



Newsletter 22nd January

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Huge congratulations to William Pilkington! Will won a prize in the Christmas Bauble competition which was run by the Stonehouse Town Council.

Many children across the schools in Stonehouse entered so it is a fantastic achievement to win one of the prizes, well done Will and what a great prize!



School Office

The school office will be manned from 8.30-3.30pm.
For anything outside of these hours please email scompton@hopelands.org.uk



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Year 3 by Mr Rousell

Year 3 have risen to the technological challenge in all areas. No mean feat.

The children have been learning how to use highlighter / draw tools, text type on working documents, join multiple rooms, upload files and even some spotlighting. Now, if they would only learn where the mute button was 😊.

Lessons have been running relatively smoothly with a general acceptance that technical issues will happen. We have been building calculators to test our multiplication skills, started to explore division, begun refining our instructional writing, investigated the ever-changing layers of soil and even managed to explore a 4,500-year-old tomb in Egypt. We are getting there...

A huge thank you to parents and their continued support.

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Wednesday 20th January

8 Division

In this chapter you will learn how to divide by 3, 4, 6, 10 and 100

Thinking about division
Remember that you can think about division in lots of different ways. You know that $2 \times 5 = 10$, then $10 \div 2 = 5$ and $10 \div 5 = 2$.

Read these examples about how many times 2 goes into 6

Examples:

- (i) How many 2s are there in 6?
- (ii) How many lots of 2 can you subtract from 6?
- (iii) Divide 6 into 2 equal groups.
- (iv) Share 6 equally between 2.
- (v) Divide 6 by 2.

Answers:

- (i) There are 3 lots of 2 in 6.
- (ii) You can subtract 2 from 6 to leave 4, then subtract 2 from 4 to leave 2, then subtract 2 once again. You have subtracted 2 three times.
- (iii) There are 3 lots of 2 in 6.
- (iv) There are 2 lots of 3 in each group.
- (v) There are 2 lots of 3 in each group.

This can also be written as $6 \div 2 = 3$

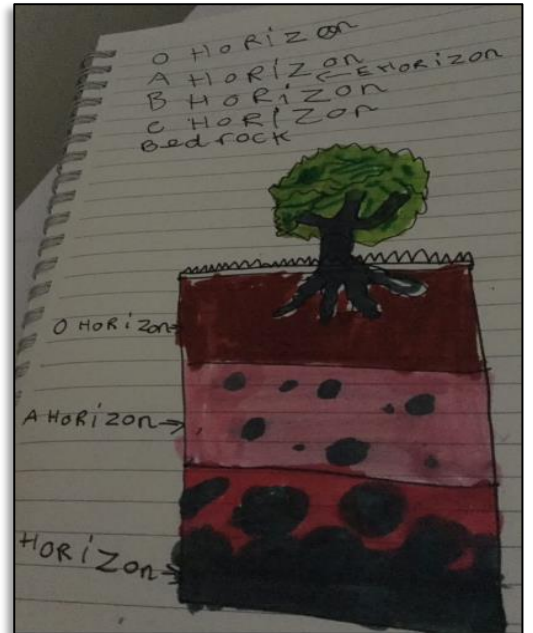
You can use a multiplication table chart to work out a division.

Example: Work out $6 \div 2$

Look at the table.

- First find 2 in the left-hand column.
- Then look along the line for 6.
- Finally, look at the top line above the 6 to find the answer.

$6 \div 2 = 3$



Spelling game!

You will need:
 • 2 sheets of paper
 • 1 pen (or pencil)

about the host

The host is mister Rousell. mister Rousell's smart, and will not be teased! fun and he likes to make jokes.

Instructions

1. First the host asks the contestants how to spell a word.
2. Next the contestants write on a piece of paper.
3. Then the contestants hold up their paper.
4. After that the host says who is right.

First or third person? 1

They had a yummy midnight feast and made a lot of noise. Third

I had a yummy midnight feast and made a lot of noise.

I love to read scary stories but I like my mum to be around. First

She loves to read scary stories but she likes her mum to be around.

He rolls the dice and then moves the counter forwards. Third

We roll the dice and we move the counter forwards.

