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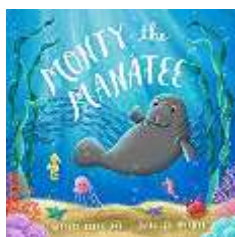
The ability to work sums in your head is an important skill that our children must develop throughout the key stages in primary school. The concept of mental maths still means being able to give an answer to a maths question after thinking about it, rather than making notes on paper, but in school mental maths skills are expanded to include being able to truly understand maths concepts and solve problems in a logical, methodical way. Children will always be taught to calculate in their head, but it's not until Key Stage 1 that they'll start to learn specific strategies to plan how they'd solve problems mentally. There are a number of ways to work mental maths practice into everyday situations. For example, doubling a recipe, counting change, double-checking till receipts and scoring a game of Scrabble all involve using a knowledge of basic maths operations to work out the answers.

Leading Maths at Pinehurst Miss Hamilton and Mr Timms



Large pizzas cost £8.50 each. Small pizzas cost £6.75 each. Five children together order one large pizza and three small pizzas. They share the cost equally. How much does each child pay?

Pinehurst Recommended Reads....



Monty the Manatee by Natalie Pritchard.

Monty the Manatee is a charming, uplifting tale which explores themes of bullying and friendship and emphasises the importance of being kind.



**'Within our dreams and aspirations
we find our opportunities.'**



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A reminder of our 'Off Site' Emergency Contact number and Safeguarding email address

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We celebrated St George's Day this week on 23rd April.

Saint George's Day, also known as the Feast of Saint George, is the feast day of Saint George. It is celebrated by the English and by various Christian Churches and by the several nations, kingdoms, countries, and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint.



A very warm Pinehurst welcome to Mrs Steers, our new Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO



Hello everyone!

My name is Mrs Joanne Steers and I'm extremely excited about being the new Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO at Pinehurst Primary.

I have been a Primary School teacher for the last thirteen years and I have worked as a SENDCO for nine of those years. I absolutely love my job and it is a privilege that I get to work with so many different children and their families. My main role at Pinehurst will involve supporting our pupils who have any additional needs and ensuring that they get the right kind of provision and equipment in order to achieve and fulfil their potential. This will be done by working very closely with their class teachers and their families.

One of the things that I am looking forward to most, is getting to know you all so please come and say 'Hi' to me once we have returned back to school. During our time away from school, I am always able to be contacted via my email address: Senco@pinehurst-primary.co.uk Please feel free to contact me and I'll always be back to you as soon as I can.

As well as being a teacher, I am the mum of a 2 year old little girl called Lilian, and I have both a cat and a dog.



Well done to all the staff who attended our first Zoom staff meeting this week. It was great to see some of the Pinehurst family. We hope to see all of our children and families as soon as it is safe to do so.

Spotlight on Home Learning

Keep up the great work.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

