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Newsletter

Primary Star of the Week

Kaviyashri works very hard on all her online classes. She takes part with complete passion in all class activities. Kaviya does her utmost to do her job autonomously and requests for support where she needs help. Her efforts are well expressed especially in the presentation of classwork, homework and other online research. She is also being very supportive and compassionate with her peers.

Rafflesia International School, Kajang

STAR OF THE WEEK



Kaviyashri A/P Kamlanathan, Year 2

Term 3, Week 13, 10th July 2021



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Secondary Star of the Week

Fusiang has shown high levels of self-discipline since the exam season began. That momentum was maintained on a consistent basis, with him taking regular initiatives during lessons. He is also patient in handling work which might seem a little challenging at first, and slowly but surely showed progress with great persistence!

STAR OF THE WEEK



Lai Fusiang, Year 9

Term 3, Week 13, 10th July 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst the numbers of Covid cases in Malaysia remain alarmingly high, there has been much in the news recently about ways in which people are trying to assist those who are struggling financially as a result of the closure of businesses: the community-spirited efforts of donors to food banks, the thoughtfulness of neighbours who see and quietly respond to white flags. In my assembly earlier this week, I spoke of the positive effects of demonstrating humility rather than hubris. Traditional values of empathy and humanity are just as important to our young people as their self-confidence; all these qualities will enable students to engage in society and lead meaningful lives.

Each year, as we approach our Year 11 Graduation Ceremony I reflect upon our graduating students individually, considering how they have grown and developed as people and as learners. For our current Year 11 students, almost the entire IGCSE programme has been affected by changes to the previous pattern of learning. Our students have coped admirably well, demonstrating calm resilience, team spirit and dedication.

Over the last week, Mr Christopher and I have been visiting lessons. This has been a good opportunity for Mr Christopher to get to know students and understand teaching styles at Rafflesia. Currently, Mr Christopher and I are also reviewing End-of-Term Report Cards so that we can better understand rates of progress and achievement in each class and in each subject.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy weekend,

Andrew Crompton,
Principal.

CREATIVE STEPS

Students had their messy play during IPC lesson. They prepared an assortment of plastic animals to be dipped into paint, and then made trails by "walking" them across a sheet of paper. Look at the patterns they created! The messy play is going to prepare for the exploration of young learners' feelings and imagination! Let's count how many animals they found?



CREATIVE STEPS



Learning Time



Reception Respect spent the whole week learning about the parts of a clock as we learn more about telling the time. These little learners were extremely good at it! We hand-made a watch for ourselves and decorated it.

Every Drop Counts!

Year 2 IPC



This week, as part of their IPC Unit Water World, the Year 1 students made Save Water crown crafts. Students also explored how vital water is in our lives and why it is important to look after it. They had an opportunity to explain the ways of saving water with their family and friends.

Every Drop Counts!

Year 2 IPC



Forms of Poetry

Autumn.

The Leaves fell down hard,
Made pumpkin pie,
Deliciously great.

Aqilah Umairah Binti Amir

Raindrops.

Outside is raining,
every drop I hear is soft,
and flowers blooming.

Kathy Tan Her Lin

Day.

Sun rise very slow,
rain falls very quick and loud,
Moon rise very slow.

Dong KaJia

Weather

Rain rain
The rain falls down,
The rain goes away, Yay!
The sun shines brightly on my eyes,
Too bright!

Alyssa Dhanya Tan

Tornadoes.

Wind Blows,
Tornadoes come
With very high speed wind.
Tornadoes are cool and freezing.
Air blows.

Kok Ga Sin (Norman)

Rain.

The rain is so cold,
People like to play with rain,
The rain is so fun!

Mikhail Elmran Ahmad Zafir.

A Winter Day.

Today is winter.
I wear a coat and go out.
I play with a sled,
I eat all the falling snow.
I enjoy this fun winter!

Jayden Looi

Butterflies.

Butterflies are bugs,
They fly up high in the sky,
And are colourful.

