

# Fen Rivers Academy School News

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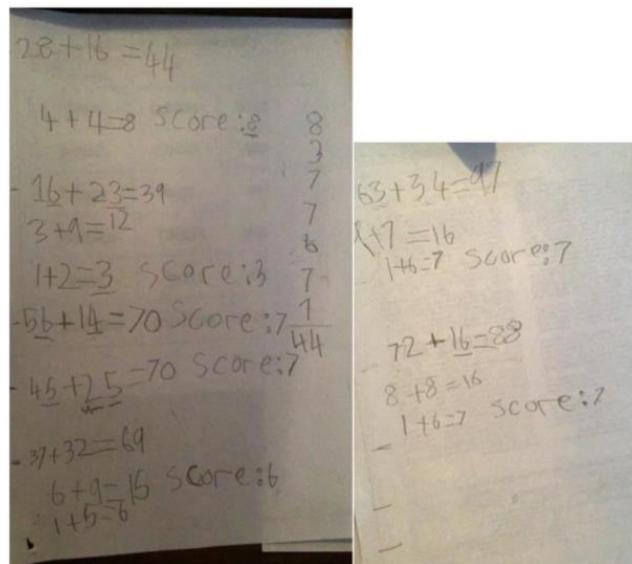
## Our School Improvement Focus this week: Mental Health and Wellbeing

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you. Whilst it is not the start to term we had all expected we are open and have been impressed with how engaged all of our learners have been whether working remotely or from the school site. Thank you for this. The staff team are here to support and will be making live contact daily to those of you working remotely to support with learning, check on wellbeing and help to unravel any challenges that have arisen with getting online and engaging with the curriculum.

For many of you the news of another lockdown will have heightened anxiety. We are here to help. We can signpost agencies that may be able to offer support outside of school, including support for mental health and wellbeing as well as the foodbank. Our Advocates can be contacted via the school office or admin email if you need anything at all and we will do our best to help or to find agencies that can.

**Forest Schools this week:** Nicola writes knowing it was going to be cold I brought in hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits. In addition, I brought in a selection of hard hats and hi-vis vests along with maps of the Forest School area to go with clipboards and pencils. The intention was to get the children to be surveyors and help assess the site to see what improvements need to be made. The weather: cold, wet and windy. They were all patient, took turns and chatted away. They all tried on the hard hats and hi-vis. They didn't want to write anything but told me and the staff their opinions which were scribed for them. They then all ran around role playing a game of their own creation, still wearing the hard hats and vests. A bit of den building went on as well. There was lots of conversation about things the children would like to have in the Forest School area.

In Hedgehogs this week, both on and off site, children have been reviewing and practicing addition and subtraction in the



Rico has been practicing adding two digit numbers and it seems he is getting very confident. He uses different number facts to find the answers.

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first week back to school to build up confidence and to practice using different facts to solve calculations.

Polar Bears children have been busy learning how to make sausage rolls with Mrs Cole. In maths we have been developing our understanding of fractions. We used colour changing soap while rolling a dice and making the number shown using counters and Numicon, we were then asked to show half and quarter of that number. We also made our very own Fractions pizza!



I look forward to sharing more fantastic learning with you next week.

Mrs Fewkes and Team Fen Rivers.

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