

Word of the Week:



kanone

1. a person who is an expert skier.

Bananagrams Club



We have had two good weeks of bananagram club now. The competition is now beginning to take hold and the children are getting very into creating amazing words!

Science Week – Help request



Starting on March 13th we will be taking part in Science week along with many other schools around the country. Our theme is **‘Change in our Outdoors’**. We will be detailing the various visits and visitors joining us nearer the time. However we are looking for volunteers to speak to classes about, bird watching, butterflies, bats, trees or ponds. If anybody would like to help us or share with us, their interest in the week, please do let the school office know. We are also looking to see if people will donate garden plants during this week. Please do consider splitting some hostas, digging out a plant that could make a cheery difference to some new borders on school. We are keen to attract wildlife in the gardens so if you have any unwanted bird boxes or dens for creatures. Please speak to the school office or Mrs Smith directly if you can support us in anyway.

INSTAGRAM – SOCIAL MEDIA



You will be aware that through discussions with our classes, the children share how they use the internet and what apps they use. Many of our children use Instagram which does raise questions about the need to discuss safety whilst online. Despite the many Internet online safety sessions taking place in school, we do believe the children are potentially vulnerable whilst using Instagram. Please do discuss this with your children to reinforce the messages we raise in school. A document about safety with facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc.. is accessible via our safeguarding section on the website. As a headteacher I have dealt with various situations where year 5 and 6 pupils have had upsetting experiences using social media at this age. I firmly believe parents must make the decisions for their children and it is not for school to police or preach to parents. However we do feel it is appropriate to provide supporting materials and information to support parents in their decision making. We have sent home support sheets to share with parents to all of Year 5 this week. Please do access the website if you require more information. Please do come and speak to Mr Bromley if you would like to talk about this.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Typically at the end of term, school has finished at 1:30pm. For various reasons linked to school transport we have made a decision to end the school day at 3:10pm (infants) and 3:15pm (juniors) at the end of each term. This will begin at the end of this spring term when we break up for Easter. All subsequent terms in the future will also end at the usual time and not at 1:30pm. School transport is aware of this. I hope you will support us in this decision which we need to make.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Hockey Teams

Congratulations to all of our children who played hockey, representing school at the recent hockey tournament at Casterton. The children played various matches against Sedbergh Prep and Sedbergh Primary School. A superb competitive and sporting afternoon!

I am aware that for many of the children they have worked hard during PE sessions and after school clubs throughout the year. I really believe that the children have improved so much with our increased focus and spending in PE and additional sports clubs, it has also given our children new opportunities to engage in sports they may not have previously considered. Thank you to the staff who supported and helped umpire matches.

The results of the matches are below:

Team:	Score	Team:	Score
Year 6 St Marys (A)	8	Sedbergh Primary U11	1
Year 6 St Marys (A)	7	Sedbergh Prep U11 (A)	0
Year 6 St Marys (B)	0	Sedbergh Prep U11 (B)	2
Year 6 St Marys (B)	0	Sedbergh Primary U11	6
Year 5 St Marys (A)	4	Sedbergh Prep U10 (A)	2
Year 5 St Marys (A)	10	Sedbergh Prep U11 (B)	0
Year 5 St Marys (B)	7	Sedbergh Prep U10 (B)	1
Year 5 St Marys (B)	4	Sedbergh Prep U10 (B)	0
Year3/4 St Marys A	4	Sedbergh Primary U9	0
Year3/4 St Marys A	8	Sedbergh Prep U9 (A)	0
Year3/4 St Marys B	5	Sedbergh Prep U9 (B)	2
Year3/4 St Marys B	1	Sedbergh Primary U9	7

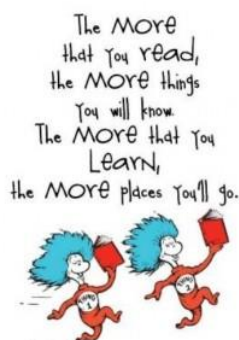
Twitter – Please follow us and tell your family and friends



Are you following us on twitter? Do you use twitter? Why not register and try and follow our twitter feed to find out what is happening and who we are following too. @StMarysKL

Reading

One of the most powerful and essential skills we give our children is the ability to read and a love reading. Importantly discussing a book after reading is essential beyond learning the skills of reading to enable then children to make sense of the book and relate it to life. Our priority at the moment is to rapidly improve our children’s vocabulary and improve their comprehension of texts. Our love of books hopefully rubs off on the children but this can only thrive with reading at home. Please do encourage daily reading at home together and individually to support the work in school.



