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Working together to be the best that we can be

Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Hollydale this week. The children have settled back into their routines brilliantly and have made a positive start to the second half of the autumn term. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities and activities to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Celebrating Black History Month

Last term, our children enjoyed celebrating Black History Month and learning about inspirational Black figures who have made a positive impact on the world. It was wonderful to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with their learning and celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history.

We were particularly impressed by the outstanding home learning projects that the children brought into school. The creativity, effort and quality of the work are truly fantastic! A huge thank you to all our families for supporting their children with these wonderful projects.

We are looking forward to our Black History Month Celebration Assembly on **Thursday 12th November**, where all classes will come together to celebrate Black history, culture and achievements, building on the wonderful learning that took place last half term.

Colder Weather – Please Wrap Up Warm!

As the weather becomes colder, we kindly remind parents and carers to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the season. Please make sure your child has a warm coat and, where needed, a hat, scarf and gloves. We also ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to help us reunite lost items with their owners.

Thank You to Our PTA!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for their generous contribution towards the refurbishment of our school library. Thanks to their support, we have been able to purchase new shelving units as part of our exciting library revamp. Our library is currently undergoing refurbishment, and we cannot wait to share the improved space with the children. We are looking forward to creating an inviting and inspiring environment where our pupils can develop an even greater love of reading.

Remembrance Day – Poppies and Wristbands

As we approach Remembrance Day, poppies and wristbands are available to purchase in the playground each morning. Our **Year 6 pupils** will be selling these items before school. We encourage families who wish to support the Poppy Appeal to visit them in the playground. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Anti-Bullying Week – 16th–20th November

We are looking forward to taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week, beginning Monday 16th November**. Throughout the week, children will participate in activities and discussions focused on kindness, respect, celebrating differences and standing up against bullying.

Best wishes,
Leadership Team

Thought of the Week

"I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it." Maya Angelou

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th November	PE Workshops – All classes to wear their PE kits
Wednesday 11th	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th	BHM Assembly and BHM lunch
Friday 13th	Wear your own clothes for a tombola donation
Monday 16th	Anti-bullying Week Road Safety Week
Wednesday 18th	Flu Vaccination
Friday 20th	Odd Socks Day PTA Coffee Morning

Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%.**

Please note the following:
100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - Excellent
95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Satisfactory
90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Poor
85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - Very Poor
80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed – Unacceptable

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	95%	2
Elm	97%	3
Cedar	94%	3
Oak	91%	2
Birch	94%	3
Hazel	91%	3
Willow	91%	2

Class Catch Up!

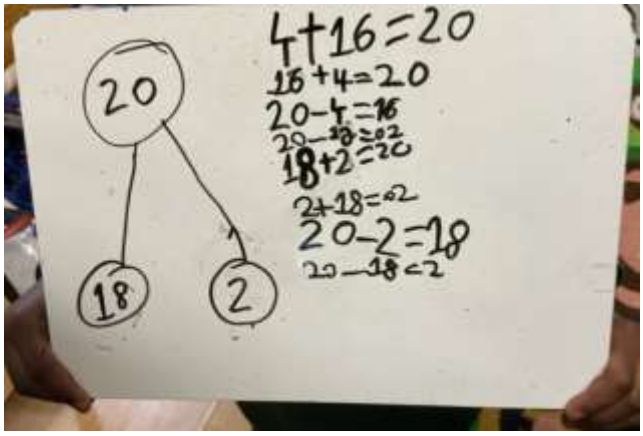
Cherry Class YR have been learning all about shapes this week. The children have been making shapes using lollipop sticks as a fun challenge.

