

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Good morning everyone

To make you giggle:

An elderly man called Keith,  
Mislaid his set of false teeth.  
They'd been laid on a chair,  
He'd forgot they were there,  
Sat down, and was bitten beneath.



**Mathletics Superstars** – well done to everyone who has logged on to mathletics – you have helped to create an amazing class score of:

447 live points

20 980 activity points

2 silver and 7 bronze certificates

Well done.

**Reading** – Don't forget to keep reading and enjoying different texts together.

**Monday's Spellings**

I won't set any new spellings until tomorrow as the reading lesson may take a little more time. If you have some time left over, why not play the 'four in a row game' using any words in your small spelling logs, red words and any orange words which you have been learning.

**English: Reading task – Poetry**

**\*\* At the time I wrote your newsletter, this lesson was still on bitesize – I though Year 3 would like the poem and the excuses! If by any chance this lesson disappears from bitesize (as it was from a couple of weeks ago), please choose another Reading bitesize session from a previous Friday.**

Please find the BBC bitesize lesson from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - English - Please Mrs Butler. Please don't spend a long time on this lesson - if after about 30 minutes you haven't finished, please stop. It's better to complete 2 tasks well than try to rush through all 3. More details for you are on Bitesize.

1. Listen to the poems being read and then have a go at reading the poems yourself. I have attached these with today's newsletter incase you are unable to get onto the internet. Please answer the questions in your homework book.
2. Move onto activity 2 Activity 2 - Read the poem Excuses by Allan Ahlberg. This poem is full of excuses. You will need to draw a horizontal line in your book as an excuses scale.

Best excuse \_\_\_\_\_ Worst excuse

You may be best turning your book sideways as you will need to copy some of the excuses onto this line. If you think it is the best excuse it will go towards the left and if you think it is the worst excuse, put it towards the right. I wonder which excuse will go in the middle? Just chose about 5 excuses to go on your excuse scale.

3. If you can, find someone to read the poems aloud with you.

### Maths: Subtracting by counting on

As we did last week, practise subtracting 2 numbers by counting on. In year 3, we are still using this method to find the answers to subtraction calculations. This revises and reinforces a method they are familiar with. When we return together, we will all move on to the next stage. You can never have too much practise with this method of subtraction as it works very well with larger numbers as the children progress up through school.

Please see back to Thursday's (7<sup>th</sup> May) newsletter for the screen shots on this method of subtraction.

Using counting on to solve subtraction calculations.

You can either practise as yesterday or try the challenge below:

Try and work with a partner. On person choose a digit - e.g. 4. Partner writes a 3 digit number starting with that digit. E.g. 435. Their partner reverses the last 2 digits and writes the new numbers e.g. 453. Together, subtract the smaller number from the larger number using the counting on (frog) method. Agree on an answer - e.g. 18 and circle it. Choose a different set of digits and repeat. Do 10 subtractions like this. What do you notice about the answers?

Again - please stop after 30 minutes.

**Topic - Science Plants**

I hope that you enjoyed lots of fantastic learning about plants last week. This week, I am sure you will enjoy these too. Please see the topic sheet included with Today's newsletter. Please try to finish off tasks 1-4 from last week and then begin task 1 when you have done these.

Task one links to our writing this week, so that will need to be completed before you can do your writing. Don't worry - we won't start the writing until Wednesday.

If you have completed all of the tasks - have a go at some of the games I popped on there or even have some more fun with the VE day activities.

Thank you. I hope you have fun with these ideas this week.

Take care everyone and I'll write to you again tomorrow.

Mrs. Jones