**You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.**

-Dr. Seuss

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read."

- Marilyn Jager Adams

Share a moment of love with a child.
IdealsBooks.com

Which is the hardest times table to learn?

8 x 4 = 32

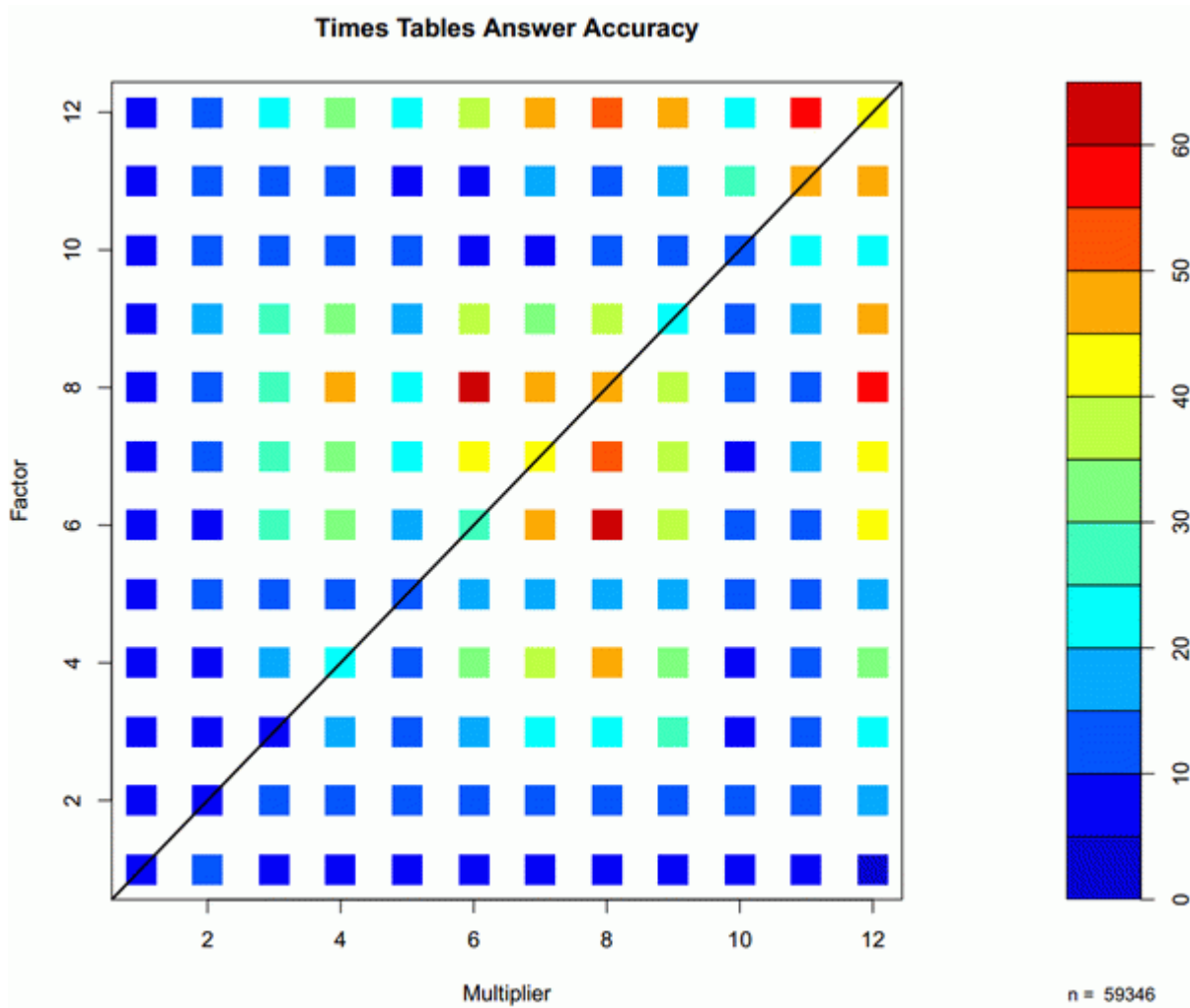
7 x 8 = 56

11 x 12 = 132

9 x 7 = 63

The diagram below shows the times tables which are most challenging for children to learn and the ones they find easy to remember. (red being the hardest) With this in mind we encourage our teachers to focus on teaching the most challenging times tables specifically, as well as learning tables off by heart and playing games. Sometimes it takes a bit of creativity, fun and perseverance to really make this secure for our children.