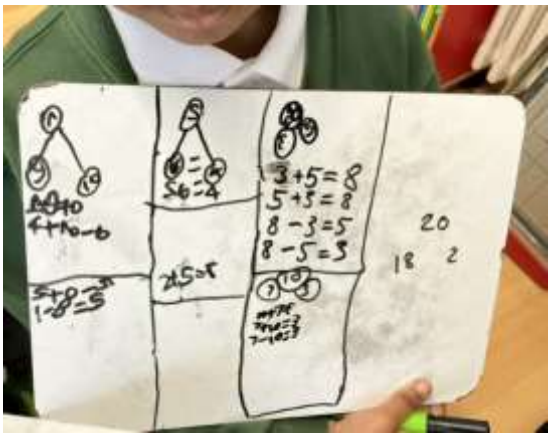


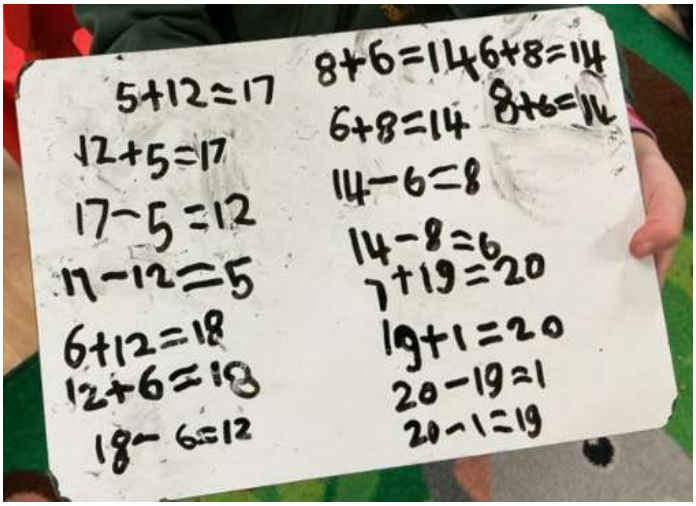


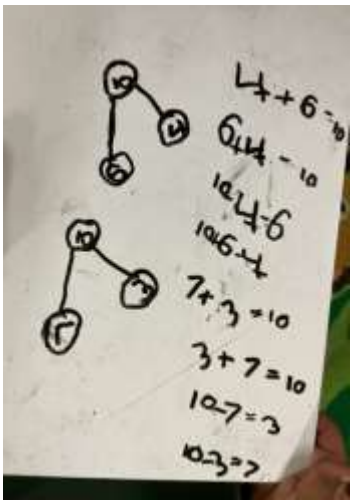
In Maths, Year 1 Elm Class have been exploring addition and subtraction. We used part-part-whole models to help us investigate fact families.

Fatima, Cora, Omotolani, L'Oyal



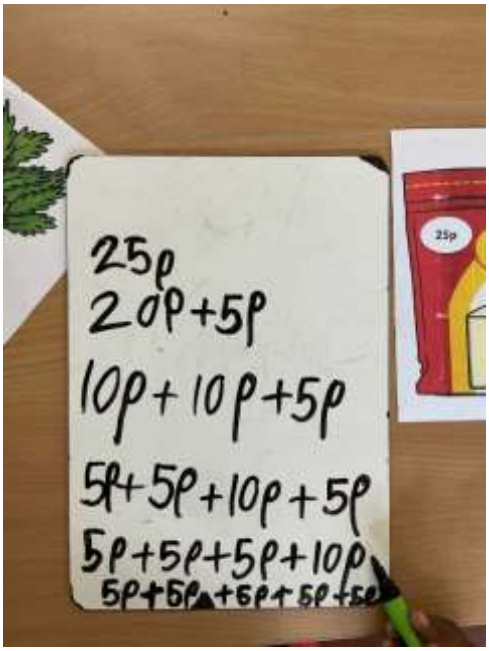




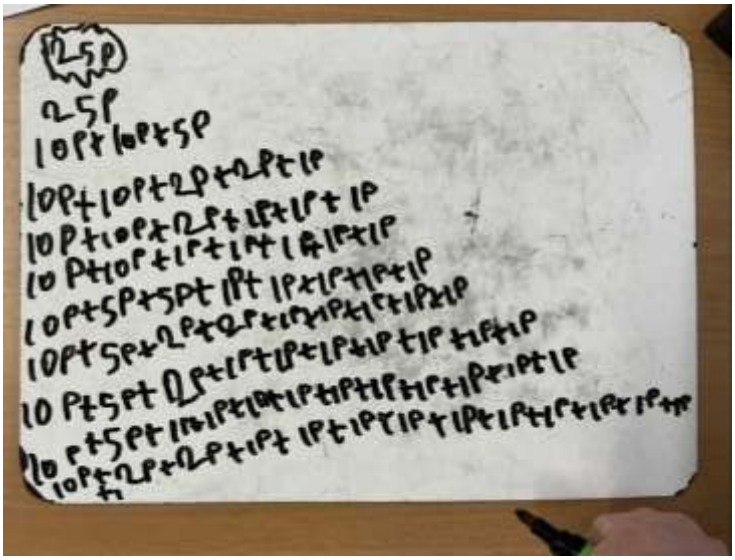


Our Oak Class (Yr 2/ Yr 3) mathematicians have been learning how to make the same amount of money in a variety of ways. To take this a step further, we began exploring how to work systematically to solve problems. We really enjoyed organising our thinking and identifying patterns to ensure that we found every possible solution.



