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Mrs Speight's message ...

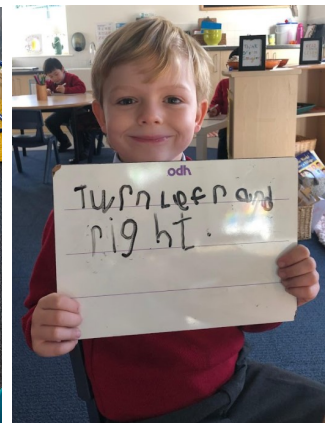
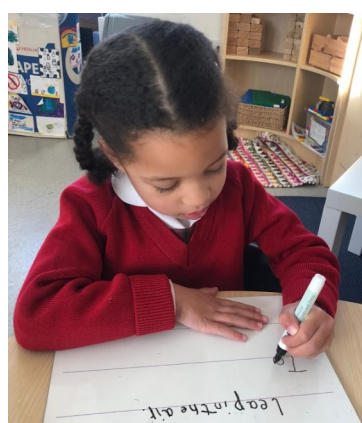
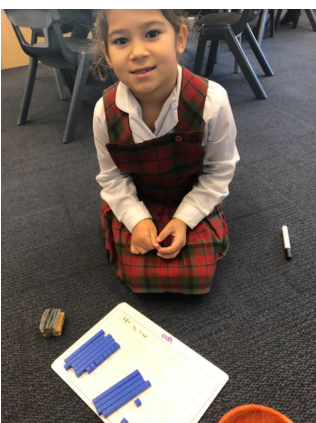
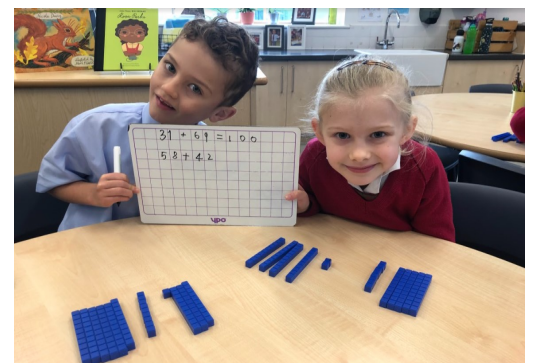
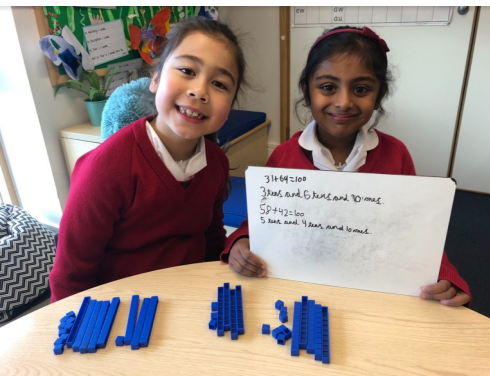
As we hurtle towards December, the excitement in Pre-Prep is simmering nicely. Shannon from Teesside Hospice delivered a super assembly in preparation for our Reindeer Run. The children impressed her with their moves and grooves carefully choreographed by our very own Mr Davies! The Reception children have worked hard with their maths and have been subitising, identifying numbers up to 5. 'A Little Bird' is ready to fly as we are in the final stages of rehearsal for our nativity on Wednesday night. It will be a joyous occasion made all the more special as we were not able to perform for you last year. Personally, I am very proud of our Ukulele players who can now play 4 songs. I wonder whether the children can remember which chord they can play? Grateful thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work in preparing for the ball, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...

Warmest wishes...

Joanne Speight



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## Amazing Assault Course

During P.E., the children have been learning all about how we move. Mr Simpson transformed the sports hall into an assault course which challenged the children to balance, crawl, jump and spin their way through a whole host of obstacles. You might like to create a mini-assault course of your own at home by ducking under chairs, crawling under duvets and hopping on the spot.





