

**Happy New Year!**

What a fantastic full week back at school we have had! Mrs Golding and I are delighted with the positive attitude so many children have towards learning. We are really starting to see children challenge themselves which is wonderful. It is so important that children develop an intrinsic desire to learn, rather than just wanting to please.

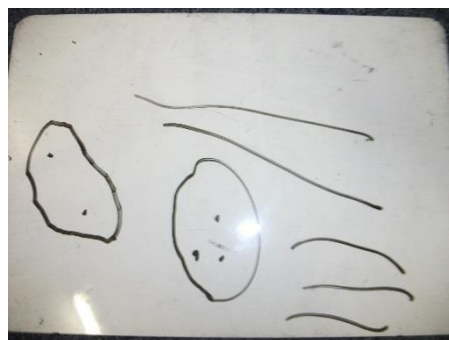
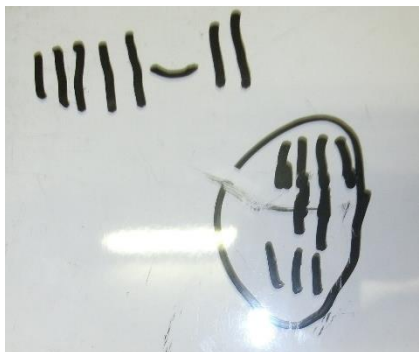
On Monday the children discovered a terrible mess in rainbow room! After long discussions both classes agreed that they thought that a bird must have made the mess! It was a lovely start to our new topic called 'Flying High'. This term the children will be learning all about different types of birds.



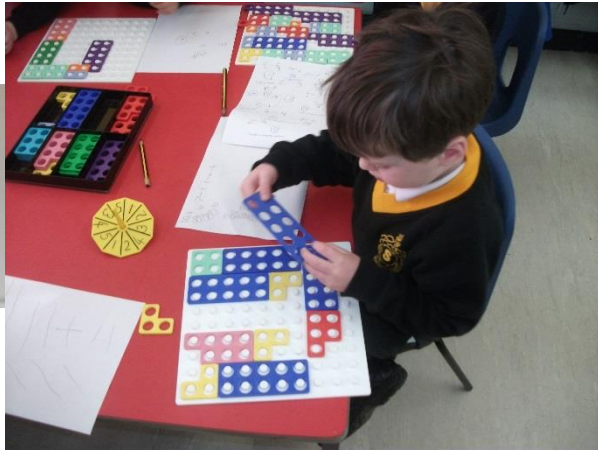
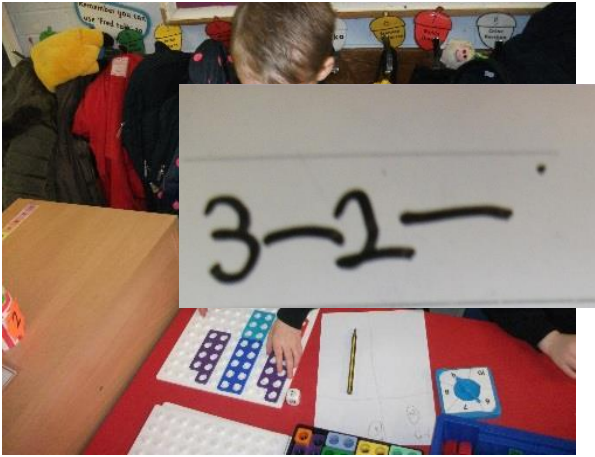
This week we introduced 'Plan, Do and Review', which takes place every afternoon. This is a session where the children have free choice over the activities they complete. We encourage the children to stick to the same activity they planned to do in the 'Planning' circle for the whole session. In the 'Review' time at the end of the afternoon we discuss how the activities have gone. This time very important because it allows the children time to reflect on their learning and identify strengths and areas of improvement.



In Maths this week we have continued our work on addition, exploring our own methods of recording our findings. This is an essential stage of learning to record mathematical concepts, before learning the formal methods. It allows us to assess the children's own understanding and enables them to explain their learning in



their own way.



The Early Years Team