 90 = right angle and it can't be anything else', 'c) Always: a square is 360 and if you cut a square in half you get a triangle so 360 ÷ 2 = 180'. The word 'year 6' is written at the top right of the page.

Reminders:

## Presentation Reminders...

If you make a mistake in pen, cross it out carefully with a neat single line through the incorrect word (use a ruler!) and then write the correct version above it!

Each piece of work should be titled and dated and must be underlined using a ruler Year 2+.  
Dates/titles should be normal size and on the left hand side.



Maths: Short date (10.05.21).  
One digit per square. Double margins for Year 4+.

Always have a sharp pencil and ruler at the ready.

Keep your exercise book cover clean, without scribbles or doodles!  
Keep the inside neat and tidy as well!

If your writing will not fit, go on to the next line - not across the middle of the page!

**DON'T FORGET**

Rule off your last piece of work before you write a new date and title.



Always write on the top line!  
Never write under the bottom line!

## Road Safety

Thank you to all of you who have mentioned their appreciation of the school's attempts to make parking and driving around the school site safer. Unfortunately, there have still been issues this week, so I am now in contact with local PCSO to see how they may help to resolve this issue.

## Pjamarama

Please see our Facebook page- we have had a great day wearing our pyjamas and sharing our favourite literature, stories and books. A 'random reading raffle' has meant many children have 'won' books to take home and keep. Thank you to Miss Tucker for organising this event. It has also been pleasing to see the librarians in action, with all classes borrowing books over the week for our lending library.



## **Safeguarding**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Ali Pook and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mrs Jo Ward. Our safeguarding governor is Mrs Charlene Hunsperger. Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-childrensafe/>

<https://getsetsomerset.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child at home or school see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk) or the police. You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27

## **SEND**

This week's SEND weekly newsletter is now available - please click on the link below:

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/>

## **Dates for your diary**

w/b 17<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 cycling awareness  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Inter-house sport competition  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May: Break the Rules day PTA fundraiser  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Class photos  
31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June: Half term  
w/b 28<sup>th</sup> June: Assessment week  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July New classes morning  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Road safety day  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Sports day (Details to follow)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 'production' (TBC)  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Village fete  
w/b 5<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 activities week (TBC)  
w/b 19<sup>th</sup> June: Reports out to parents  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Sports day reserve  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Leaver's service (TBC)  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: End of year assembly  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Last day of term



### **Award winners for this week**

#### **Class cup:**

Pippin: Izabelle

Maigold: Darcey J

Gala: Elcie

Discovery: Alex

Camelot: Oscar

Blenheim: Amy P

#### **Lunchtime awards:**

Pippin: Oliver

Maigold: Anna

Gala: Barney

Discovery: Rupert

Camelot: Luke

#### **50 Merit Certificates:**

Isobelle (Blenheim)

#### **100 Merit Certificates:**

Pippin: Izabelle

Gala: Miila

Discovery: Rupert and Dulcie

#### **Head Teacher Award**

For presentation in books: Izabelle (Pippin); Blake (Discovery), Oscar R (Camelot, Amy P (Blenheim).

#### **Special mention:**

Lexi (Camelot Class): Lexi has been successful in achieving a **DISTINCTION** in the Orchard Gymnastics TeamGym Squad set floor routine 2021. To gain a distinction, gymnasts needed to achieve a score of at least 90%. Lexi achieved a fantastic 93% ! We are delighted to tell you that Lexi was also placed 2nd achieving **SILVER** medal position.

#### **Well-Being Tip of the week**

Get more sleep. Try making some small adjustments to routines, duvet weight, windows open or closed, caffeine and screen free time before bed... whatever will work for you.

Have a restful weekend.

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