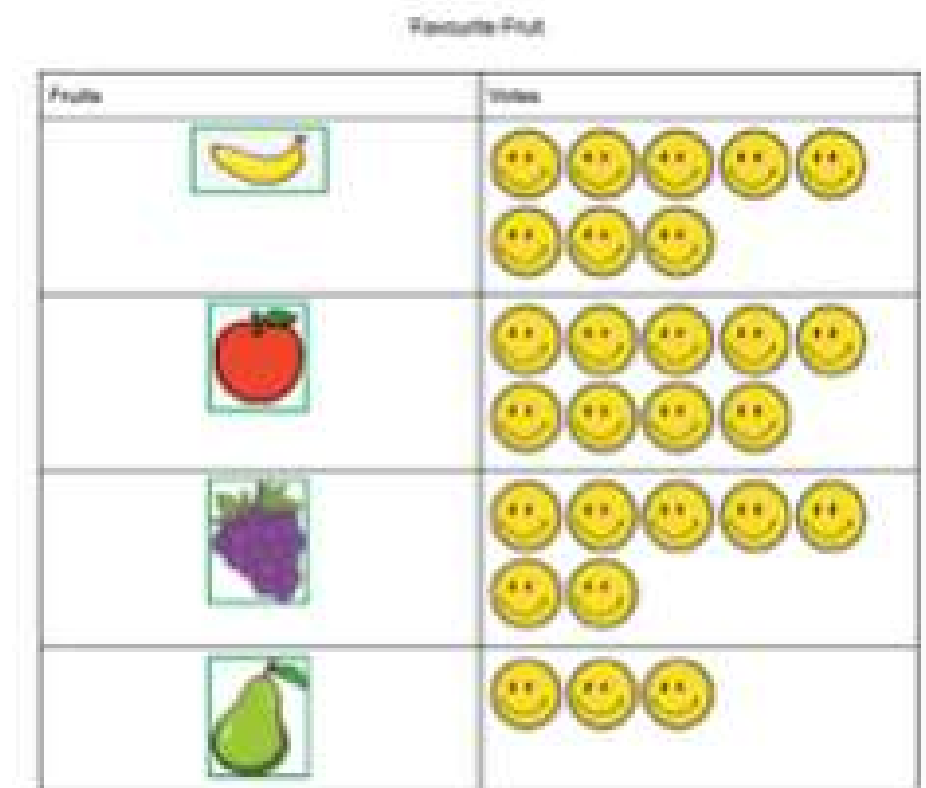
Sophie Teh Ee Wern

For the last two weeks, year 4 have focussed on creative poetry. They have studied Haiku, Tanka and Cinquain forms, and have used these to make poems of their own.

Depicting Data

Pictograph

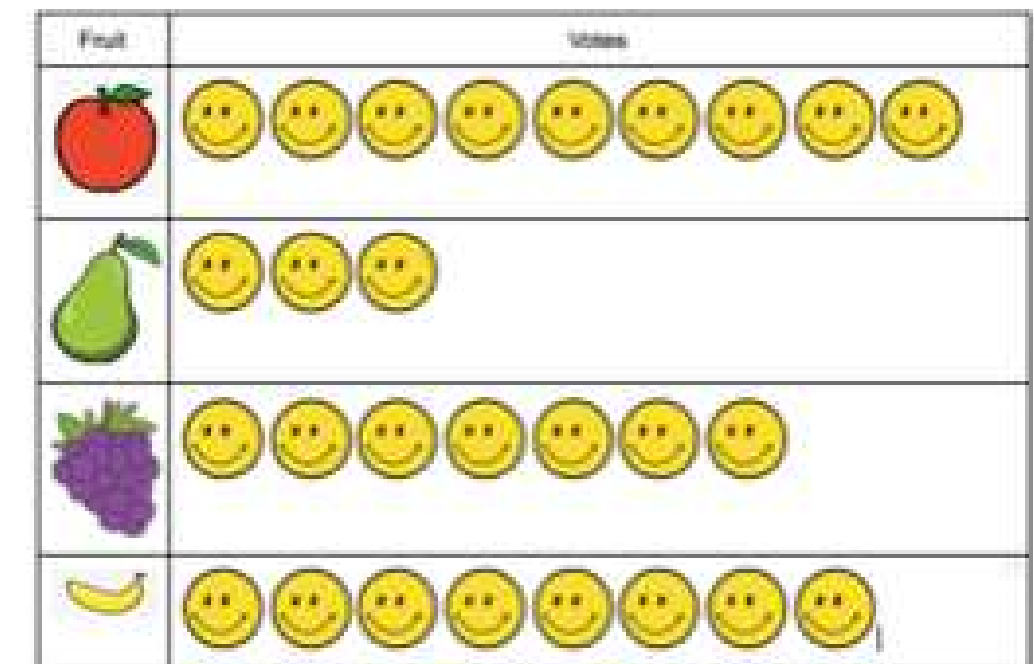
A pictograph is a representation of data using images or symbols. During the online learning session this week, our year 5 students completed a survey created by the teacher and finally, based on the survey they produced pictographs. What wonderful work from our year 5 kids! They are really amazing!