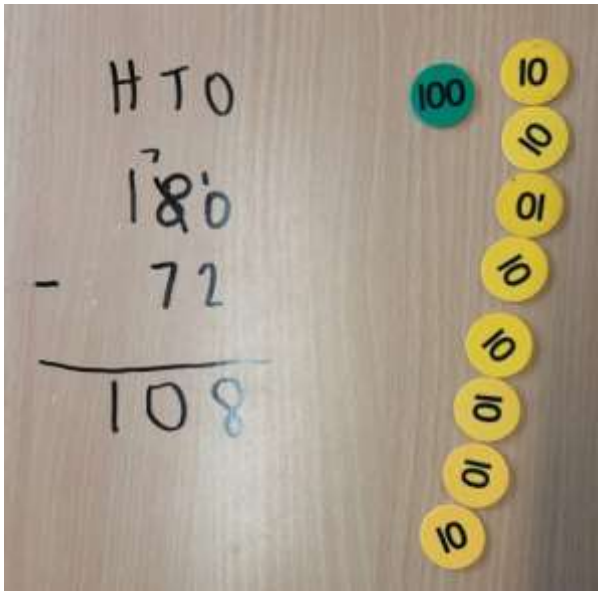


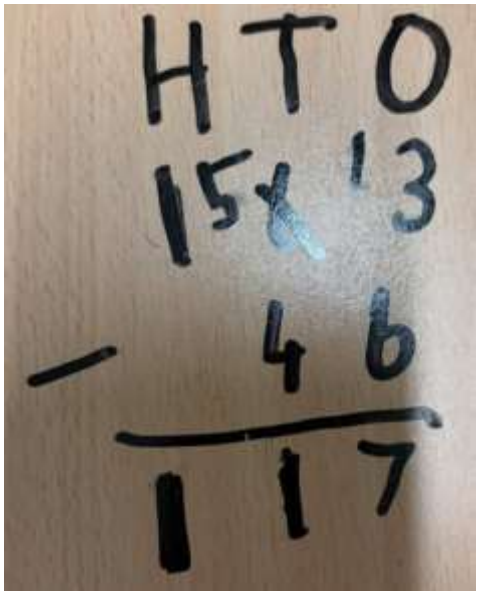
Jah' Khai

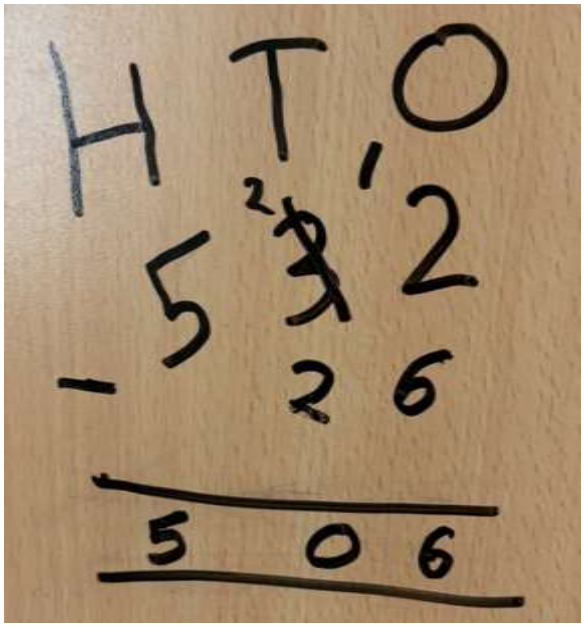


Joshua

Year 3 Cedar Class have been deepening their understanding of place value by mastering column subtraction with regrouping!