She washes her hair twice a week and dries it with a hairdryer. Third

I wash my hair twice a week and I dry it with my hairdryer.

I go to gym club on a Tuesday, where I do my exercises. First

I go to the gym club on Tuesday, where they rises.

They weekend and then he ate pancakes. Third

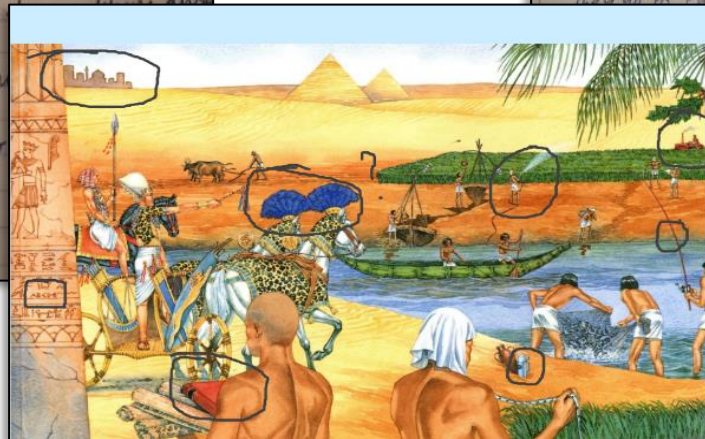
She nine at the weekend and

They flowers and cut the grass around them. Third

It pretty flowers and cut the grass

They puppies and scary snakes - but not together! Third

It cute puppies and scary snakes - er!



Year 5 English by Miss Porter

Year 5 have been brushing up their creative writing skills alongside their class reader: Kensuke's Kingdom.

Below are some examples of their Log Writing which they wrote from the main character's point of view as he sails around the world with his parents (clearly the characters were uninhibited by lockdown restrictions!) Although we cannot travel at the moment, please enjoy living vicariously through some of the Year 5's blog entries.

Below is Harry Pipon-Young's Log Entry:

January 1st

It was a misty morning and there was nothing but sea around us. Pufferfish floated past like lost souls. Everything was so empty. I caught a pufferfish in a jar, it was a replacement of Stella Artois who was so lazy because there was nothing to bark at there were only pufferfish. I brought my new pufferfish down below to show Mum and Dad my new companion. They said it should have a name, so I called it Bluffer Puffer. Stella didn't like Bluffer Puffer, but she was happy she had something to bark at.

January 2nd

It was complete darkness; the sea was gilded in white moonlight. Bluffer puffer was waving his tiny flippers. The sea started to rock the boat; gently at first but slowly it began to get choppier. It was like Poseidon's rage boiling and frothing. The boat tremored with every wave that hit it. The storm was violently getting worse and worse. And before I knew it, the sea was the leviathan's battle arena. Bluffer Puffer was going mental. He was backflipping and had full size spikes sticking out like an electrified hedgehog. The boat was tossed like a bath toy, the heavens were ripped open by strips of lightning and the rain lashed at our faces. Thunder, sinful and relentless, exploded all around us.

The sky was jet black and there was nothing but waves everything was pandemonium. The waves seemed like jagged fangs closing in on us on every corner. Years it felt like till finally it started to calm down soothed by hypnotic whale song.



Year 5 English by Miss Porter

Below is Vandamai Steger's Log Entry:

January 1st

This morning, I awoke to find a deafening noise coming from outside on the deck. I slowly crept out of my cabin bed and tiptoed to the door. I looked through the keyhole expecting to see pirates, but instead I saw my Mother and Father shouting excitedly and pointing to a distant island. We had reached Australia! This is the best late Christmas present ever! I could see the massive mountains; they had snow on them.

January 2nd

Mother promised us that she would go to a doctor here because she has been getting stomach cramps. It is a terrible shame because she cannot see the beautiful scenery like me and Father. Early this morning, we arrived at Australia! The first thing I did was jump out of the boat and run up and down the beach. I had to help carry all of our possessions, but I did not mind, for we were finally on land.

The leaves on the trees were a magnificent emerald green and the sky was the loveliest sapphire blue.

When we arrived at Uncle John's house, he came rushing out to greet us. He invited us inside and we ate the tastiest dinner- turkey with roast potatoes and greens.