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By: Turneem

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Favourite Fruit				
2	Name	Banana	Apple	Grapes	Pear
3	Aidan	1	1	1	
4	Elace	1	1	1	
5	Jeyden	1	1	1	
6	Nahla		1	1	1
7	Eva	1			1
8	Turneem		1		
9	Parveen	1		1	
10	Deevveyeash		1		
11	Lainol	1	1		
12	Yawen	1	1	1	
13	Yi Hao		1		
14	Celine	1	1	1	1
15					
16		8	9	7	3



1 vote =



By: Deevveyeash

Cold Selling

Year 8 ESL students learned about persuasive writing techniques and created an advertisement persuading the customers

High Tech Refrigerator on Sale !!

This refrigerator can store tons of food and it used battery only. You can save your electricity!
It cost 5000\$ which is 25% the normal price. Call now for 30% extra discount !

Other features includes

- Multiple storage racks
- Huge frozen area
- Self-made ice cubes

The number is 012891899.



SOLUTION TO POPULATION CRISIS IN DHAKA

#1 Schemes to motivate people to use birth control options
It could make the population reduce in harmonious way.



#2 Creating options for child adoption
It could make lots of orphan have a family again.



#3 Improve awareness about problems related to high population growth
It could improve the general knowledge of resident.



#4 Empowering women
It could make the happens of rape reduce.

Exploring Global Issues

In this insightful lesson, Year 8 students examined information from a range of sources to create posters that raised awareness of the overpopulation issue in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

SOLUTION FOR OVERPOPULATION IN DHAKA

Ong Zi Qi



Create options for child adoption



Create campaigns to bring awareness of overpopulation



Empower Women



Controlling Illegal Immigration

Improve awareness about problems related to high population growth



Down to Business

Currently Year 10 students in Economics are completing Unit 29 - Economic Growth. Part of the unit covers the topic 'Business Cycle'. One of the tasks given to students to further understand the business cycle was, to research on countries which went through the different stages of the business cycle. Here are some of the findings.

Slump

A slump refers to a period of poor performance or inactivity in an economy. It is said to be at the bottom of a recession in the trade cycle. During a slump, there will be high unemployment while consumption, investments and net export earnings will be low. There is many business failures and consumers have low confidence to borrow and spend. Government spending increases during this period to aid the economy to recover from the recession.



Japan: Real GDP Growth (2016-2022)



Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, Japan suffers its biggest economic slump on record. The country fell into recession in early 2020 after two successive quarters of economic contraction. The country's GDP fell 7.8% from the previous quarter in April-June. The data for the April-June quarter shows the biggest decline since comparable figures became available in 1980. One of the main factors for the slump was a severe decrease in domestic consumption. Exports have also fallen as the global trade was affected by the pandemic. The latest data is the third successive quarter of declines for the Japanese economy, representing its worst performance since 1955.

