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Dear Parents,

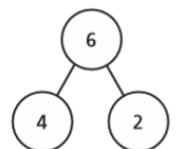
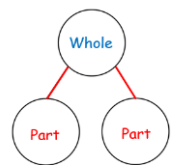
In English this week, we will be:

- Continuing to focus on the story 'Dear Zoo'.
- Creating a whole class poster for an animal that has escaped from the zoo. They will think of, draw and use adjectives to describe the missing animal. A key objective in Year One is to be able to write a sentence with a capital letter to start, full stop to end and finger spaces between each word. We will work with the children to orally rehearse (say) their sentence before writing it, to ensure they can remember it and all the components.
- Taking part in daily phonics sessions and regular handwriting practice.

In Maths this week, we will be:

- Introducing the part-part whole model and how we can partition numbers. We will look at how they can be partitioned/split e.g. 6 could be made up of 4 and 2, 3 and 3 etc.
- Introducing the addition symbol.
- Looking at the part-part whole diagram and writing them as a number sentence :
 $4+2 = 6$ $6 = 4+2$

Part - Whole Model



In our **topic work**, we will be thinking about:

- Our local area. We will create our own simple maps of Woolwell. (Geography)
- Our senses : the focus this week is on taste. In this lesson, the children will be tasting a range of foods to gain an understanding of sour, sweet, savoury, salty and bitter. As we have a number of children with allergies and intolerances, we will send a separate permission slip in your child's diary to be completed and returned by Monday AM at the latest. **Permission will be needed for your child to take part.** Please see your child's class teacher on Monday morning if you need to see the exact packet for ingredients. (Science)
- The Creation Story. (RE)
- Finding the pulse and learning about high and low pitch. (Music)
- Taking part in Gymnastics and Games in PE. Please ensure kits are in school and earrings are removed to ensure your child can take part.
- Recapping the parts of the body and we will then briefly name the external genitals of a boy and girl. It is explained that many people have different names for their 'bits' or private parts but the scientific names are 'penis and testicles' and 'vagina and vulva'. We do not go into more detail than this and the children are only shown a very simplified cartoon image of a person. We explain that these parts are private and link this to the NSPCC underwear rule. (PSHE)
- Portraits - the children will use pens to create portraits of King Charles. (Art)

Reading and Library books

- Reading and library books are changed on Mondays. Please ensure they are in your child's bag.

Supporting your child at home.

Please read with your child and encourage your child to read their school book a minimum of three times across the week to build their confidence, speed and fluency.

To support your child in maths this week, we would like you to help them with their recognition of numbers to 20. Below is a game that can be found for free on the website 'Topmarks.' Initially, focus on find a number 1-20 but feel free to extend this if your child is able to do this confidently.

Helicopter Rescue ▶ Play

Helicopter Rescue is a mental maths game with different sized number charts and it is designed to help you to identify and work with numbers up to 100. The game works well on an interactive whiteboard.

The game modes include 'Find a Number' and 'Count On & Back'. In the first, you are asked to find a number on the grid, either directly or in between two voiced numbers. The count on and count back games are designed to help you learn some of the vocabulary of addition and subtraction; count on, count back, more than and less than.

AGE: 4-8 Years

SUBJECTS: Maths, Number, Addition

HELICOPTER RESCUE

Find a Number

Find a Number	Count On & Back
1 to 10	1 to 10
1 to 20	1 to 20
1 to 50	1 to 50
1 to 100	1 to 100

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Thank you for your support.

The Year One Team.

