

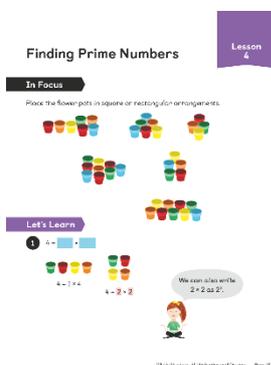
Link January for February 2018

Our main focus this year is mathematics. Maths is seen by many as a 'tricky' subject, too often we hear, "Oh I was no good at maths". When children hear this there is a real danger that they begin to believe it of themselves, they close their minds and do not make the rapid and elevated progress of which we believe them capable. But we believe Maths is and should be fun for everyone! We decided a change of approach would help remove the stigma and enable our children to access maths at a more advanced level.

Our children are really enjoying Maths No Problem, a programme developed in Singapore. Singapore has an international reputation for mathematics learning by incorporating established international research into a highly effective teaching approach. The emphasis of the scheme is to teach children to solve problems. It is testament to the success of the scheme that Singapore is now at the top of international Studies.



We are now in our second term of teaching using the scheme and can report we are



delighted with the progress children are making. The style of the books and the slightly different teaching approach has every child engaged in their maths learning with many now showing enhanced ability to talk and work within maths at a greater depth. By embedding and building on core mathematical skills the children are able to tackle, with confidence, many different mathematical problems because they understand the concept and are not just following a pattern.

If you Google 'Maths No Problem Parent Videos' you will be able to see the scheme in action.

## NOTE FOR DIARY



We are excited about a future joint venture at the school to which we are inviting members of our wider community. The Children's Centre is joining us **on Wednesday 14 March between 1.30 and 5.00pm** to run two sessions for children and families in our Nursery to Year 2 groups. Based around 'The Gruffalo' this promises to be a fun and engaging afternoon. Further details will

follow in the next Link.

As you read this we have 6 children visiting Italy under our Erasmus+ link – more about this next month!