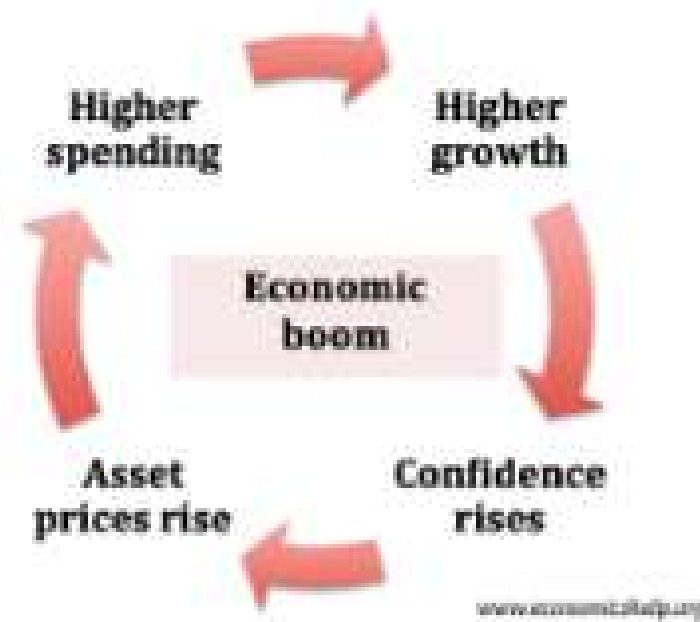
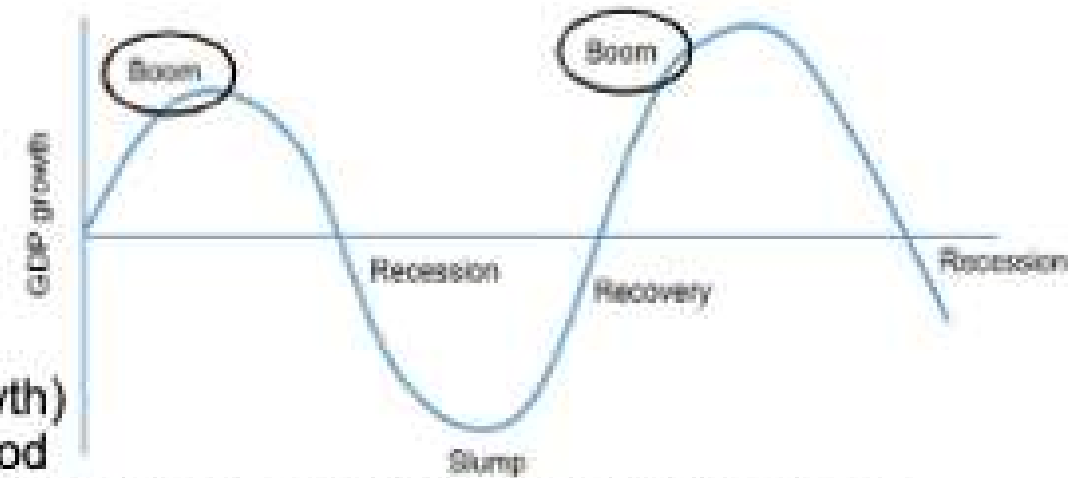
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Year 10 Economics

Boom

A boom (or economic growth) refers to a period of time with rapid economic growth, which occurs when GDP increases for two consecutive quarters (6 months). During this period, the level of economic activity will rise and it's usually caused by an increase in consumption, investment, government spending and net export earnings.

An increase in the quantity and/or the quality of factors of production can also create economic growth, for example: the increase in the labour supply or improvements in the state of technology. As productivity increases, more goods and services will be produced, therefore increasing sales and profits, which will then drive up business and family incomes



At the end of the 1980s, UK had face an economic boom, as a result from the recovery of the recession that happened in 1981. This was caused by rising house prices, tax cuts, lower interest rates and high confidence

Down to Business

Produced by Leow Xiling

Clever Accounting

Year 10 students have researched the details of the history of Accounting. Students were asked to search information on the history of Accounting, the concept of learning the subject and the practical importance of obtaining accounting knowledge. They were also exposed to the related studies in accounting and career prospects one can pursue. In doing so, students have vastly improved their contextual knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Accounting: The process of keeping financial accounts

BIOGRAPHY

DOB: 1447 in Sansepolcro, Tuscany

University he taught at: University of Perugia

The year he founded accounting: 1494

Date of death: June 25, 1517

Accounting Methods

- Cash Method**
This method allows you to record the revenue and expenses when they are received and paid
- Accrual Method**
This method also records the revenue and expenses but only when they occur rather than being received

Thoughts on Accounting?

