



Friday 23rd February

Well, we have learnt so much this week. Did you know that wombats do square poo? Neither did I! The children really love to ask questions and to find out new information, they are little sponges. Next week we will be staying in Australia, with a focus on geography and landmarks.



Phonics

We have been revising our phase 3 sounds this week including: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo and ar. We are looking at applying these sounds within longer words and using our chunk it up method to make decoding longer words easier. Chunk it up is where you split longer words into smaller parts e.g. Picnic becomes pic / nic. This method means we don't have to try and blend all of the sounds together in one go.

Reading

Please make sure that your child has their yellow reading diary in school every day so their reading in school can be recorded. Lots of children are earning so many extra stickers for the reading that they do at home, it really does make so much difference to their progress.

Mathematics

This week we have been exploring adding two numbers together. We have been using a really visual model called a **part-part-whole** to help the children understand the concept of combining numbers together. It's a really great visual to use at home to support with early number addition. You can place numbers, objects or anything into the model to help you explore maths at home. There is a demonstration of a part-part-whole model on the next page. You can use plates to demonstrate this method too!

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** and this year we will be doing something a little bit different. We would like the children to create a character puppet that is linked to a favourite book of theirs. We have made this decision this year as an effort to remove the financial burden of sourcing costumes. There is more information along with some examples of what you can do with your child at home on the next page. If you have any questions about world book day please ask your child's teacher at the end of the day or feel free to email in.

We would also like to invite as many parents as possible to **attend our next stay and play session** which will take place **at Bromsgrove library**. If you can attend, **please meet the class at the library at 2pm**. Whilst there, you can spend some time exploring the books with the children before one of librarians shares a story with the class. **At 2:45, you can take your child home straight from the library**. If you cannot attend, then we will walk back to school ready for normal pickup at the end of the day.

Goslings will be 2pm Thursday 7th March Cygnets will be 2pm Friday 8th March

We will need to know in advance if you are able to attend the session so we can ensure those children have all of their belongings with them at the library ready for you to go home from there. Please either let your teacher know on the door or email in to say if you can/cannot attend the session. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

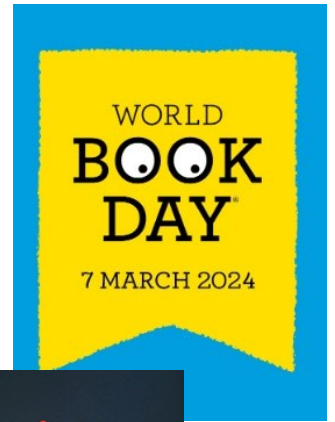
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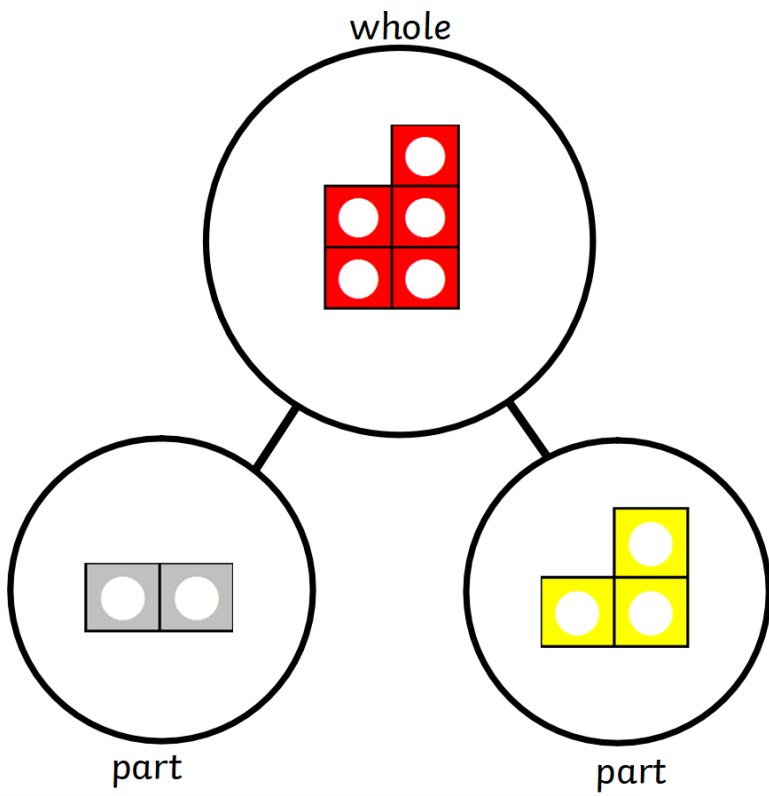


