

## Beech class weekly update 16.10.20

We have had a wonderful busy week in Beech class and I have been so impressed with how all of the children have begun to gel as a group. This week they have spent lots of their playtimes all playing together as a whole class (of their own choosing!) and it has been so lovely to see how well they are getting on. We shouldn't underestimate what an enormous change returning to school must have been for our little people, not just academically but socially as well. In their home school environment they have only had to think about themselves and their siblings, now that they are back in school they have to consider and get used to lots of different children with different ideas and opinions. I am honestly very proud of how well they have settled in this term.

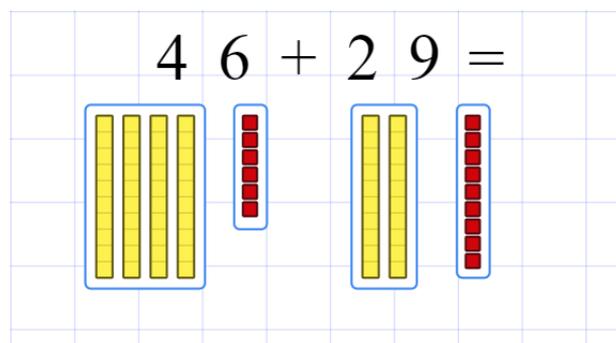
We had a very special treat this week as our chair of governors (Paul Manthorpe) videoed himself reading our class book (which also happens to be his favourite story). The children loved hearing the way he read it and how he used expression to bring the story to life. You can watch the video on our class webpage.

In English we have read lots of different dinosaur stories and talked about the key features of a story. We had our photo taken with a dinosaur and wrote what we would say to a dinosaur if we had one in the classroom. For our big write this week we each wrote our own dinosaur story, we included adjectives verbs and parts of speech to make our stories interesting for our readers.

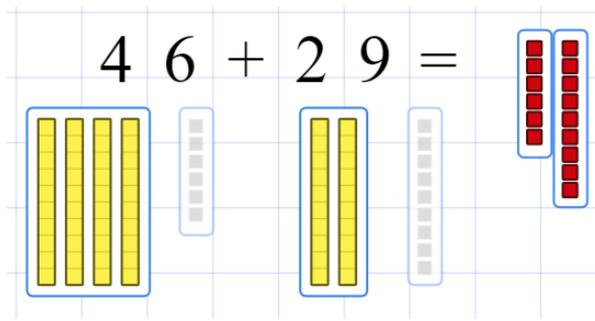
In phonics yellow group have enjoyed using this game <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/tellATREx/index.html> to help them to learn the sounds in their spellings.

In maths we have been looking at addition using tens and ones. We began by using the practical equipment to physically make each number then combine them. After that we drew the tens and ones to represent each number and counted them all. This game was very popular for looking at bridging tens (adding two number where the ones create a number larger than 10 eg.  $46+29=$ ).

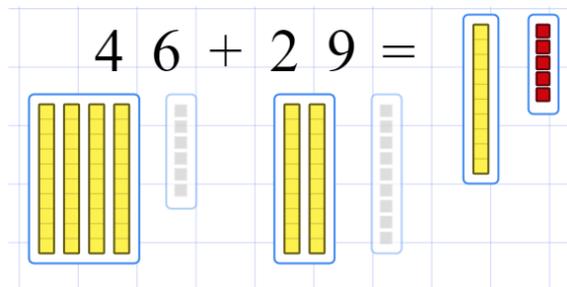
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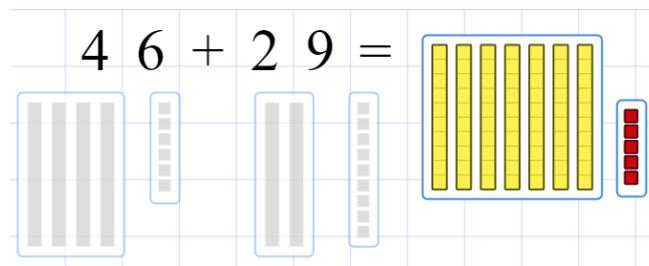
If you click on to 'bridge 10' in the bottom right hand corner then you will be able to see the magic happen (when the ones from the number are added together they turn from being 15 ones to 1 ten and 5 ones).



15 ones



1 ten 5 ones



Then add together all of the tens

Just a little reminder that the Oxford Owl website has a free e-library with books sorted by coloured book band if you should ever find yourselves without something to read.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

This week for homework we are trialling something new on behalf of the rest of the school. I have uploaded a set of reading comprehensions on to the purple mash platform for the children to try. I realise not everyone has a printer so have included in the instructions that I am happy for the children to do these verbally if that works best. Please could you then help your child to upload some feedback on how they got on. If there are any access issues please let me know as this will form part of our feedback on the trial.

Thank you again for another wonderful week!

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry, Ms Coffee & Mrs Paice