I think accounting is a good way for a business to keep track of its financial recordings. However, as a subject, it is not my cup of tea as I find it confusing some times.

GALLERY



Year 4R

Naadam Festival - Mongolia *(The Three Games of Men)*





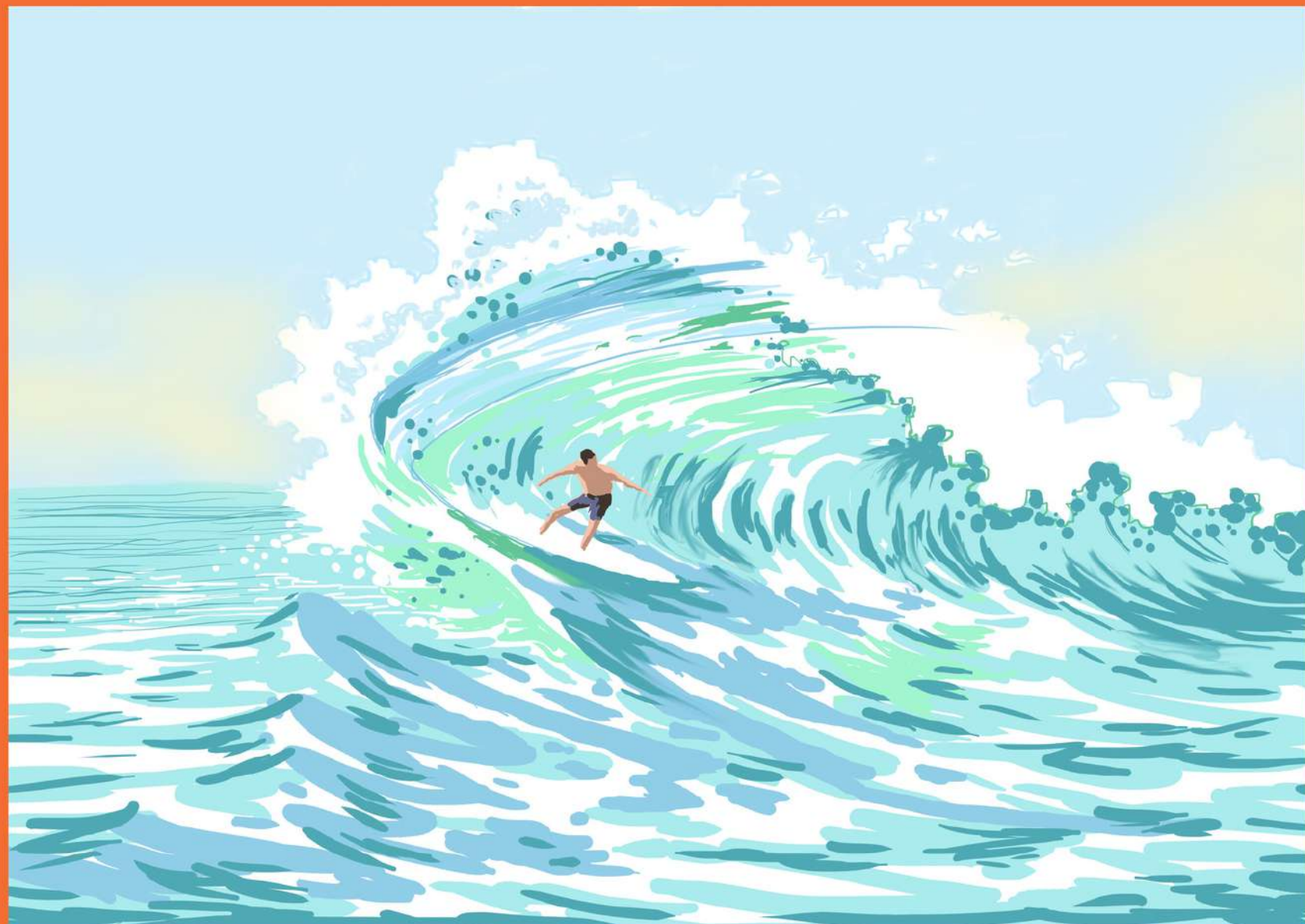
Year 6R

“FORCE” *Horse Power*



Year 6R

"Water, water everywhere"



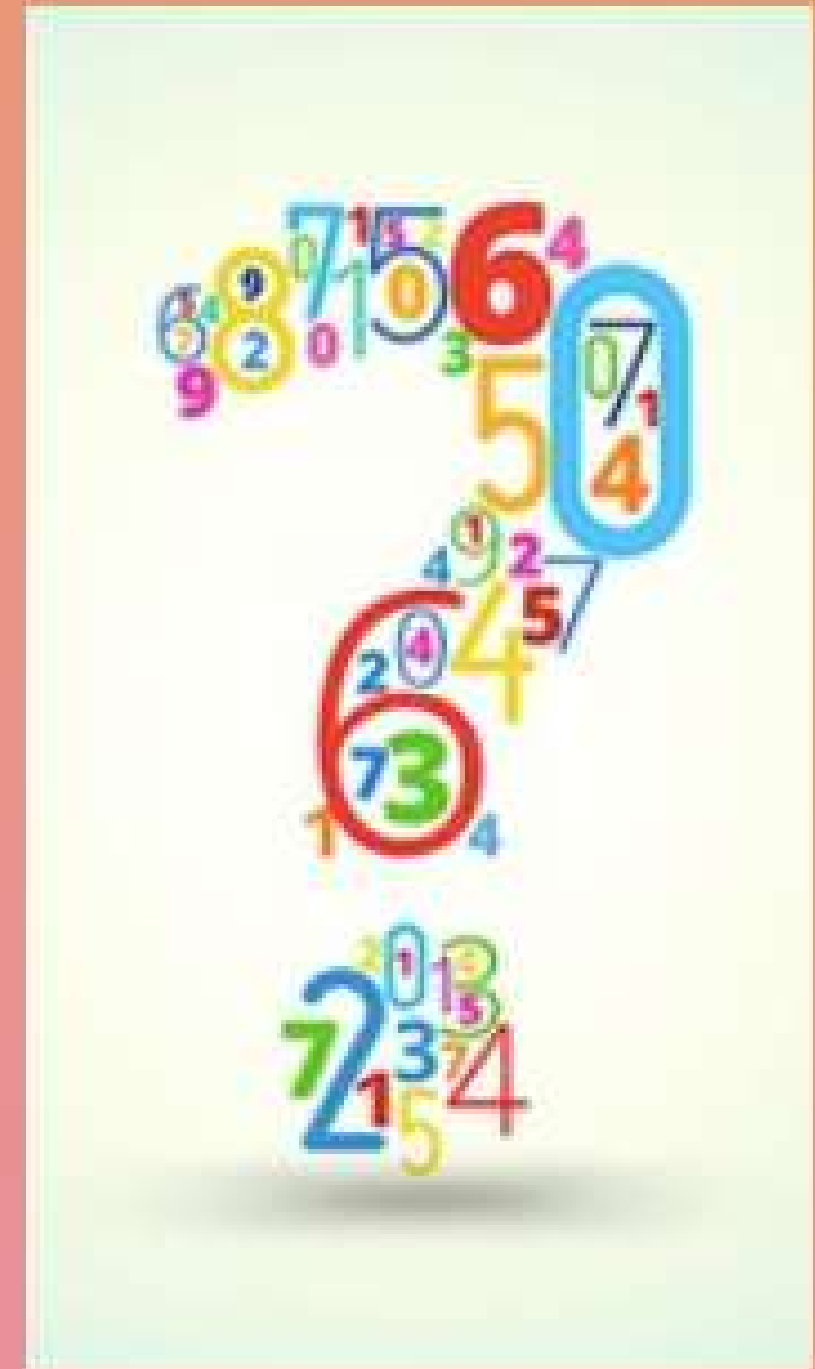
Weekly Maths Riddle

(1) I am four times as old as my daughter. In 20 years time, I shall be twice as old as her. How old are we now?