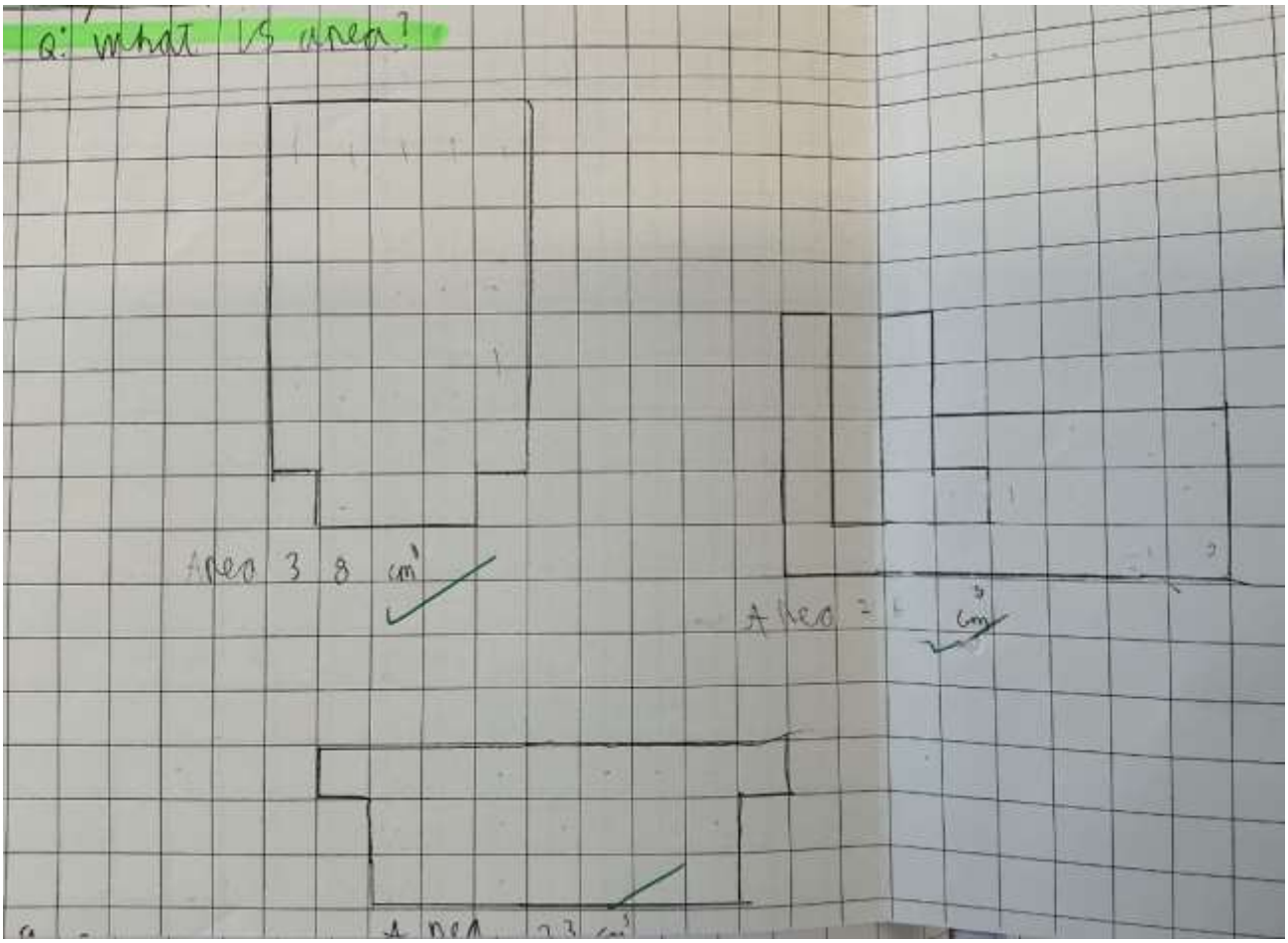


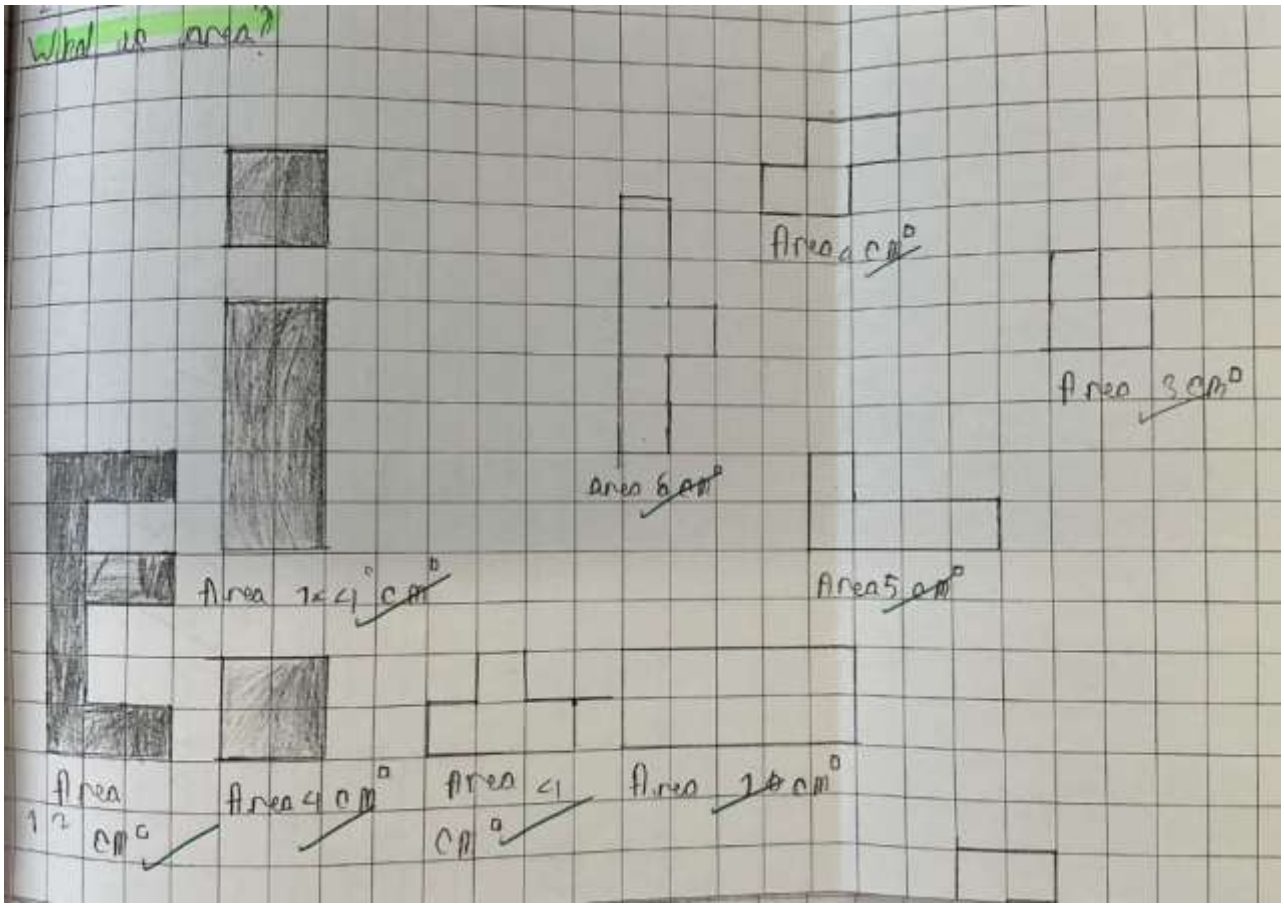