At around eight o' clock, he showed us our bedrooms, mine was painted a white colour and had a balcony that looked out to the sea. I climbed into bed and pretended to fall asleep. When he went back downstairs, I climbed silently out of bed and tiptoed to the balcony and looked outside. It was a sight that you would not miss for the world.

January 3rd

In the morning, we ate a breakfast of fresh grapefruit and watermelon, we washed it down with a glass of orange juice. I put on some boots and went outside to have a walk in the interesting jungles. I was told to come back at twelve o' clock and not a minute later. The Sun was shining brightly and distant birds were singing. The palm trees were softly swaying because of the wind. I heard a hoof tapping somewhere in the forest. I shook my head thinking that it was a horse, but then I started thinking why was there a horse here. I heard the tapping noise again. I decided to follow it to find the horse. After a while, there was only silence. Then a voice questioning me. I looked around not knowing who was saying that. A horse which was a man stepped out. It was a centaur!

Weekly Countdown Challenge by Mrs Elmore

Every week Mrs Elmore sets the children in Year 6 a countdown challenge.... can you complete it?!

Challenge:

Use +, -, x, ÷ to make either 705 (easier) or 429 (more challenging). You may only use the given numbers once; you may find you do not need them all.



Music by Mrs Powell

It has been a busy musical week for the Hopelands children! Here is a summary of what the classes have been up to:

- Reception have been making bear puppets for a chant that they are learning. They are using different voices for the bears in the story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'.
- Class 2 are learning how to clap castle theme related rhythm patterns. This links in with both their history and DT subjects where they are learning about castles.
- Year 3 have been learning a song about the Egyptians by singing 'Amazing Egyptians'. They have added a drum pattern as an accompaniment.
- Year 4 have been singing 'Just Like Roman'. They have been listening and talking about the theme music from the Gladiator film. Eva gave us a fantastic recital on her drums and told us all about playing them.
- Year 5 and Year 6 have been clapping Tudor rhythm patterns. Charles and Zoe also led the first part of the lesson as they gave a talk about their violin and guitar which they then played music on. It was a fascinating insight, and lovely to hear them play. The rest of the class enjoyed finding out more about their instruments and listening to how their music sounded.

Reception by Miss O'Neill

We have been learning the 'ai' sound this week and as part of our Maths extension challenge Alex discovered that a Kangaroo can jump a fantastic 78 inches!



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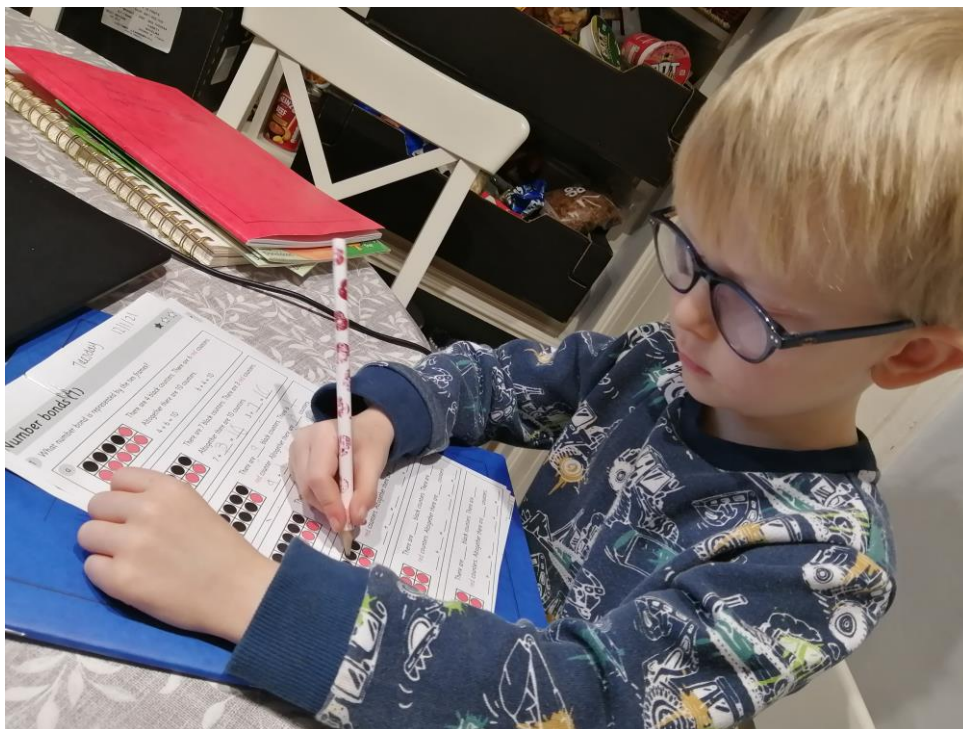


