



### Next Year...

We're going to work with the Countryside Rangers and the Outdoor Education team to give us opportunities to explore the countryside, to take risks and to challenge our ideas about what we can achieve!



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We'll be thinking about how we can develop our playground to make it more exciting! We want to explore different ideas to help us to challenge ourselves and to have lots of fun!

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# ROOKIE'S NEWS!

Catch up with Rookie's news from Ormiston Primary School

## Children work to improve their literacy skills.

This year everyone in Ormiston has been working especially hard to improve our reading and writing skills. To help with our reading we were given a target for Accelerated Reading points. At Christmas we had 10 people who achieved their target. At Easter half of all of our P3-7 readers achieved it. In June 98% of P3 to 7 achieved it. This is a fantastic improvement! Rookie has reported seeing children reading in all sorts of places!



## An increase in maths understanding helps us to improve our learning in maths

After Christmas we had our Mega Maths Month to give us more learning time to think about how numbers work. We did lots of practical activities to help us to understand how addition and subtraction really works and to understand how multiplying and dividing relate to each other.

We have been improving our problems solving skills and have been trying to get better at working our maths challenges when they've been written in words instead of just numbers. We're going to keep working on this next year too.



We've also been working to improve our writing. All of the reading we have been doing has made a difference here too! Next session we are going to continue to develop our writing to help us to add a little more pizzazz to our creations to draw our readers in. We're also going to think about using interesting vocabulary when we are writing and when we are talking too!

## Co-operative Learning helps us to work together more effectively!

In August our teachers learned about Co-operative Learning and how we could use it in the classroom. This year we have worked in our Home Teams and have developed our social skills together. Our teachers think we have worked very effectively together this year!

Mrs Gaffney has been learning about Making Thinking Visible and all of our classes have been trying out some of the thinking routines. Next year we'll be using lots more of these to help us to think about things differently and to explore our ideas.