



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Spring Term: Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead! We have had a very exciting week at Twickenham Primary Academy as all the pupils took part in the Happy Puzzle Mathematics workshop. This workshop focused on testing the pupils' problem solving and reasoning skills, and I know the children had a memorable and valuable learning experience as well as a brilliant time testing their mathematical knowledge. Hopefully, you also managed to purchase a couple of mathematical puzzles for home which I am sure you can all enjoy as a family.

Head lice:

We have had a number of cases of confirmed head lice this week in school. Can I please ask all parents to check their child's hair this weekend and treat accordingly if needed. We do have some Lynclear treatment available in the school so if you do need some treatment, please ask Miss Karen in the school office. This is at no charge.

The following clip is very helpful regarding practical ways to get rid of head lice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGQR5oCRu6w>

- We do advise that all pupils with long hair wear it up in a hairband to limit headlice being spread amongst the children.

Parent Workshops:

The English and Mathematics workshops will take place on **Thursday 14th March 2019** with Miss Rebecca and Miss Philippa.

English with Miss Philippa will be 09:00 am – 10:15 am

Mathematics with Miss Rebecca will be 10:30 am – 11:45 am

You may wish to attend both, or just the workshop that you are most interested in. The workshops will be aimed at Year 1 and Year 2 – and after half term we will inform you about what will be covered during these sessions once we have analysed what parents will find most useful from the audits.

House Day:

Next Friday, will be House Day in school and our theme is 'TPA working as a Team!' Please make sure that you send your child into school wearing their house T- shirt. Gandhi (red), Pankhurst (Green), Shackleton (Blue) and Parks (Yellow). If you have not yet purchased your child's house T-shirt, this is available to purchase from Stevenson's in Twickenham. Please note: It is not a full mufti so the rest of the school uniform should be worn including shoes.

World Book Day:

Excitingly, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2019, and our theme will be Heroes and Villains (the children can dress in other book related costumes if they wish). The children can dress up as their favourite Hero or Villain from a story book of their choice. Miss Philippa will shortly be sending out a letter which will go into more detail about how we will be celebrating our theme in school during the very important day! We will also issue the book tokens on this day to support you with purchasing your child their latest favourite read.

House Points: This house point treat will be an 'Easter Festive Treat!'

House	Points
Parks	667
Gandhi	714
Pankhurst	758
Shackleton	714

Attendance:

Just a reminder, in line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	97.3%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97.1%
Whole School	97.1%

Key Dates

Wednesday 13 th February	Year 1 to visit Windsor Castle
Thursday 14 th February	Reception to visit Polka Theatre
Friday 15 th February	House Day
Friday 15 th February	PTA Bake Sale
Friday 15 th February	Last day of Spring 1 half term