## Counting and Numbers

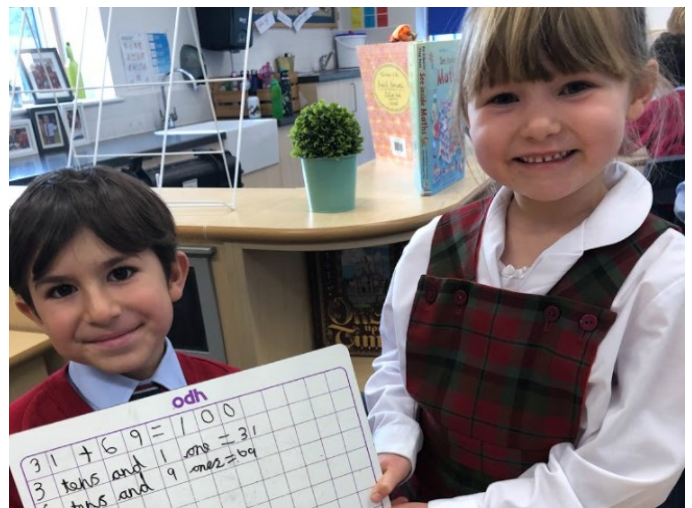
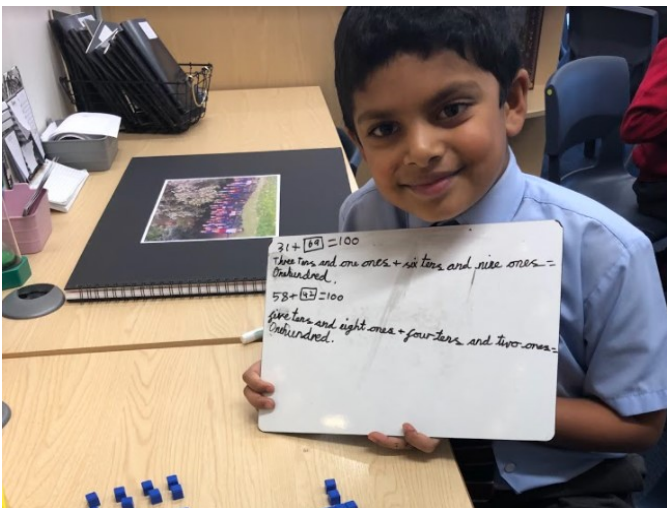
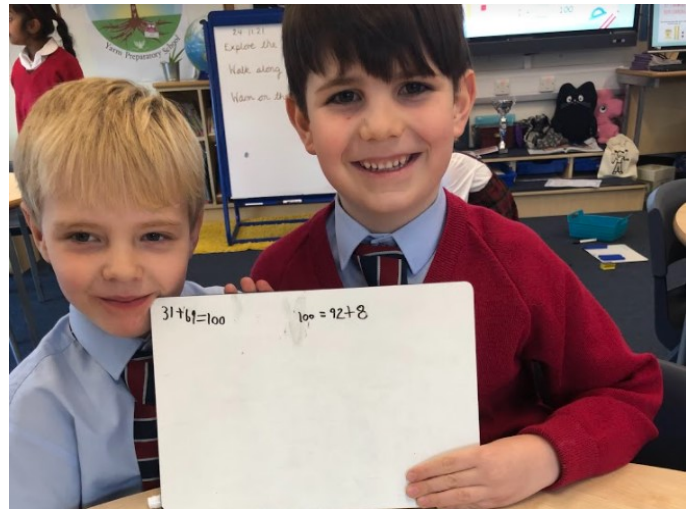
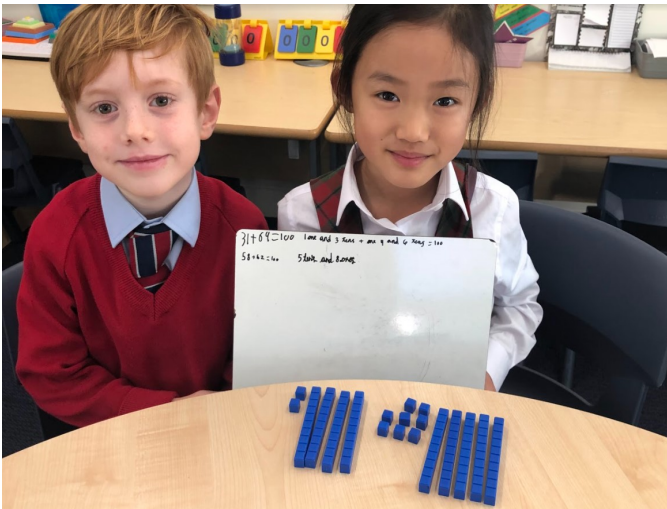
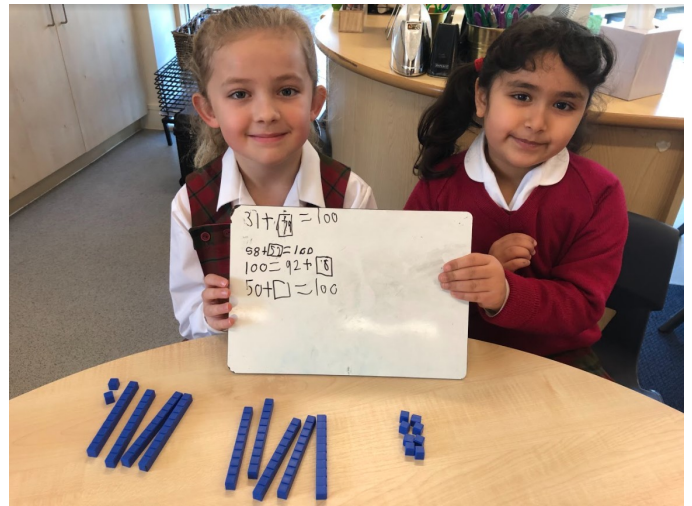
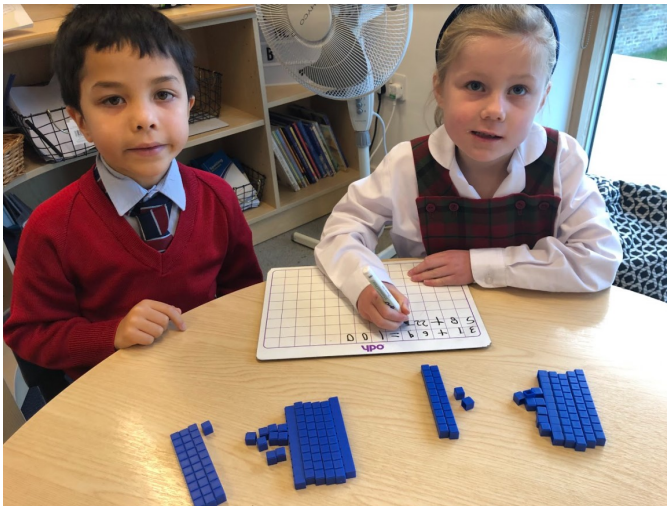
There has been lots of counting happening in Nursery. The children love to explore the Maths Area, however, this is not just where the learning takes place. During our exploration of the playdough, we count out currant buns or cakes. Sometimes we add birthday candles and count them out carefully. In the block area, we see so much learning taking place, including the children's reasoning skills. Working out how to balance towers and count out the number of blocks needed is just the beginning! At tidy up time, working out where the blocks should go on the shelf and matching up the shapes to their silhouettes is an added challenge!