(2) Rachel is 54 years old and her mother is 80, how many years ago was Rachel's mother three times her age?

(3) Four years ago, Manesha was twice as old as Jun. Four years from now, Jun will be $\frac{3}{4}$ of Manesha's age. How old is Manesha?

(4) What is half of two plus two?



Last week's answer::

(1) I must be 23 if my father is twice as old as me.

(2) 6 contestants.

(3) You will never reach the door, it will always be half the distance, no matter how small.

(4) 40 cents. Price of each fruit calculated by multiplying the number of vowels by 20 cents.

Mindfulness Bell

By Ker Min Ho, Year 3

**We have a bell in our house.
It is an ice cream bell.
It sits in the middle of our house.
It is a special bell because anyone can ring it.
When it rings, everyone must pause and take 3 deep breaths.
My mom calls it the Mindfulness Bell.
She says that it is to pay deference to Buddha's teachings.
To be mindful of our words, actions and thoughts.
I rang the bell once.
When my mom was scolding me.
She was shocked.**

**But we stopped and took 3 deep breaths.
And she hugged and kissed me after that.
I told her I am sorry for what I did.
And she apologised too for being angry.
I like the Mindfulness Bell.
I think every house should have one.**



Frank's Prank

By Azfar Abqari Bin Azlan, Year 4

One day there was a new student named Frank. He looked like a very smart person. He had a very happy personality and right off the bat I really liked him. It was break time. My classmates were running around in the cafeteria. It was absolutely messed up. I laughed at them with my friends. Then suddenly a group of students began to form in the middle of the cafeteria. I was curious but was urged to not join the crowd but to spy on the situation.

As I could see, Frank was in the middle of the crowd. I was having a suspicious feeling about it. He said that he was going to do magic. While spying at them I decided to eat my sandwich first.

Then the sound of Frank boomed through the cafeteria. He said to his friends to close their eyes. They obeyed, but I didn't. I was hiding behind a wall so Frank didn't see me. Then Frank slowly went to every table to take each food from his friends and began to throw it in the dustbin. He went back to his usual spot and told them to open their eyes. He just did the worst rannygazoo! Their faces were in horror when the tables were empty without their food. Eventually the school bell went and everyone went to class with an empty stomach.

Feeling sad and guilty for the students, I dashed to the principal's office and explained to him. He made the decision to expel Frank. From there everyone was happy without him.

In a Classroom

By Aqilah Umairah Binti Amir, Year 4

**In a classroom,
The classroom I belong to,
It's very important for learning,
A symbol for learning and studying,
We like Math, English and best of all, IPC!
All the boys chatter until lessons are over,
All the girl gossip til' the lesson started,
We keep books,
We see looks on the faces,
We have the deference in class,
Now its lockdown,
We have online classes,
We read books all day,
A day in the life of learning.**



Deference

By Lim Eva, Year 5

I love my dad
Because he always makes me smile
He always brightens up a room
He helps us fix stuff and likes to do D.I.Ys
Even though he has Dyslexia, I find it cool!
He likes dark colours, like blue and black
He always solves problems
My dad is an amazing artist
His birthday is on the 14th of July
He loves gardening and planting plants!
My dad is not that of a huge fan of straight lines
He is playful and quite a good joker
He likes birds and dogs
My dad likes to draw during his free time

He is always cleaning the house because
he seems to enjoy it
I always address him with deference
He loves coffee and burgers
We all love him
He is an amazing dad!

