



Celebrating Maths!

This year's St James and St John Maths Day has been an incredibly successful one with a wide array of costumes worn and fantastically interesting investigations carried out.

Thank you to all those who participated and contributed to the PFA Fundraising event.

Nursery:



The children in Nursery enjoyed working together to put the number mats in order from 1 to 8 whilst taking turns to roll dice and count the correct number of strawberries to add to their baskets. Using props to help develop their fine motor skills, the children also counted fluffy balls as they collected them. The Nursery children also spent time counting objects whilst pouring and measuring water with different jugs and cups.

Reception:

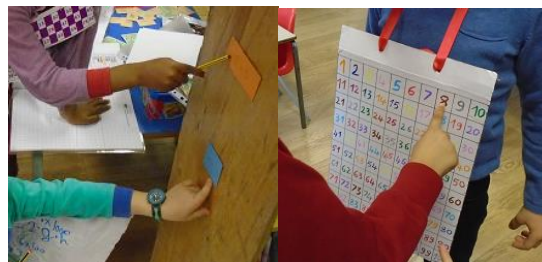


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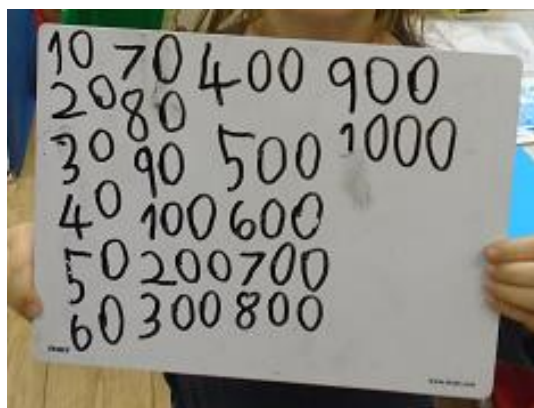
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Reception had great fun looking at the different parts of everyone's costumes – shapes, numbers, lines, patterns – as well as investigating the numbers and shapes they use every day in the classroom.



Year 3:

Year 1:



Year 1 investigated numbers and how they are represented. They also practised their addition skills by counting on 1 and 2 from different starting numbers.

Year 2:

Year 2 used each other's costumes to carry out a mathematical question hunt. Using their answers, the children worked hard to crack the code.



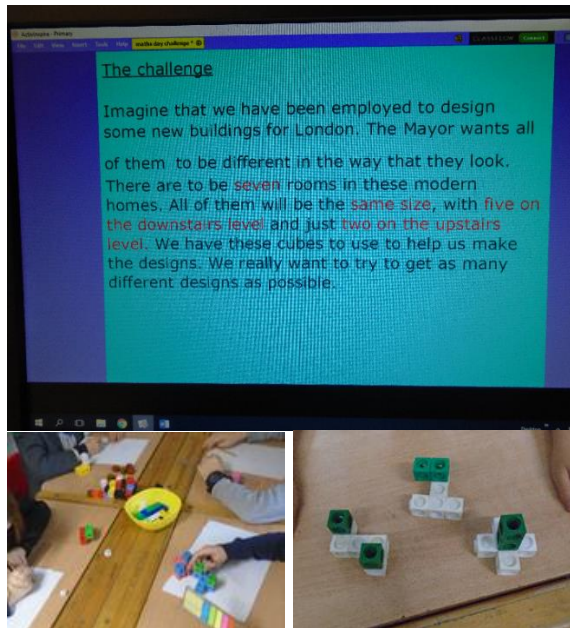
Year 3 looked at measurement by measuring each other's heights and feet. They then collated their information into a table and began to challenge themselves by converting the measurements into millimetres.

Year 4:

