

3rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Maths Week England and Children in Need (9th-13th November)



I am writing to inform you about some exciting events that will be happening in school from **Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November 2020**. Maths Week England is a national campaign to raise the profile of mathematics in schools and provide young people with a positive image of mathematics and we are going to provide children with a range of fun and engaging maths challenges throughout the week. On **Friday 13th November 2020** we are going to take part in this year's Children in Need Appeal and raise some money for this great charity. Below you will find more details about all of the things that will be happening at school during the week.

TT Rockstars Competition

We have signed up to the TT Rockstars Maths Week England Competition this year so children in Zog, Tigger, Hodgeheg, Baloo and Aslan Classes will be able to take part in this. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less. Each class has also been assigned one slot during the week to access TT Rockstars in school. If your child does not have their log in details for TT Rockstars, please ask your child's class teacher.



Maths Challenges in School

During the week, your child's class teacher/s will be providing a range of fun and engaging maths challenges in class. Please talk to your child about what they have been doing in class each day. Baloo and Aslan class will also be taking part in a live online workshop with NRICH and other schools from around the country.

Google Classroom

We are also going to be promoting Maths Week through Mr Askew's classroom so look out for some challenges and questions on there during the week. There may even be some prizes to be won...

Non Uniform Day for Children in Need (Spots or numbers!) – Friday 13th November 2020

This year, the Primary School Campaign for Children in Need is all about mental and physical wellbeing. This is something that we have had a big focus on as a school so far this year so children will be accessing some of the resources provided by Children in Need in class during our mindfulness and circle time sessions during the week. Led by Joe Wicks, Dr Radha and Blue Peter, Five to Thrive is Children in Need's unique programme of wellbeing activities for the Appeal Week. Inspired by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, it's designed to help children feel better about themselves – as well as helping others.

Friday 13th November is the Big Day for Children in Need and although we are restricted with ways to fundraise this year we would still like to try and raise money for the event by having a non-uniform day. To tie in with both Children in Need and Maths Week, we have decided that the theme for the non-uniform will be **spots and numbers**. You might wear your favourite football t-shirt with a number on the back or wear your favourite spotty jumper! You can even be creative and make your own spotty clothing or add your favourite numbers into your outfit. Usually we would ask children to bring in a voluntary donation, but following current guidance we ask that you please donate online. You can do this directly through the Children in Need website or by following this link to their Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BCCiNPrimary>

Thank you for your support,

Miss Parker