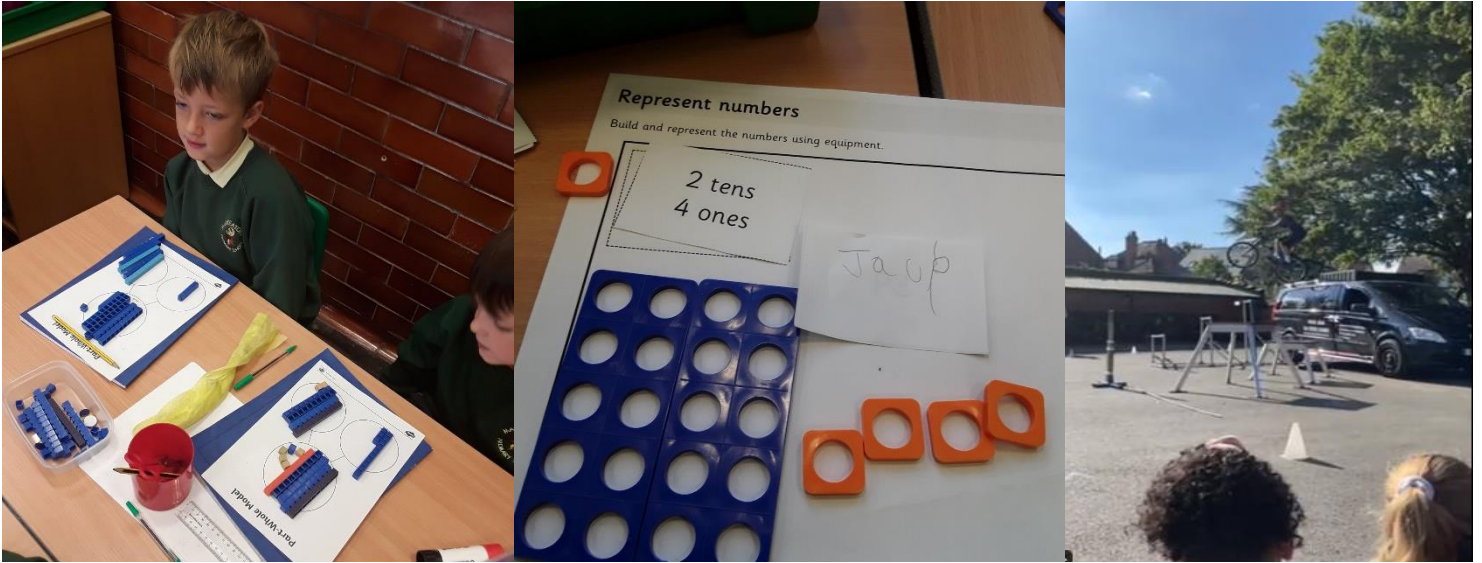


Weekly Word



24.9.2021

To all Parents/Carers,

Some Maths photos for you this week! One of our School Development Targets for 2021-22 is to enhance children's understanding of Maths using manipulatives (aka 'Maths stuff' as one child called it!). So we have what's called Base 10 (see left) and Numicon – two good examples of resources children can use and manipulate to help them understand number. We have lots of other resources too, so ask your child what they have been using in Maths throughout the week.

For more details about our other targets, here is the link again:

[School Development Priorities | Markeaton Primary School](#)

On the right is Danny Butler, Extreme BMX Cyclist who came into school on Monday and did some seriously cool tricks (whilst also talking about his career and how to stay active in Derby). Don't forget next Monday is our big launch event for Cycle to School Week (see FAQs in this email). Fingers crossed it stays dry and sunny!

In other news it was the Y4/5/6 Football Team's first match of the season on Wednesday. Despite only having one training session together (39 children in total!) they came together really well and played some great stuff. Their attitude was first class and they played the game in a really positive spirit – a credit to Markeaton for sure. They lost the first game 3-0 but then gathered their composure and fought hard for a 1-1 draw. It's early days but it already feels great for us to be back involved with inter school competitions. What I hope to do with football, and other competitions, is try to give as many children as possible an opportunity to take part. Our kits are on order and currently in the post too!

Thank you also to everyone who came to the Arts Exhibition last Friday in the hall and the PTFA Coffee morning today. Now that we are able to have these events safely, please support as often as you possible can. We have all missed that sense of community during this pandemic so these events, with more to follow throughout the year, are something we can all look forward to.

And finally, please click on the link below to access our book wishlist on the New Chapter website. The books are written by diverse authors and have a range of diverse characters to promote inclusivity and equality. Your support is gladly received with this venture.

[Children's Online Inclusive Bookstore | A New Chapter \(anewchapterbooks.com\)](#)

Have a great weekend

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