

# Fen Rivers Academy School News

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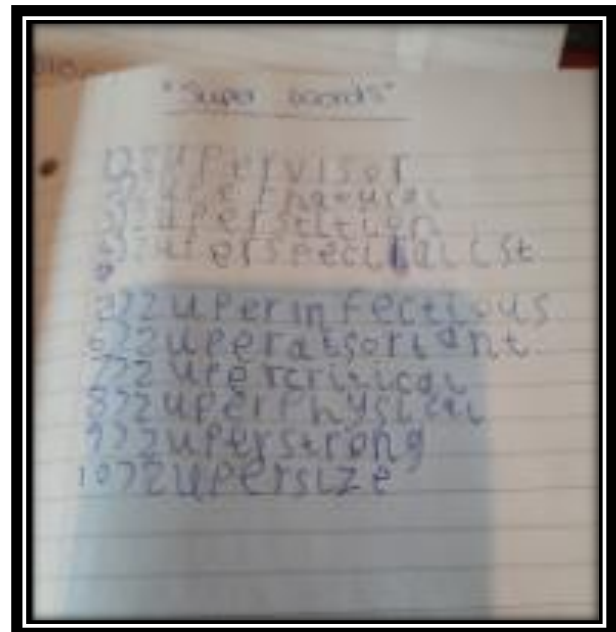
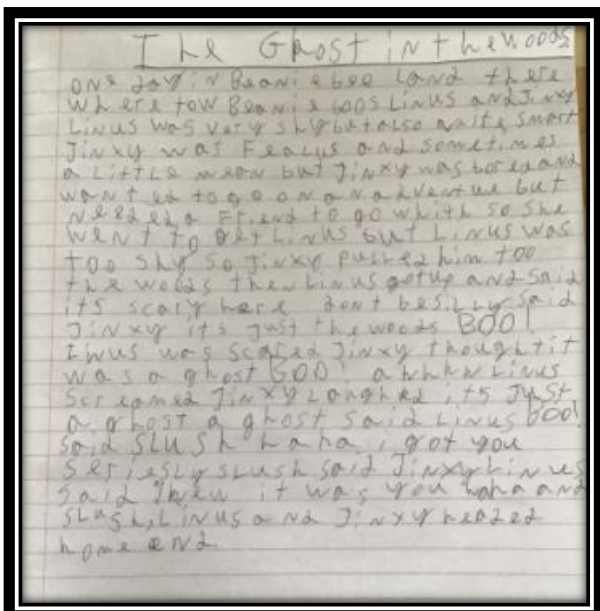
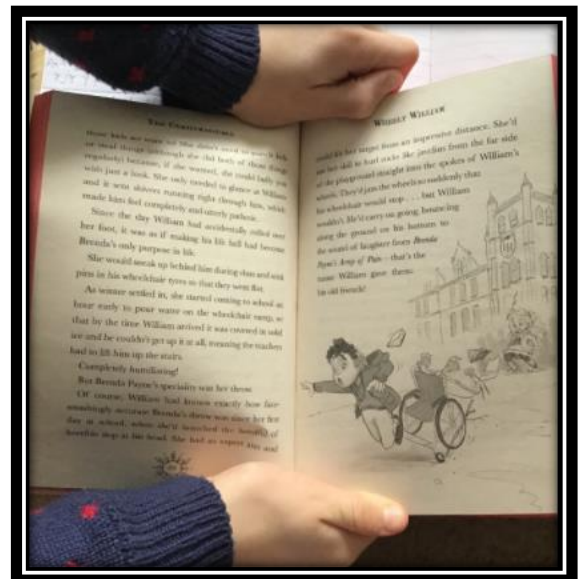
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### This week's School Improvement Focus: Reading

This has been yet another busy week at Fen Rivers, with everyone working hard. We have been focusing on reading at school through our daily DEAR sessions. Drop Everything and Read! This has proved popular at school and at home. Ms Ferguson's dog enjoys a story too.

The English theme continues with some outstanding story writing. This student tried to scare us with a ghost story!



Koalas have worked on prefixes this week. This Koala has found lots of other words which begin with the prefix "super".

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Using "things" to help us do maths is so important but can be

tricky at home. Mrs K gave us some home manipulative ideas. We can use these to help us to answer maths questions and ideas. The buttons became counters and she showed

us how to put them in numicon shapes. Straws became homemade Cuisenaire rods. Egg boxes became sorting pots and plastic cups became number trays.



Why not have a go at making your own manipulatives at home and send us some pictures?

Children in the Elephants class have done some great work in the style of Frida Kahlo. She is from Mexico and she painted lots of pieces using nature and

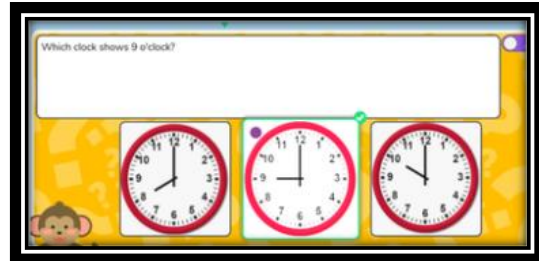
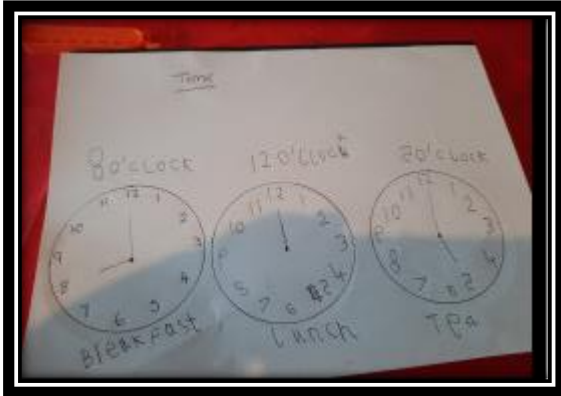


animals as a basis. Can you guess who the student is from the self-portrait?

