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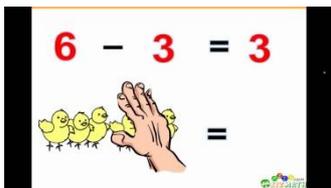
Dear parents,

In English we have continued to think about the story of Dr Choc and the vegetables. We acted out what we thought might have happened in the story and then used this in our own story writing. We have also used a program on the iPads called iMotion to make an animated video of this story using cut out vegetables and a chocolate bar! We have looked at a historical figure, **Sir Walter Raleigh**, and discussed how life would have been different in 1584 compared to now.



In Maths, we have been continuing to consolidate knowledge of doubles and number bonds to 10, 20 or 100. We have also done a block of learning on addition and discussed the different strategies that we can use to help us with calculations, e.g. mental methods- counting on, using resources, drawings, number lines, 100 squares etc.

Our next focus will be on subtraction. If you want to help your child with this please practise counting back from any number as they can sometimes find this difficult, especially crossing a tens boundary, e.g. 33, 32, 31, 30, 29...43, 42, 41, 40, 39... 73, 72, 71, 70, 69...



Please help at home by –

- Talking about differences between now and in the past. What has changed? (We have discussed how transport and our homes have changed).
- Practising counting forwards and backwards from any number.
- Working out subtraction equations, e.g. $8-3=$, $18-3=$, $18-13=$ etc.
- Continuing to practise reading or spelling any words that are sent home. If your child has not received spellings yet, they can still practise using the 1st 100 word list, (available on the website).

Thank you for your support,

The Year 1/2 team

PS. Thank you to the Year 1 parents who were able to attend the Phonics Stay and Learn session. Packs have been sent home for anyone that was unable to attend. Also the first 100 and 200 words for reading have been put on the website under our class page.

Reminders

- Parent's evenings are next week (Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October). If you have not booked a slot yet please see your child's class teacher to find an available time.
- The first Monday after half term (4th November) is an INSET day.