Instead of dressing up this year, we would like you to decorate an item however you like, as long as it relates to a book.

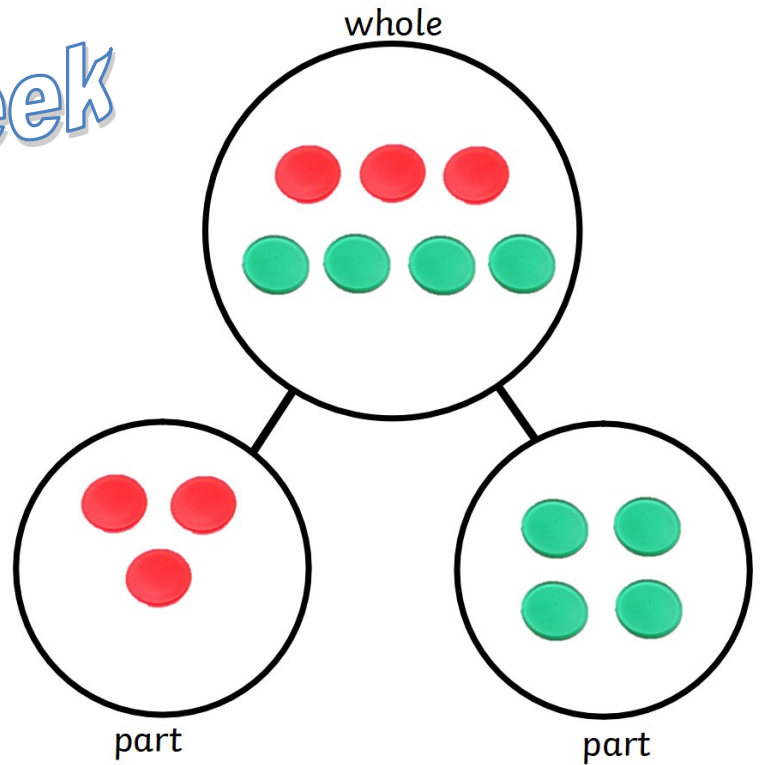
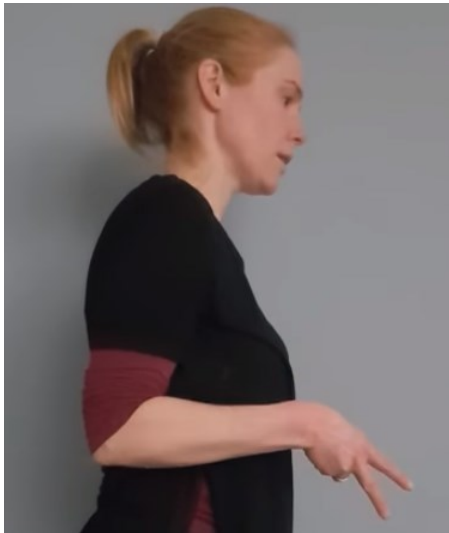
You could choose a wooden spoon, a paper plate, a potato, a pebble, a shoe box or a lolly stick. You could even make a puppet from an odd sock! The options are endless.

Ideas ...





sign of the week



<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ayFIMX0yAYI>

Signalong—again (2 fingers pointing out and in front) and move hand down whilst saying “again”