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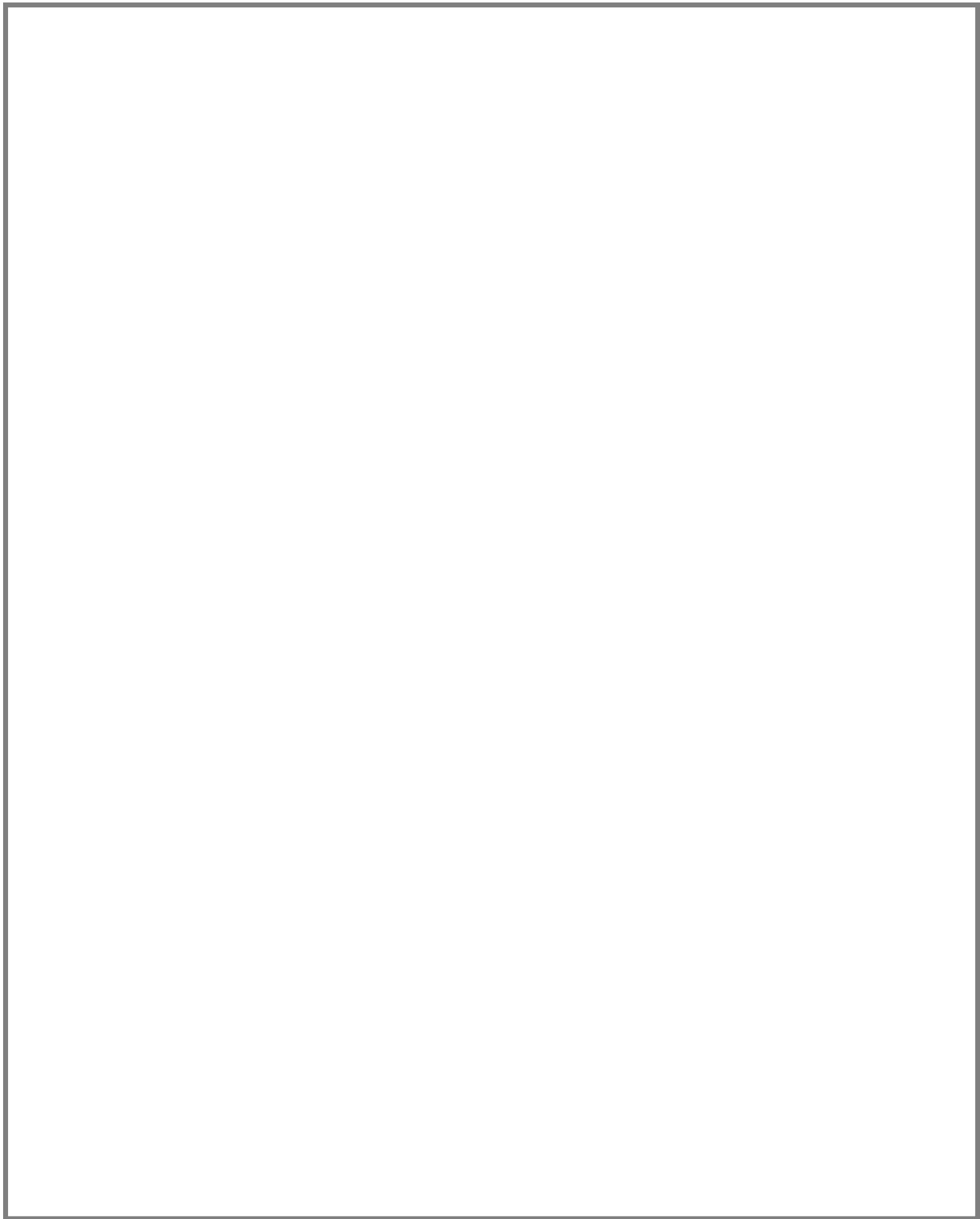
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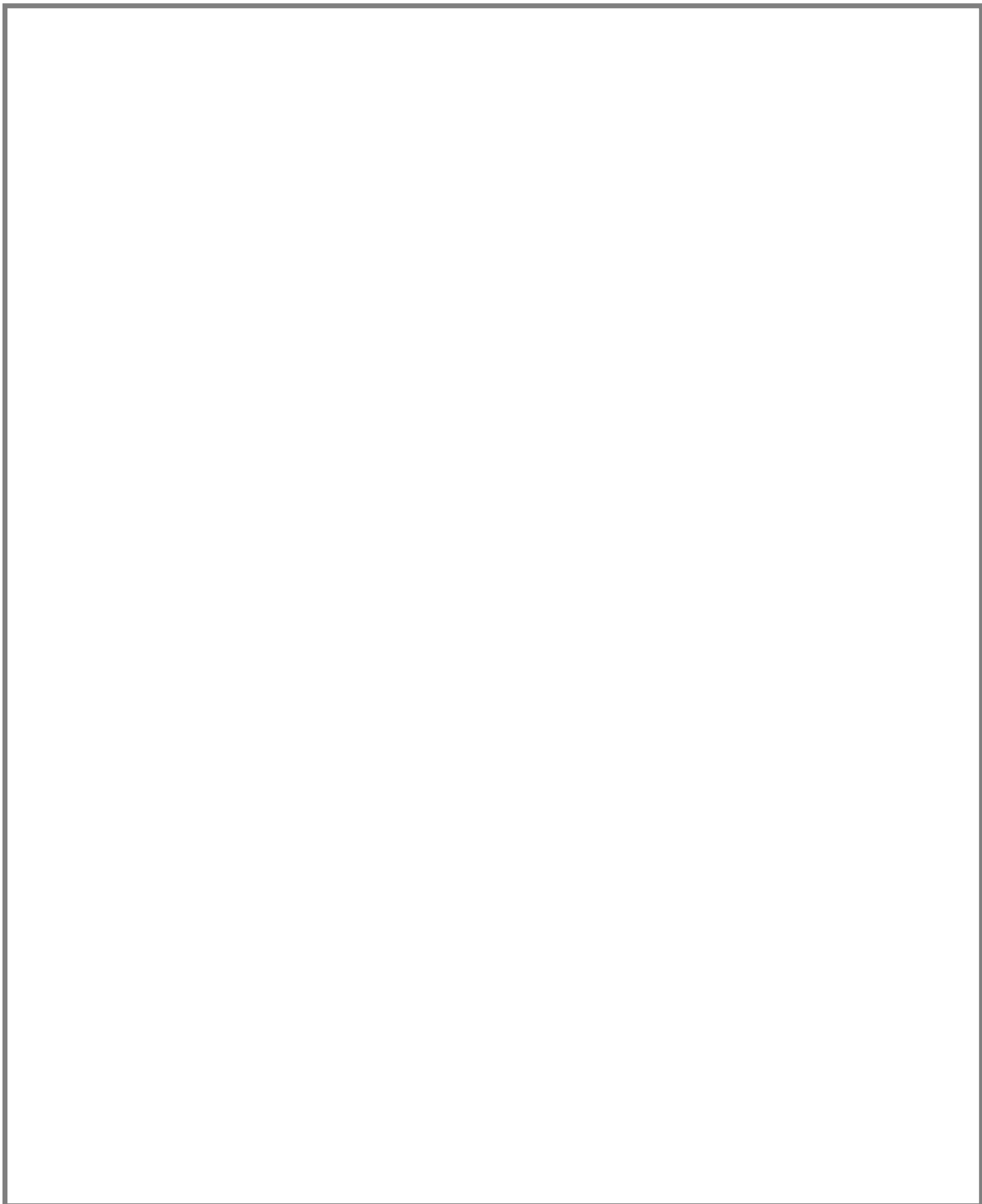
Principal's Question: For a house points on Monday, please answer the question 'What skills did you use this week to solve the Mathematical Puzzles?' Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith
Principal







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