Lockdown Gallery

Florence celebrating her birthday during lockdown and online schooling. Happy birthday Florence!



Arthur working on number bonds in Class 2, welcome to Hopelands Arthur.



Lockdown Gallery

Teddy bears in school!

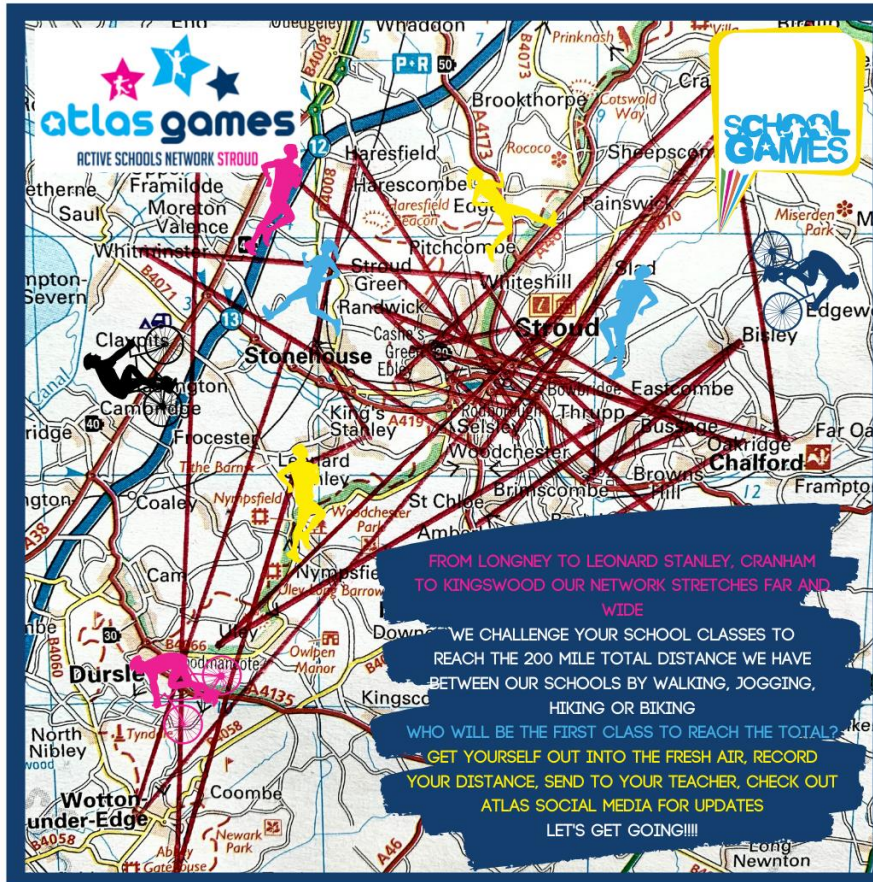


Mattie perfecting sit ups in her PE lesson.



House Competition

Atlas Sports have set a termly challenge to local schools. They have asked for each class to compete to reach the total of 200 miles by walking, running, hiking, or biking. Miss Walker is going to run this as a house competition so please send across your miles to her, so she can record the total. This can be done as part of your daily exercise following Government guidelines. It would be great to see how you get on so please do send in your photos.



Cheltenham Festivals

Cheltenham Festivals has their #CheltLitFest Schools and Family programme available online, free of charge, for an extended period until Friday 12 February. The programme of events includes author talks, draw-alongs, poetry sessions and storytelling. If you would like to find out more, please click below:

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