**Primary 7 news**

In maths we have been leaning divisibility rules. A divisibility rule for 2,4 and 8 is that there has to be an even number in the units column for it to divide equally. For example 2000 is divisible by 2,4 and 8 because if you half it (dividing by 2) the answer is 1000 then if you have it again(you are now dividing 2000 by 4) the answer is 500 and if you half it again(you are now dividing 2000 by 8) the answer is 250. An example of a number that is only divisible by 2 and 4 is 484 because when you half it(you are dividing it by 2), the answer is 242 and then you half it again(you are dividing 484 by 4), the answer is 121. As there is now an odd number in the units you can’t half it again (therefore you can’t divide 484 by 8). I know this is a lot to take in but we do love a puzzle in P7.

So to bamboozle you even more, we also learned the divisibility rule for 25 and 50. For 25 you need the number to end in a 50,25,75 and 00 and for 50 it has to end in 00 or 50.

We must admit we found it tricky at first but now we are much better by practicing lots in class.

In language we have been reading a book called Clockwork. We have been reading this as a class text. This week we have been looking at inferencing and have been exploring the character of Dr Kamenius in more depth. We have also been learning to summarise and make our writing more interesting.

In German we have been learning silent night. At first it was hard but now most of us know it without the words. We have also been learning Christmas vocabulary.

The most exciting thing that has happened recently was that we moved into the brand new huts. Although the stage was ok, we are much happier because there is much more room and lots of new things to make our classroom nice. We have brand new toilets and they’re massive. The colours are grey and white. Our classroom colour is blue and everything matches. We all made Christmas decorations to make our classroom Christmassy.

We will be sending invites to each class this week for you to come over and have a nosey at a time which suits your teacher.

Thank you for listening to P7 news.