Year 4 was set a challenge to design new homes for London. They had a

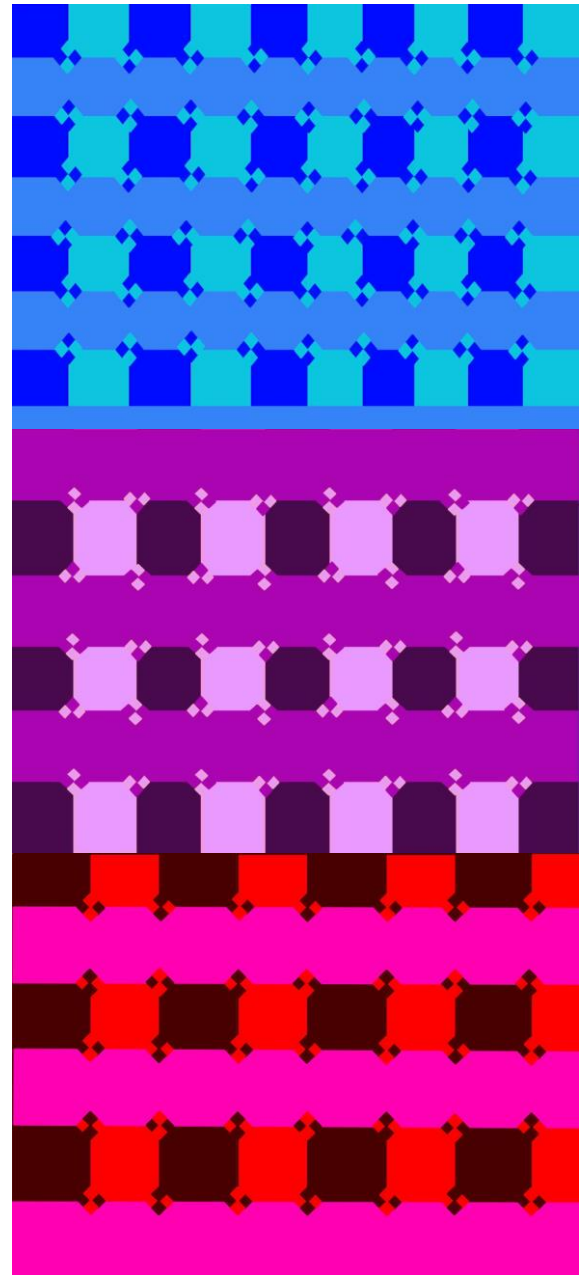


very specific brief to follow but they managed to generate many different variations so that all of the homes were different.



Year 5:

Year 5 investigated the geometry behind optical illusions. By looking at the different types and properties of lines – straight, horizontal, vertical, parallel, intersecting, diagonal – and quadrilaterals, the class created their own optical illusions involving horizontal lines. Note: All the thick rectangles and squares in these artworks were created by the students, using horizontal lines.



Year 6:

Year 6 completed a carousel of maths-based activities on Maths Day, demonstrating their true love for the subject.

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Half Term

Please have a safe and restful half term break. We have been very busy during the first half of Autumn Term and all deserve the opportunity to recharge. We have all worked very hard to ensure that our key value for the term, Fellowship, has been shown

in everything we do. It would be wonderful to have a discussion with your children to reinforce the connection between what they have done and achieved and how that shows a connection and shared experience with all other members of St James and St John.

Autumn Term 2

A reminder that the new term will start on Tuesday 30th of October for all students. The red door will open at 8:45am and the school bell will ring at 8:55am.

Yoga

Next half term, as a part of our Growth Mind-set and P.E. curriculums, all students across the school will be participating in 30-minute yoga lessons each week to help develop a more holistic approach to their learning. Our instructor will be working with the children for 6 weeks, which will help everyone gain a greater understanding of the practice as well as being more physically active.

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Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-teacher meetings will be taking place on Thursday 1st November from 3:40pm. Please look out for your confirmation slip, which will be handed out on Tuesday after the half-term break.

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October 2018

Wednesday 17th October

Whole School Maths Day

School holiday –Half Term

Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October 2018

Monday 29 October – Friday 21 December 2018

INSET DAY Monday 29th October

Thursday 1st November

Autumn Term parent & teacher meetings

Thursday 8th November

PFA pub evening at The Mitre

Monday 12th-Friday 16th November

Anti-bullying Week

Friday 7th December

PFA Christmas Market

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th December

EYFS Christmas Show for Parents

Thursday 20th December

Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Show for parents 10am and 2pm

Friday 21st December

Whole School Nativity Service at St John's Hyde Park 10am

Friday 21st December

Last day of term – school closes to children at 1:30pm

School holiday – Christmas

Monday 24 December 2018 - Friday 4 January 2019

Monday 7th January

First day of the Spring Term

THIS IS NOT AN INSET DAY!

Please note that this is the one half term of the year that will not start with an INSET DAY and the children will be expected in school on Monday 7th January.

Monday 7th January

Whole-school Epiphany Service at St. James's Sussex gardens 2pm

Wednesday 16th January

KS1 SATs meeting for parents 5pm

KS2 SATs meeting for parents 6pm

Monday 11th- Friday 15th February

POETRY WEEK

Tuesday 12th February – class finals

Thursday 14th February – whole-school final

Thursday 14th February

PFA School Disco