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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Newsletter

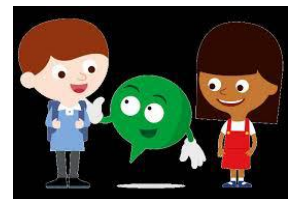
As parents of our older children will be aware, we occasionally have assemblies run by the NSPCC in our school. Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic has meant that the **Speak out Stay safe** assemblies and workshops have had to be postponed until the Autumn term. In the meantime, primary school children across the UK can watch a special assembly with **Ant and Dec** and **David Walliams** in partnership with the **Department for Education**.

Featuring highlights from the NSPCC's hugely popular **Speak out Stay Safe** assembly, this assembly helps children understand what's happening currently, why they may be feeling anxious or worried, and where to get help if they need it in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot, Buddy the speech bubble.



Buddy wants everyone to know that **all children have the right to: speak out and be heard. Be safe.**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/>



The NSPCC works hard to **protect children today** and **prevent abuse tomorrow** and they need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as **Childline** – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds

We are delighted to support the NSPCC by taking part in **Number Day** on **Friday 7th May 2021**.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards the subject. Lots of maths activities are planned and pupils were asked to wear something number related. This could be an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!); or even more creatively dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

We are taking on **Buddy's Key Challenge** in our classes, solving exciting maths puzzles in our class bubbles.

Counting books can help your child learn about numbers while boosting literacy skills; however, a good counting book isn't just a combination of illustrations and numbers. Good ones have stories, draw readers in, and make them want to read the book over and over again. These 10 books are all great examples of how numbers and





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words can combine to make a great book.

How do Dinosaurs Count to Ten? by Jane Yolen teaches young children to count from one to ten! Dinosaurs delight young readers with their playful antics.



A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars Book by Seth Fishman

Did you know that the earth is covered in three trillion trees? And that seven billion people weigh about the same as ten quadrillion ants? Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that many of anything?



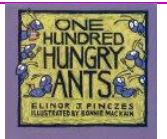
365 Penguins is a 2006 children's book by Jean-Luc Fromental and illustrated by Joelle Jolivet which tells the story of a family who receives a penguin each day for a year.



How Big Is A Million? by Anna Milbourne Pipkin the smallest penguin is always asking questions, but what he wants to know most of all is how big is a million. So he sets off to find out, and along the way meets 100 penguins, sees 1,000 snowflakes and meets one new friend before being amazed to finally find out how big a million really is



Elinor J. Pinczes's '**One Hundred Hungry Ants**' (1993) follows the story of 100 hungry ants who are racing to a picnic far far away for some food



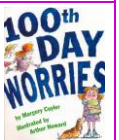
Spaghetti and Meatballs for All! by Marilyn Burns

Mr. and Mrs. Comfort are having a family reunion! Mr. Comfort starts cooking up his famous spaghetti and meatballs, while Mrs. Comfort carefully arranges eight tables and thirty-two chairs so that everyone will have a seat.



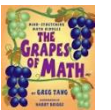
100th Day Worries Book by Margery Cuyler

Jessica is a worrier. She worries about everything, and that includes what to bring to class for 100th Day. Nothing she can think of seems right. 100 ice cubes? Too melty. 100 marshmallows? Too sticky. 100 toothpicks? Too pointy.



The Grapes of Math by Greg Tang.

This innovative and delightful book challenges children and parents to open their minds and solve problems in new and unexpected ways.



Pigs Will Be Pigs: Fun with Math and Money by Amy Axelrod

Join the pig family as they add, subtract, multiply, divide, and think about how money works in order to satisfy their big pig appetites! The pigs are very hungry, and there's no food in the house. Mr. Pig suggests eating out—but oh, no! The Pigs are out of money! So the family goes on a money hunt. ..



How Many Bugs in a Box? by David A. Carter

All kinds of boxes full of all kinds of bugs makes this book full of fun and surprises! Inside each bright box are bugs to count from one to ten. Young children will laugh and learn as they lift open the boxes and find colourful, comical bugs that pop out, run, eat -- and even swim!





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We've been doing lots of activities within school and Year 5 children have been taking part in both a virtual skipping and a virtual football skills festival and are currently submitting their results.

Shanklea Superstars



Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week

Callum S	Maya S	Jake T	Layla T	Harley H	Alfie O
	Marley J	Lily F	Olivia J	Martha D	
	Kailyn L	Jessica C	Archie D	Louie H	



Mrs Trood has been busy knitting a blanket during lockdown and has set the children in KS2 a number day challenge to estimate the length of time it has taken her. A KS2 Sumdog competition has also been set up and the winners to both competitions will be announced next week.



We would like to say a huge thank you to **Mrs McConnell and her family** for their donation of a shed and to **Billy R and his dad** for their excellent work felting the EYFS shed roof. What a team!



**Thank
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I would like to thank everyone in our Shanklea community for your support as we continue to work together through these often challenging times.

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