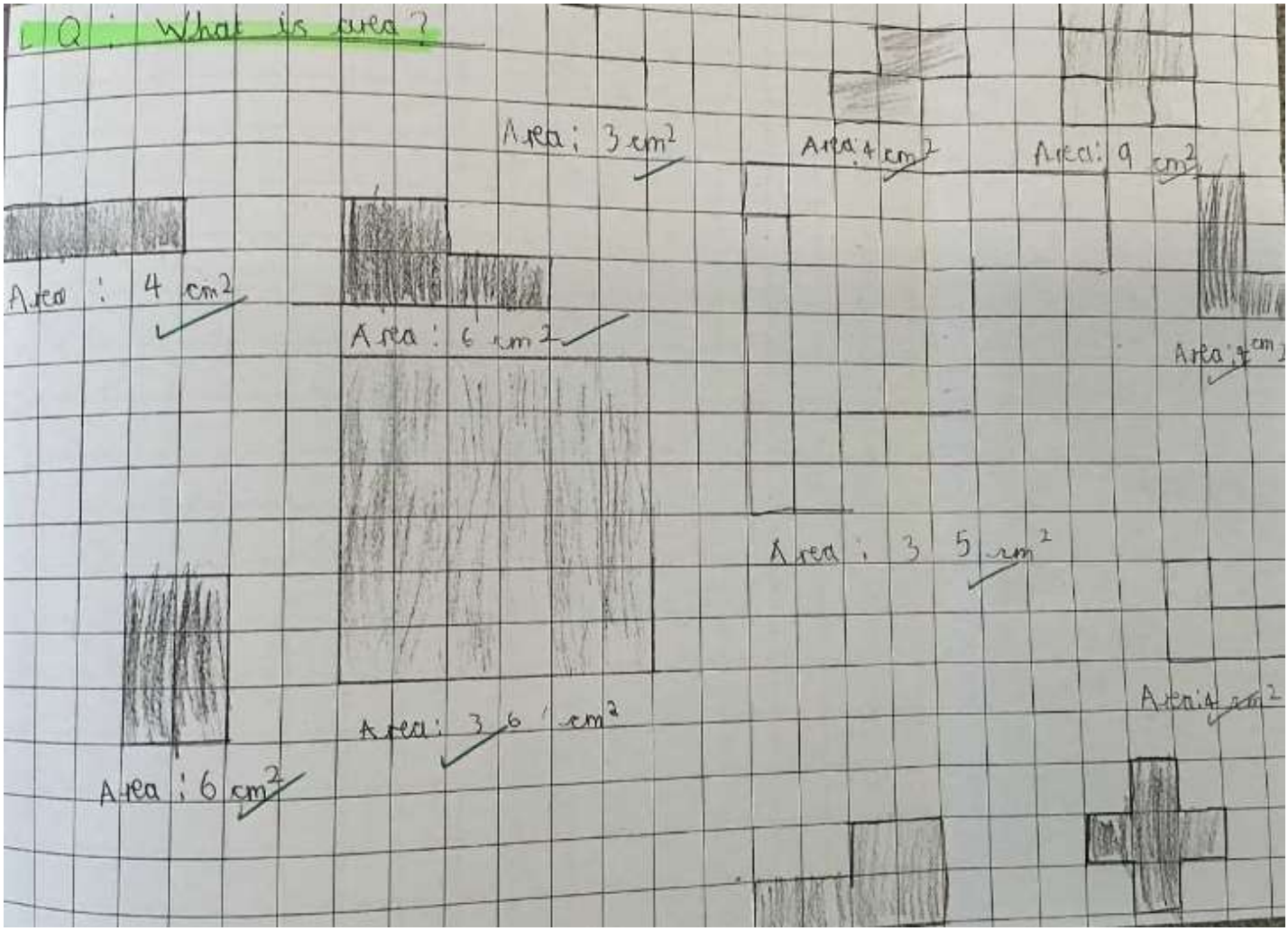


Year 4 Birch Class have been learning about area and perimeter.

