



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas holidays and managed to get some rest. We have an exciting term ahead of us with our focus on India as a topic, with a view to having an 'India Day' before Easter. Please see the year 4 curriculum map on the school website with all the information about what we are doing this term. We will also be celebrating 100 years of the vote on the last week before half term.

This week in Maths the children have been looking at word problems related to multiplication. We have followed on the with word problem success criteria they learnt in year 3 to build on their knowledge, using the same process. Please do have a practice of this at home, here is an example of a 2 step word problem that we have used in class this week:

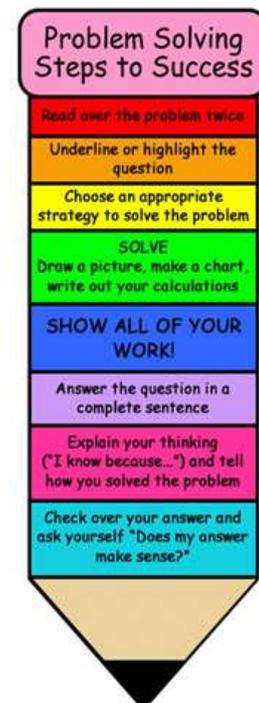
A box of eggs has 6 eggs. Each box costs £1.

How much will 24 eggs cost?

Explain your answer.

In line with our topic on India, we have chosen a wonderful book called 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. This week the children have been focusing on the characters as we want to use those characters over the next few weeks to write our own adventure stories. We will use adventure story writing to add in fronted adverbials, speech and paragraphs.

Homework - Miss Handley and I have decided to change the way we do our times tables, please read the homework sheet to see how we have adapted this, homework is due in every following Thursday. I have also stuck in the homework maps, can I remind you that this is a short term of only 10 weeks before Easter, in line with our homework policy children are to complete a minimum of one task from the homework map. I was so impressed with the quality and effort of the projects last term!



Important notices:

1. **Swimming** - Starting 7th February. Please pay the office as soon as possible.
2. **Volunteers for reading**- we would be very grateful for anyone who is willing to come in and listen to readers.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please just pop in or send me an email
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Best wishes,

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