



15th May 2019

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In maths this week the children have revisited their knowledge of telling the time. The children have learnt that when the long hand is on the 12 it says o'clock, when the long hand is on the 6 it says half past and we have also spoken a little about quarter past and quarter too. Please encourage them to practise reading the clock at home.

Over the last two week I have also introduced our whole school mental maths challenge, which is called 'Big Maths Beat that!'. The idea is to encourage the children to solve simple addition problems as quickly as possible. In year R the children are given 7/8 questions with only 20 seconds to answer them. We are focusing on trying to beat our own score (however low this is) and speaking positively about what they have achieved not what they were unable to do in the short time period given. Please reinforce this at home by encouraging them to complete the challenges for week 1 and 2 again at home in 20 seconds. Each week they will bring home the weekly challenge once they have completed it at school.

Sharing book challenge is:

Please ask your child to make a clock with movable hands to share with their friends at school next week. They could make it from paper, a cardboard box or a paper plate. I have attached a split pin to help them with this project. Once they have made it you could then ask them to practise telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

Other Information:

- We return to school on Tuesday 4th June. We hope you have a fun week.
- Forest school will start on the first Friday after half term (7th June). Please remember to send them into school in their forest school clothes (long sleeved t-shirt and trousers/leggings and trainers to help prevent scratches and stings).

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