



Friday 28th January 2022
St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a great week. As always it has been an exciting week of learning across the school and the children have been thoroughly engaged with their learning activities in class.

I have been extremely pleased with the way in which the children have continued to respond to their learning.

I am pleased to share that after school clubs will start again on Monday after the obvious difficulties we faced over the last two weeks.

At St Nicholas, we promote the learning of 'Key Instant Recall Facts' (**K.I.R.F Targets**) to support pupils' maths learning across the school. Teachers share the KIRF on your child's Class Dojo page. These are maths objectives taken from The National Curriculum, which children working at age-related expectations should be able to mentally calculate and recall accurately and rapidly.

Each year group has one or two different objectives every half term, which will be practised regularly in class and may be reinforced through the weekly homework activity.

You may like to practise your child's K.I.R.F's at home to support them in improving their recall ability. At the end of this week's newsletter we have posted a yearly overview for you to review.

At St Nicholas, we encourage all children to learn these key facts as they can be used to support further learning and aid problem-solving in maths.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Reading is Fun Workshop

We still have places available on the **READING IS FUN** session on:
TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY from 12:30 – 2:30pm
(you can wait till pick up with another cuppa afterwards)

Text Lisa our FLO on her mobile number available via the Class Dojo pages to secure your place. We look forward to seeing parents there.



Reading is Fun

Would you like to:

- Explore how to make reading fun for your children
- Understand how reading is taught in school
- Find out how reading can improve your child's wellbeing
- Discover ways to be creative when reading and telling a story

This course is for you...

Dates for your diary

Mon 31st

After school clubs resume

February

Tues 1st

Reading is Fun with the FLO & Adult Education 12:30pm to 2:30pm, refreshments provided.

Y5 Swimming (3 of 8)

Y1 Tag rugby

Wed 2nd

Year 4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm

PTA Meeting at 6pm

Thurs 3rd

Attendance Tea Party

Tues 8th

Y5 Swimming (4 of 8)

Y1 Tag rugby

5pm Governing Body Meeting

Wed 9th

Year 4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm

Fri 11th

LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon 21st

Term begins

Tues 22nd

Y5 Swimming (5 of 8)

Wed 23rd

Year 4 JAM after school choir 3-4pm



Star of the Week & Reading Awards

Star of the week awards go to:

Squirrel: Frankie D, **Badger:** Jacob H, **Hare:** Nieve M, **Chestnut:** Frankie W,
Birch: Tommy S, **Maple:** Jude B, **Elm:** Spencer F

Reading Awards go to:

Squirrel: Archie H, **Hedgehog:** William R, **Otter:** Willow U, **Fox:** whole class, **Rowan:** Boey D,
Beech: Layton S, **Willow:** Lilly M, **Oak:** Keira H

Nicholas Bear was awarded to MAPLE – well done!

Meeting a members of the St Nicholas Team – Mrs Pursey, EYFS & KS1 Phase Lead.



This is my second year at St Nicholas teaching in Year 1. I have been teaching for over twelve years and am a qualified SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator). I use this experience to cater my lessons to meet the needs of all children. I am committed to ensuring my classroom is calm, inclusive and sets the highest standards for every child. I love seeing children achieve their fullest potential through fostering relationships and investing time to get to know every child. Education is about the individual.

I am also the Science Lead at school and have a real commitment to ensuring Science at St Nicholas is fun, engaging and memorable. Science is an incredibly exciting subject and I aim to support a curriculum that demonstrates every child has the ability to be a budding scientist. Making a difference in children's lives is what drives me forward each and every day. I'm passionate about teaching within KS1 as it's such a crucial step in a child's education. I believe that every child should leave our Key Stage securing the basics in reading, writing, maths and wider subjects. It's so rewarding watching the children's confidence grow and grow. I feel so very lucky to be Phase Lead at St Nicholas. My door is always open. apursey@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk

Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. As a part of Safer Internet Day, the children will be having an Online Safety assembly on the 7th February. Click [here](#) to find out more about Safer Internet Day.



Shepway Autism Support group – Monthly Coffee Mornings



For parents and carers of children / young people on the autism spectrum.

Come along for a coffee and a chat with other parents. All welcome, whether you have a child with a diagnosis, are waiting for a diagnosis or just want to learn more about autistic spectrum condition.

