



## Greenfinch Class

We have had a great start to the year in Greenfinch class! The days and weeks seem to be flying by and we cannot believe it is half term already. The children have been working hard learning lots of new skills and doing a superb job of applying their knowledge and understanding from Key Stage 1.

### Teamwork

In Year 3 we often work in pairs and small groups with different members of the class. Learning how to work with others is a vital skill which we practise every day both inside and outside the classroom.



Working together to build the tallest possible whole group.



Designing and making a sofa to fit the work!



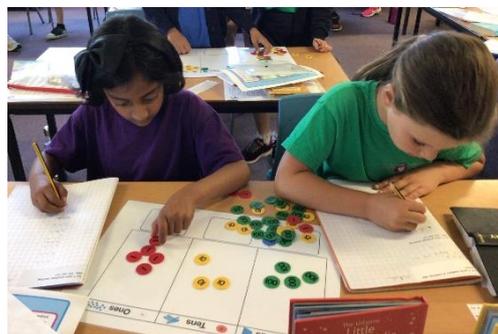
Teamwork makes the dream tower.

### Maths – Place value

In our first unit of work about place value, we used our concrete materials to expose the structure of the maths we are learning about. When we felt confident, we moved on to pictorial representations of these resources and then to abstract, written methods of recording.



Cones to represent thousands Hundreds, tens and ones.



Place value counters and grid.



Dice game recording 100, 10 or 1 more less.

### English - Poetry

We have really enjoyed listening to, reading and writing poems this half term. We used actions and changes in our voices to bring poetry to life and have written our own versions of 'I opened a book' by Julia Donaldson and 'At the end of School Assembly' by Simon Pitt. We were also very excited to join Michael Rosen for his live poetry workshop on National Poetry Day. He taught us how to make poetry out of everyday experiences, how to use hand actions and word play to learn rhymes by heart and, of course, his own unique twist to things.



Lucy, Gigi and Jemima performing 'At the End of school assembly' for the class.



Learning 'Top button, bottom button' with Michael Rosen.

## History – Stone Age to Iron Age

This term we have started learning about Prehistoric life in Britain. The children are SO enthusiastic about this topic, which is wonderful to see! We have learnt about the artefacts which have been discovered at Skara Brase on the Orkney Islands and how those artefacts tell us about Stone Age life. We grouped ourselves into Stone Age families and acted out a typical day demonstrating our understanding of what life may have been like during this period. Can you guess what these children are doing?



Are they ... Hunting? Cooking? Cutting wood? Painting? Preparing food? Making jewellery?