Focus for Learning

August – October 2018

First Level

Numeracy and Mathematics

Our focus for this term will be:

* **Addition Strategies, Numerals, Symmetry** and **Pattern**

The children will be learning to:

* Identify and recognise 3 digit numerals and multiples of 100
* Sequence and order numerals: 78 79 80 81   
   36 44 51 62
* Use **mental strategies** to add 9, 19, 29… add 11, 21, 31…
* Add through a 10s number, e.g. 38 + 5 = 38 + 2 + 3
* Use strategies such as the **empty number line** and **partitioning** to add within 200
* Recognise symmetrical patterns and shapes in the environment
* Complete a basic shape/picture, with one line of symmetry, to make it symmetrical
* Continue number patterns by adding/subtracting/doubling numbers

At home: practise the addition strategies you are learning in your Home Learning jotter. Spot number patterns in the 100 square – pick a starting number and add 2 each – what do you notice?



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Literacy

Our focus for writing activities will be:

* Character descriptions
* Letter Writing

At home: Write as often as you can! Have a go at writing a letter to someone. Write a description of a character from a favourite book. Write the weekly shopping list. Write a story of your own!

Our focus for reading activities will be:

* Looking for new/WOW vocabulary within texts
* Reading for information – Identifying key points in a text and summarising a paragraph
* Identifying common and proper nouns

Our focus for Talking and Listening activities will be:

* Asking and answering different types of questions to show understanding of a text
* Contributing appropriately to discussions – demonstrating positive body language and taking turns to speak