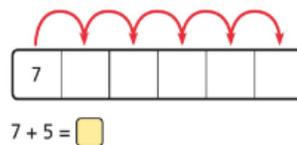




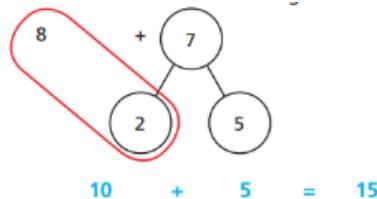
This week in school we discussed hygiene in more detail with the children. We focused on sneezing in particular and discussed what you should do to protect yourself and others from the germs spread by sneezing. We also talked about experiencing different emotions and discussed strategies for how to deal with negative emotions. The children thought about how they might help other people who are feeling worried or unhappy. Our final PSHE lesson focused on being grateful to others who help us and look after us. We discussed what we have to feel grateful for and who we have to feel thankful to. The children made cards to express their gratitude.

This week, English lessons have been based on a story, *How to Find Gold* by Viviane Schwarz. The children began the week by making their own gold coins to put in a treasure chest and thought of adjectives to describe them. Then they tried to make inferences about the story, using the illustrations and first few pages of text. After that, the children thought about where they might find gold and what they might need to help them, before writing a plan for someone to follow and then a letter of advice to the characters in the story, Anna and Crocodile, pointing out the possible risks.

In maths this week, the children have been very busy! They began the week by learning about ordering numbers. They used vocabulary such as less than, greater than, smallest and greatest, as well as using the symbols < (less than) and > (greater than). After this, they moved on to adding by counting on, e.g.



They learned that it is easier to count on from the largest number. Then the children moved on to making number bonds to 20, using their knowledge of number bonds to 10. After this they learned to add by making ten first, as it makes the calculation easier, e.g.



Eventually they will be able to do this mentally, without writing anything down. They finished the week by practising subtracting single digit numbers from numbers to 20.

Topic lessons this week were linked to their English work and the children enjoyed making treasure maps. They also enjoyed another PE lesson with Mr Djavit this week.

#### Key information:

Please continue to use <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> to support your child's reading at home and let us know if you are having any difficulties using it.

PE will be every Thursday, so please ensure children come to school wearing their PE kit.

Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle and a piece of fruit for a mid-morning snack each day.

Have a great weekend.

**The Year 1 Team**