Aria, Kori, Zayn

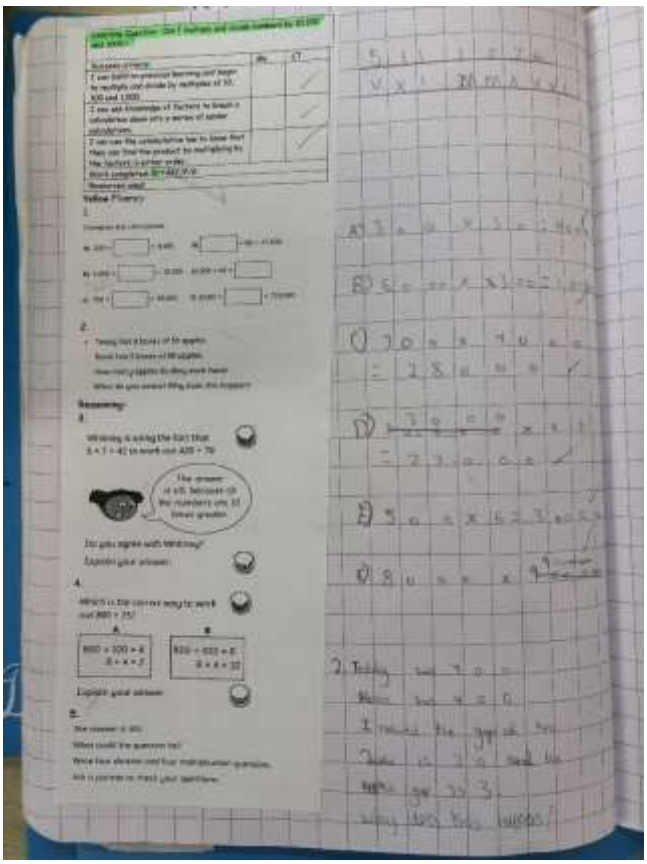


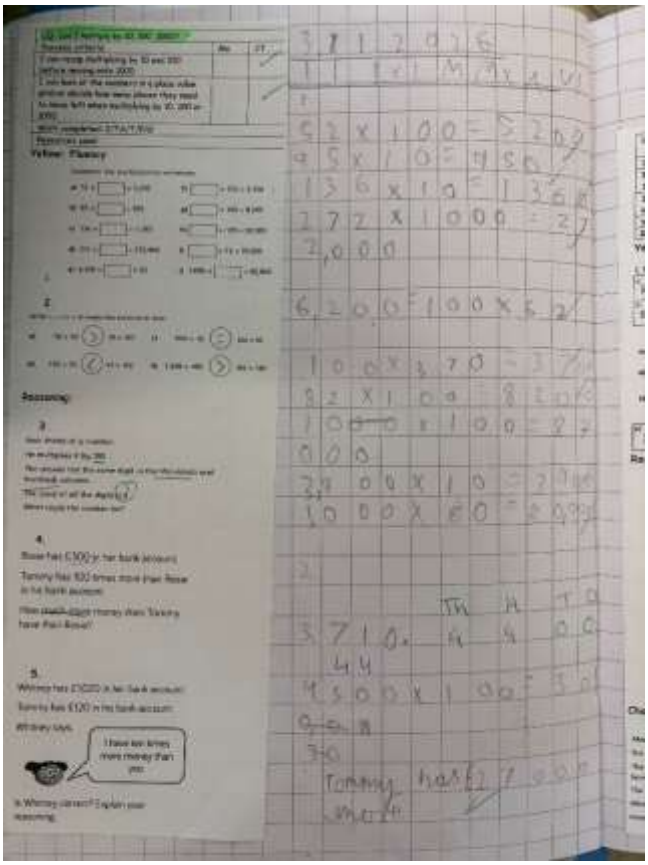


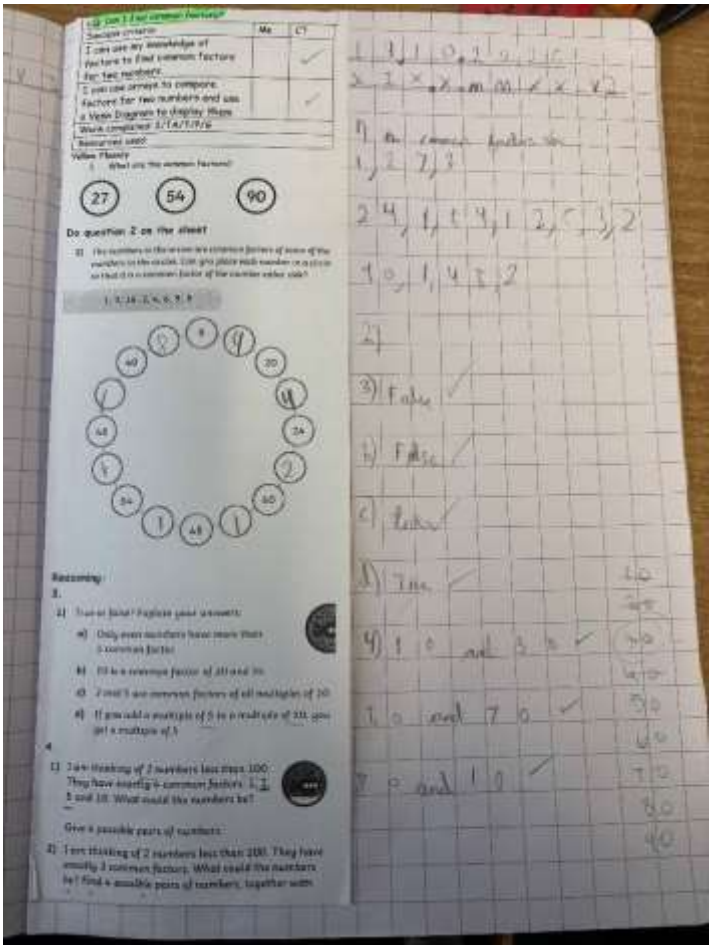

Q: What is area?
Area: 3 cm²
Area: 4 cm²
Area: 9 cm²
Area: 4 cm²
Area: 6 cm²
Area: 3 5 cm²
Area: 3 6 cm²
Area: 6 cm²

In Hazel Class, we have built on our knowledge of factors and multiplying by powers of 10 (10, 100 and 1,000). We have combined these skills to multiply numbers by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000, developing our understanding of place value and efficient multiplication strategies.