*“It always seems impossible until it’s
done,” Nelson Mandela*

Adelaide

By Sarah, Year 8

Adelaide is a very tough teenager with a bright future, but she was sadly stuck in a posh school named "Humphrey Posh School for Rich Girls". There were a lot of boundaries and rules, Adelaide had a hatred for rules. Her rich parents kicked her off to this school because of her "tom boy" personality from a young age. She hated the school so much, sometimes she will do unwanted things to the school like turning on the fire alarm, breaking her dorm room door and so much more. She loved to see her peers and teachers in shock, disgusted, sad and angry.

Every chance of freedom and fun in her school was blocked and obstructed. She was a smart student that liked escapism and adventure. She and her peers barely went out of the building. They were blocked from the outside world. It broke Adelaide and made her want to go on an adventure on the outside world. To feel her free time during break period and lunch period she pranked her classmates and teacher.

She would do such bad things. The worst was when she put her friend's "creepy crawlies" into her classy, strict principal's clothes. The poor thing was jumping on the stage while giving a speech at the assembly on Monday morning. Everyone laughed and the only girl that knew about the culprit behind that was Adelaide.

Adelaide

By Sarah Aleya Binti Azlan, Year 8

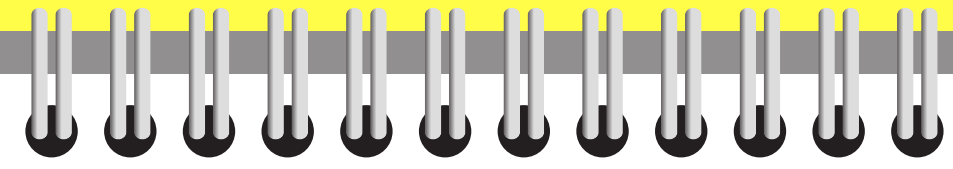
She shrieked and was a laughing stock. The news spread through the school and even the town. Her Principal was embarrassed for the whole week.

One day Adelaide was doodling with her teachers when an idea for a prank) got in her head. As she dashed through the corridor, everyone was curious about the mystery girl. Adelaide didn't know that day would be her last day pranking. She took off to the back of the school to collect her friend's creepy crawlies. She went into the public bathroom and put her the insects into every tissue roll.

She couldn't wait until her peers rolled down the tissue roll. The thing was that when she exited the bathroom every corridor and room was empty. She ran all around the school to check for students and teachers but failed. Day becoming night. After walking, she slumped down on the corridor floor. By that time she had forgotten her own prank.

Then she heard voices. She ran into every room to check. She was exhausted so she drank at the nearby drinking fountain. She walked until she had the urge to go to the toilet. She went in, did her business and rolled the tissue and screamed at her own prank. She blacked out and heard laughter around her. She then realised that she was laid down on the floor and just got pranked by the school. She was embarrassed and never pranked anyone again.

Literacy Challenge Achievers



Well done and thanks to all our wonderful writers who have sent me your pieces and well done for including the word of the week. Thank you Min Ho, Aqilah, Azfar, Eva and Sarah. All contributors receive Merit Points!

Literacy Challenge

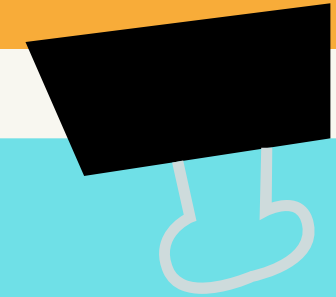
Look at the words of the week on the next page.

Your task is to write about a feast.



Words of the Week: *words of plenty*

For Monday 12th July - Friday 16th July



To improve our knowledge of vocabulary each week we will introduce words for students to try to use in their conversations and in their writing. This week, our words relate to abundance.

Primary word of the week:

plethora

Meaning:

A very large amount of something*

Secondary word of the week:

profusion

Meaning:

An extremely large amount of something*

**Definitions are from the Cambridge English Dictionary*

Dates for Your Diary



Thursday 15th July

**PRIMARY EXIT POINT SHARING
SESSIONS**



Monday 19th July

ONLINE SCIENCE WEEK BEGINS



Friday 23rd July

**ONLINE GRADUATION
CEREMONY FOR YEAR 11
STUDENTS**