## Bonds to 100 tens and ones

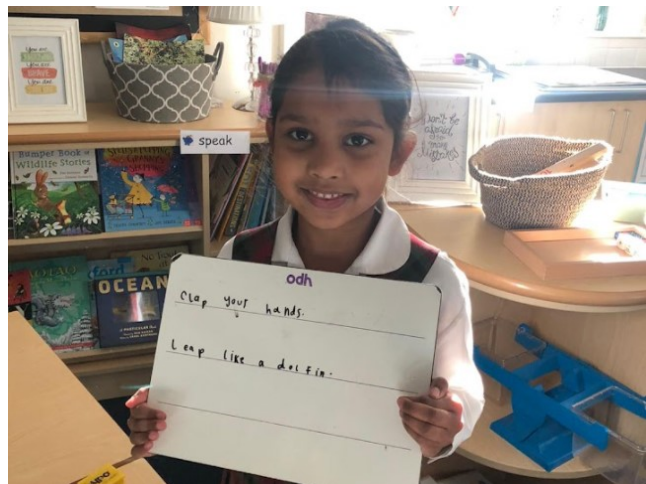
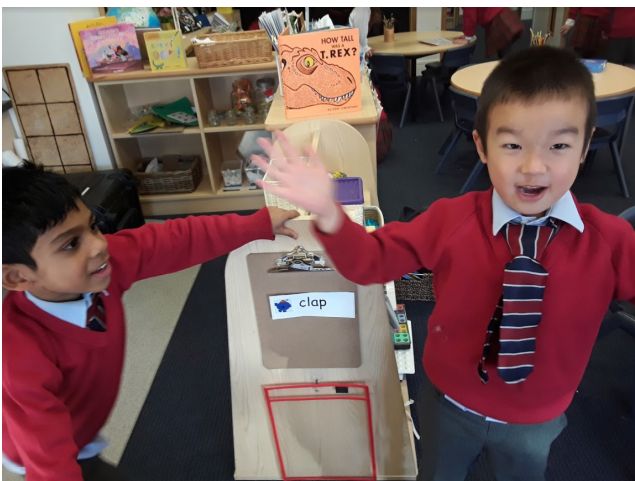
As part of our English lessons, Year 2 have focused on fronted adverbials to make our writing really interesting to read. We read *The Smeds* and *The Smoos* and identified key vocabulary. Afterwards we created our own fronted adverbial banks and wrote them into sentences. Our final English task this week was to work in groups using the 'Jigsaw' retelling game; each group had a different part of the story and the children rewrote it using fronted adverbials to make it exciting to read. We then put each part together to retell the whole story. In maths we have been practising number bonds to 100. We used Base 10 to find missing numbers and then record our number sentences. Why not challenge us at home and ask us what the missing number might be?





## Exploring Instructions

The Year One children have been preparing to write instructions to make delicious vegetable soup. The first step was developing hands on experience which they did so wonderfully last week, chopping and stirring and raising money for Children in Need with their 'Soup Sale'. We have been thinking about what makes instructions clear and useful. Our activities have involved ordering instructions which were muddled using imperative verbs. Perhaps you can help your child look for some examples of instructions at home this weekend?





## Fantastic Fundraising

We are delighted to be supporting some wonderful charities in the Pre-Prep. Last Friday we enjoyed a non-uniform day for Children in Need where the children were asked to wear something that best celebrates themselves— there were many different outfits and even princesses and super heroes! We also welcomed Shannon from Teesside Hospice who told us about the Reindeer Run which will be taking place on 16th December to help raise money for this important charity. Antlers at the ready!







## Christmas Holiday School

There is still time to book your child's place for Christmas holiday school which runs from Monday 20th December—Wednesday 22nd December.

Places are limited, so early booking via the below link is essential.

<https://forms.gle/8MMqHqvUkdUpcryv6>

## Year 1 & 2 Nativity

We hope you are all looking forward to the Year 1 & 2 performance of 'A Little Bird Told Me' on Wednesday 1st December at 6pm.

The children will stay at school after 3.30pm and we shall provide them with a hot tea ahead of the performance.

The bar at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium will be open from 5pm.



## Notice from Lyndsey—First Aid Lead

Please be reminded that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for vomiting/and or diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last episode.

Your support with this will help to reduce the spread of infection in school.

## Our New Piano!



Our beautiful new piano arrived at Pre-Prep this week! A big thank you to the Social Committee for funding this. More photos to follow in next weeks newsletter!

## Winter Clothing



As the colder weather approaches please ensure that all children bring a coat to school each day to keep them warm when outside.