Hasnain, Ash and Ibrahim

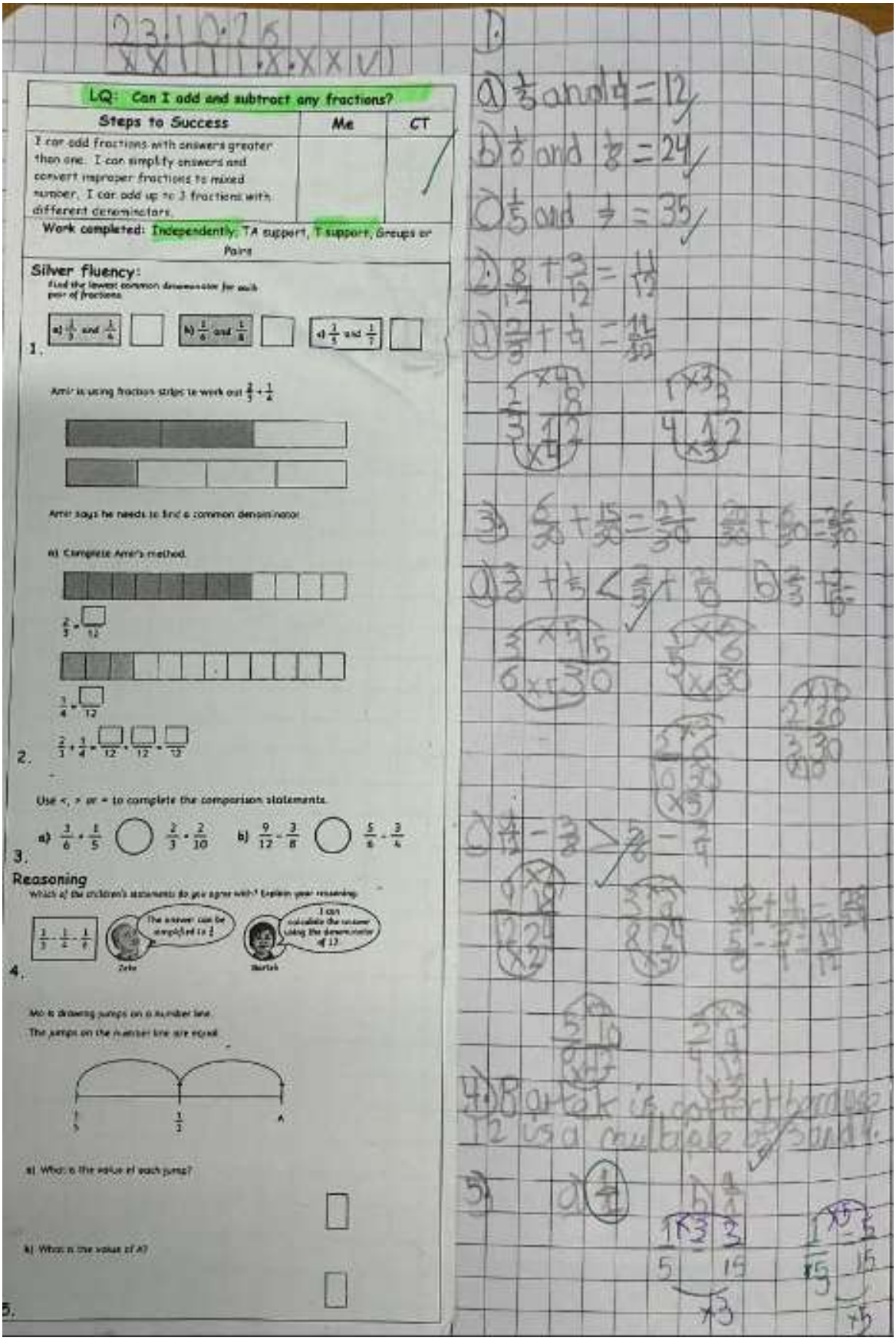


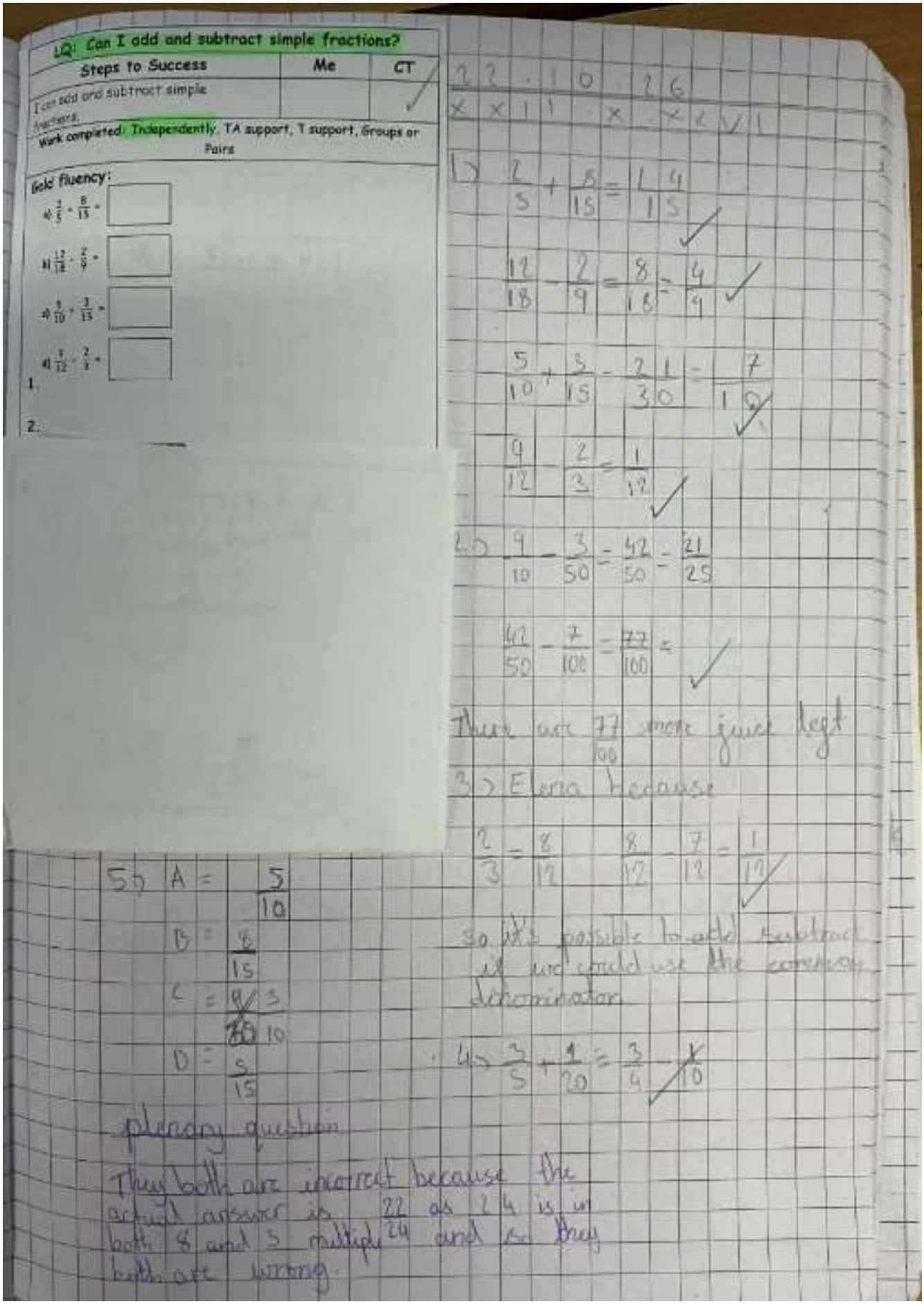




Year 6 Willow Class - In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

Hazel and Ruweydah




LQ: Can I add and subtract simple fractions?
Steps to Success
Me
CT
I can add and subtract simple fractions.
Work completed: Independently, TA support, T support, Groups or Pairs
Gold fluency:
1.
2.
22.10.26
1) 2/5 + 8/15 = 14/15
12/18 - 2/9 = 8/18 = 4/9
5/10 + 3/15 = 21/30 = 7/10
9/12 - 2/3 = 1/12
2) 9/10 - 3/50 = 42/50 = 21/25
42/50 - 7/100 = 77/100
There are 77/100 more juice left
3) Elena because
2/3 = 8/12
8/12 - 7/12 = 1/12
So it's possible to add subtract if we could use the common denominator
4) 3/5 + 1/20 = 3/4
5) A = 5/10
B = 8/15
C = 9/10
D = 5/15
plussing question
They both are incorrect because the actual answer is 22/24 as 24 is in both 8 and 5 multiplication and so they both are wrong.


Hollydale Primary School
Friends
Reg Charity 1201301
WINTER FAIR
TOMBOLA
TOY DONATIONS
OWN CLOTHES DAY
Friday 13th November 2026
Please donate good-quality toys only
No broken or damaged toys, please.
Bring a toy in exchange for supporting
our Winter Fair Tombola.
Donations can be brought in on the same day.
A collection box will be in the playground
by the gate.


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WINTER FAIR
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BOTTLE DONATIONS
Own Clothes Day
Bring in a bottle donation
(e.g. soft drinks, juice, non-alcoholic drinks or gift bottles)
on Friday 13th November 2026