Please do check which times tables your child is stuck on at the moment.

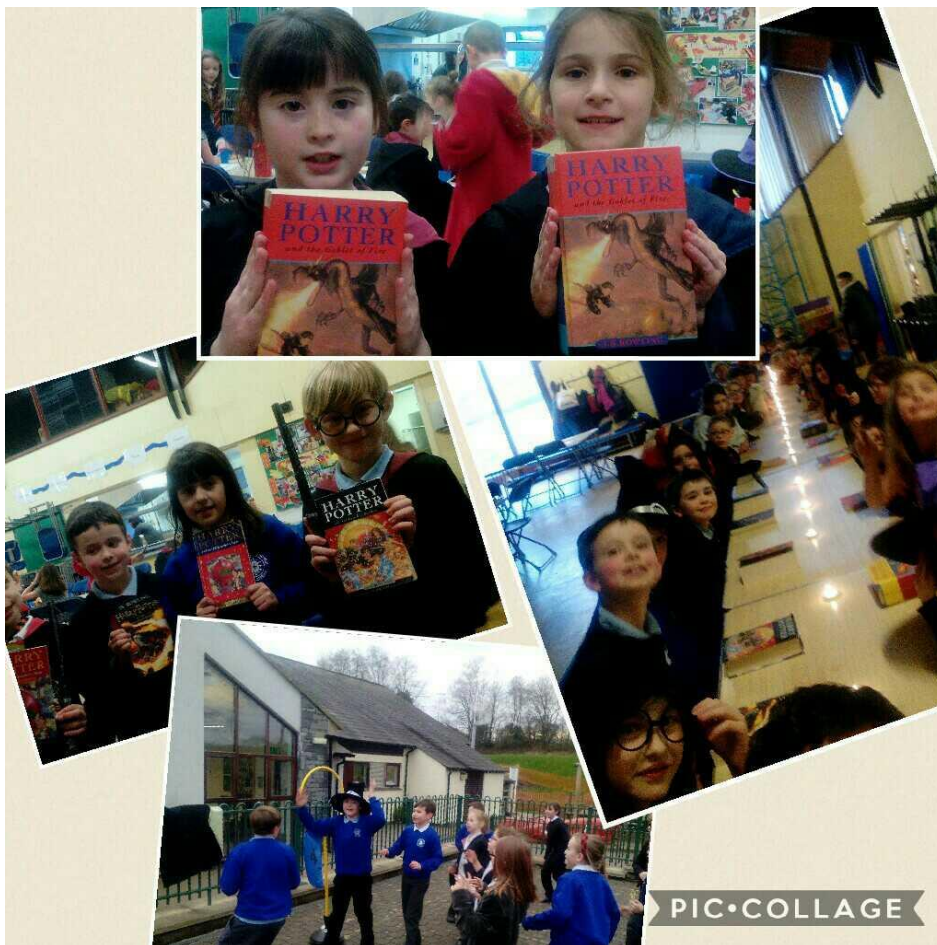


Parent Consultations

It will be lovely for our staff to spend time with you sharing about the progress and attainment of your child, next week on either Monday or Wednesday evening consultations. If you have not made an appointment we will contact you, if we haven't already done so, to arrange an alternative consultation. Please do speak to our Chair of Governors, Jo Gill who will be around outside Year 3 at various times during the week.

Harry Potter Book Night

We can't spend a lot of our time encouraging children to read and love reading and not take part in Harry Potter Book Night. Schools around the country have been taking part in celebrating the love of Harry Potter. For many children they have not grown up with waiting for the next instalment of the Harry Potter books each Christmas. Some now just turn to the films. So wanted to celebrate hearing and reading the Harry Potter Stories. We had a quarter of the school stay behind, dressing up and celebrating this superb night. Thank you to everyone who made a big effort.



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Hoping you have a good week.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful school!

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