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Dear Parents / Carers,

We've had another busy week in school starting with a training day for teachers in the 'Maths No Problem' approach to teaching maths in school. We've used this method of teaching in school for 2-3 years now and have seen some fantastic progress in the children as a result. In Y6 SATs last July our results increased by 41% and were the same as all schools nationally, so we're committed to the method and of course continued professional development for the staff. Ask your children what they like about maths, I'm sure they could tell you a lot.



On Wednesday this week Mrs McDonough and Mrs Marshall spent a lot of time looking at reading in school and spent time in all classrooms watching phonics and reading sessions as well as hearing children read. They were really pleased with what they found, with some great teaching and learning happening, but we still seem to be struggling to encourage children to read at home with adults. I know family life is hectic, but we'd really appreciate your help in practising

reading at home with your children, it makes such a huge difference to their rates of progress. Don't forget you can read anything at home, it doesn't always have to be their reading book. In my house, it was either a book about sharks or the Strictly Come Dancing annual that were always chosen by my children!

The children in nursery regularly spend time in our fantastic outdoor space looking for bugs, investigating trees and generally enjoying the outdoor space we are lucky to have at Grimes Dyke. We have plenty of space in nursery at the moment, so if you know any three or four year olds looking for a school nursery place or any children approaching three please send them our way. We'd be happy to show any children and parents around.



Miss Gilmartin sent out letters yesterday about our October half term holiday club. I know many families were interested in this when we first suggested the idea so please return your slip and £10 deposit asap to secure a place. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Hill