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Thursday Reward Assembly Chart
W/C: 2.11.26
Excellence Reward week for: Black History Month

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Rumi	For creating a wonderful model for her Black history Month Project	Naadir	For creating a wonderful Scratch presentation for her Black history Month Project
Elm Y1	Rumi	For creating a wonderful Black History project on Claudia Jones.	Eve	For creating a wonderful Black History project on Aretha Franklin.
Oak Y2-3	Margaret	For creating a fact file that outlines how we can all change the world for the better.	Jahmari & Jah'Khai	For creating an outstanding model of the HMT Empire Windrush Ship.
Cedar Y3	Tess	For producing a wonderful, informative project on the life, career, and enduring legacy of Muhammed Ali!	Sidney	For exceptional research, striking layout, and dedication to sharing the inspiring story of a true football pioneer and military hero.
Birch Y4	Darnye	Working hard to produce good quality work during Black History Month, including an effective poster in role as Mavis Best.	Micah	Learning his lines for Black History Month assembly and commitment. Well done Micah!
Hazel Y5-6	Mohammed	For an amazing Black History Month project showing his creativity.	Ibrahim	For a lovely project about Latimer showing his dedication. It even included a working circuit.
Willow 6	Yaminah	For her enthusiasm towards BHM and for a fantastic project on Wangari Maathai.	Jayden	For his enthusiasm towards BHM and for a fantastic project on Maurice Ashley.