

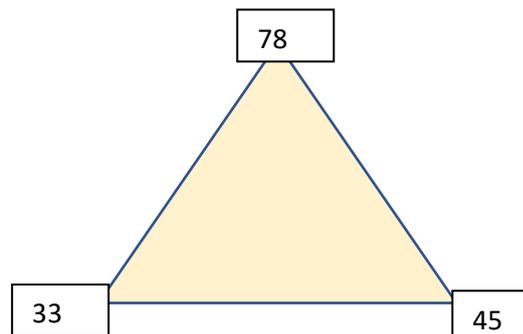
Swan Class

12th January 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic week back at St Ebbe's. We have started our new topic of India, which we know will be an exciting, colourful and interesting unit of work. In literacy this week, we have been reading *Cinnamon*, the story of an Indian princess who meets a tiger. The children will be extending this story by taking the princess and tiger on a journey around India. They will be focussing on using accurate punctuation, adventurous language and sentence structures in their stories.

In maths, we have been working on number patterns. The children have been looking at finding the rule of and extending number sequences. We have looked at the importance of accuracy in this work. We are now moving on to using the Magic Triangle, which is a useful visual to show the relationships between numbers. An example is shown below:



From the triangle, you can make two addition number sentences and two subtraction number sentences. This visual can also be used to show the relationship between multiplication and division.

In **science**, we are beginning our work on Light. The children will be looking at the properties of light, shadows and reflection. In Art, we will be looking at colourful Rangoli patterns.

If you can contribute to any of these topics, either by talking to the children or by lending resources, that would be hugely appreciated.

Mornings

We want to continue to welcome parents into classrooms in the morning, but across the school teachers are finding that the children settle much better if parents who come in, settle them to their Early Work and leave promptly. This is less divisive for those whose parents do not come in, and more conducive to children starting the day well.

Reading Helpers

We are looking for parent reading helpers to come and listen to children read on a regular basis in the afternoon. It can be for as little as half an hour - every little helps! If you can volunteer, please let me know.

Cooking support

We are also looking for a parent to assist with cooking on Tuesday afternoons on a regular basis. If you're happy to help, please let me know.

Indoor shoes and PE kits

Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes, the classroom carpets do suffer in this wet weather! Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit, this is important so that every child can have a full PE lesson.

Lastly, Happy New Year! I hope that this year has begun well for you and that you all had a lovely Christmas break.

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Holly Welham