Monday 7 February 2022:10.00am - 12.00noon @ Conference room, The Beacon, Park Farm Road, Folkestone CT19 5DN

Future dates: Monday 7th March, Monday 6th June, Monday 4th July 2022* (*Please note no meeting in April and May)

Any questions? Please ring us on 07773 708321

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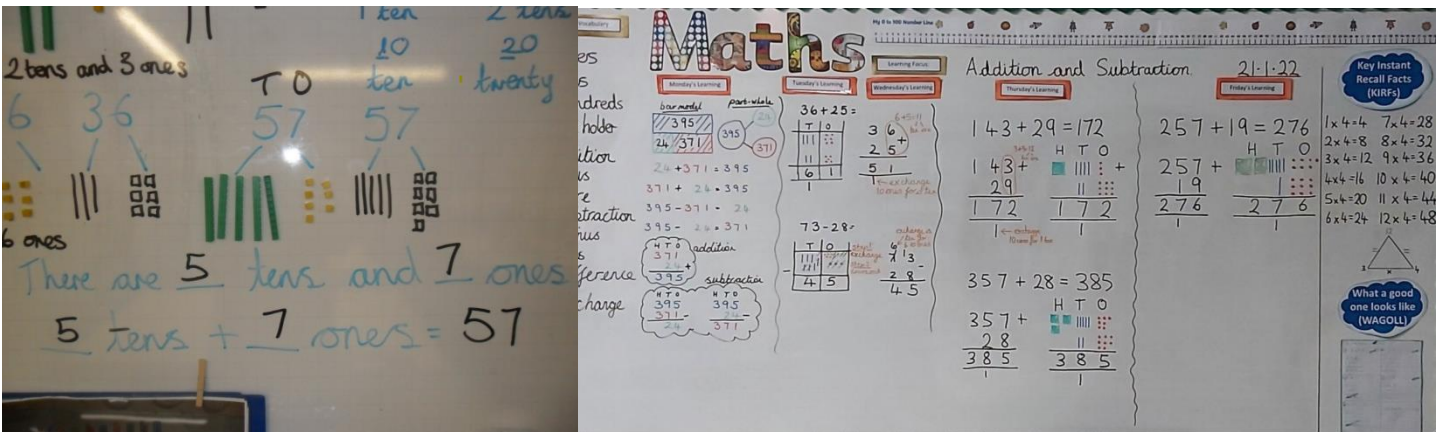
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Maths working walls

At St Nicholas we use our maths working walls to support our children with their understanding, vocabulary and independence in pupil learning.

Talk to your child about what they have been doing in their learning and look at the photos of our working wall on your child's Class Dojo page.

One of the differences you may find immediately is that we do not call single digits 'units' any more – we now call them 'ones'



Please find below an overview of the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRF)

Children should be able to do all the tasks in their Year group and the ones before – See your Child's Class Dojo Page for the KIRFs Year groups are currently working on.

	Year 1 blue	Year 2 yellow	Year 3 orange	Year 4 purple	Year 5 red	Year 6 green
Autumn 1	I know number bonds for each number to 5	I know number bonds to 20	I know number bonds for each number up to 20	I know number bonds of 100	I can find factor pairs of a number	I can identify common factors of a pair of numbers
Autumn 2	I know number bonds to 10	I know doubles and halves for numbers to 20	I know the 3 times table (\times and $+$)	I know the 6 and 9 times table (\times and $+$)	I can recognise prime numbers up to 20	I can convert between fractions, decimals and %s
Spring 1	I can recognise numbers to 50	I know the 2 times table (\times and $+$)	I know the 4 times table (\times and $+$)	I know the 7 and 11 times table (\times and $+$)	I can recognise equivalent fractions and decimals.	I can find a fraction of an amount
Spring 2	I know halves and doubles to 10	I know the 10 times table (\times and $+$)	I know the 8 times table (\times and $+$)	I know all times tables up to 12×12 (\times and $+$)	I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10	I can find a percentage of an amount
Summer 1	I know number bonds for each number up to 10	I know the 5 times table (\times and $+$)	I can recall facts about durations of time	I can multiply and divide a single digit by 10 and 100	I can recall metric conversion	
Summer 2	I can tell the time to the nearest half an hour	I can tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes	I can tell the time to the nearest minute	I can recognise simple equivalent fractions	I can recall square numbers to 12 and their square roots	