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Koalas and Elephants have been telling the time this week. They have used the analogue clock. I like the idea of knowing when breakfast, lunch and tea are!



Koalas have also looked at division. This amazing piece of work shows us how to use short division and divide 2 digit numbers. Then they went on to give it a try, using lots of examples. Super star mathematician!

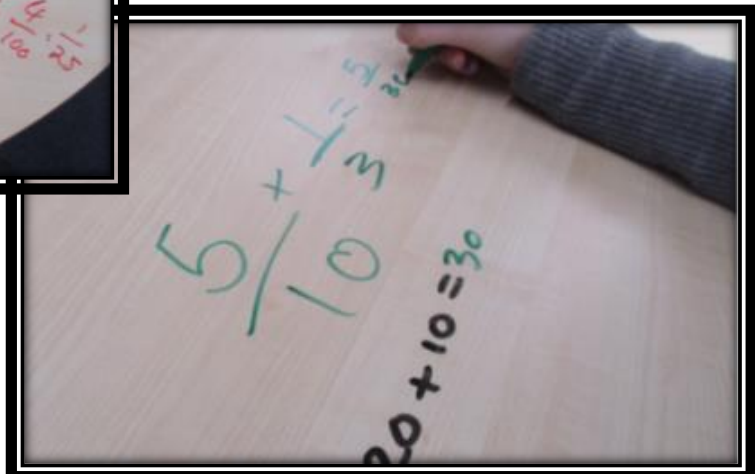
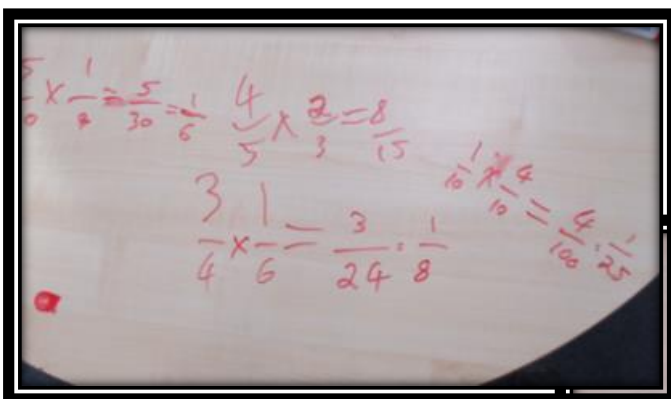
Dolphins and Polar bears have continued their work on fractions, multiplying and adding this week!

L.O. To use short division to divide 2-digit numbers

$$78 \div 6 = 13$$

1 remainder left over  $3 \times 6 = 18$

1. $96 \div 6 = 16$	7. $68 \div 4 = 17$
2. $69 \div 3 = 23$	8. $85 \div 5 = 17$
3. $84 \div 6 = 14$	9. $98 \div 7 = 14$
4. $84 \div 7 = 12$	10. $78 \div 3 = 26$
5. $54 \div 3 = 18$	11. $92 \div 4 = 23$
6. $52 \div 4 = 13$	12. $96 \div 8 = 12$



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Our resident drummer, Mr Evans, has once again been hard at work. He has recorded two videos for us, which can be found on the web page (under students, creative arts). He has also given us some ideas for making our own instruments.



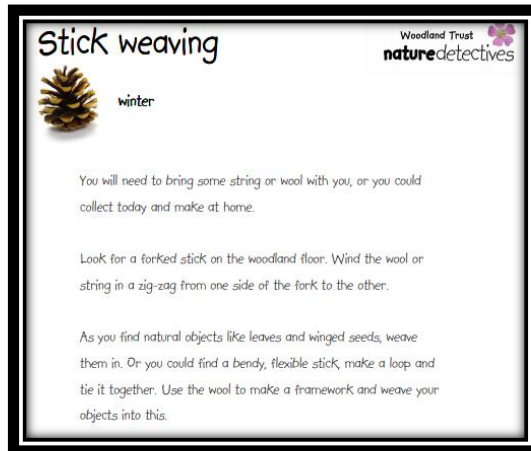
If you would like any help with this let Mr Evans know. He will be happy to help.



Science in year 7, was chromatography. The individual substances in a mixture can be separated using different methods, depending on the type of mixture. These methods include filtration, evaporation, distillation and chromatography. We looked at separating out the colours in felt pens.



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It may be cold and snowy this week, but this doesn't stop us getting outside. Nicola has sent us some Winter activities to do in forest schools.

A scavenger hunt and stick weaving are just two activities you can find on the web page.

Finally, continuing this week's focus on reading, why not go to the web site and take a look at Miss Green's online stories? She records several a week and you can find them on the web page under Hedgehogs.

You might also notice that teachers are putting their favourite books on the bottom of their emails and on their classroom and office doors. Have you noticed what Mrs Fewkes is reading?



**PS. Please send in your snowman pictures for the next newsletter!!!! Mrs K.**