



Birches First School
Believe, Grow, Succeed



School Closure Home Learning

Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 26/3/20

Reading task

Retrieval questions -

Spotting the Relevant Information

Here are some questions and texts. Can you find the specific information in each text which will help you to answer the question?

Tips

- Read the whole text and question first, then look for the key information which tells you the answer.
- Use your coloured pens or highlighters to mark ONLY the words or phrases which help you know the answer.
- Write the answer in your own words.

Text:

Many Greek parents preferred boy children because a son would look after his parents in old age. A daughter went away when she married, and had to take a wedding gift or dowry. This could be expensive, especially if a family had lots of daughters.

A father could decide whether or not the family kept a new baby; unwanted or weak babies were sometimes left to die outdoors. Anyone finding an abandoned baby could adopt it and take it home, perhaps to raise it as a slave. If a couple were rich, they might hire a poor neighbour or a slave to nurse a new baby.

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Question:

Would you rather be a daughter or a son in a Greek family? Why?

Text:

Viking attacks on Anglo-Saxon England started at the end of the AD700s. The Vikings came by sea in their longships and attacked monasteries and churches to steal gold or other treasures. By the 800s, great armies of Vikings roamed England. In AD869, they killed King Edmund of East Anglia.

After King Alfred of Wessex fought the Vikings, he made peace with them, although he continued to build ships and walled towns to defend his kingdom against Viking attacks. However, fighting between the English and the Vikings went on into the AD1000s.

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Question:

How do you know that King Alfred didn't really trust the Vikings after they made peace?

Text:

Your heart plays an important part in being healthy because it keeps all the blood in your circulatory system flowing. Blood carries oxygen around your body to all your cells, where it is needed. When you exercise, you can feel your pulse in your wrist or neck, which tells you how fast your heart is pumping. Smoking, alcohol, fatty foods and too much sugar are bad for your health and fitness. They damage your lungs, heart and teeth.

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Question:

How do you know that blood is a liquid?

Text:

Soils are a mixture of tiny particles of rock, dead plants and animals, air and water. Different plants grow better in different types of soil. Sandy soil is pale coloured with lots of small air gaps. Water drains through this type of soil easily, so it usually feels quite dry. Clay soil is an orange or blue-ish sticky soil with very few air gaps so water does not drain through it easily. Therefore, when it rains, puddles stay on top of clay soil for a long time. Peat is different from other soils because it does not contain any rock particles. It is made from very old decayed plants and is dark, crumbly and rich in nutrients (chemicals plants need to grow).

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Question:

It rained hard yesterday, and today there is still water lying on my flower beds. What type of soil do you think I have?

Remember to answer in full sentences. Use part of the question in the answer. For example 'How do you know that blood is liquid?', answer 'I know that blood is liquid because the text states...'

Challenge!

Choose one of the texts and rewrite it in your own words.

Writing/SPaG task

Up levelling sentences – A Long and Lonely Road

Use the steps below to improve this sentence:

The road ran past a field.



1. First, rewrite the sentence and add modifying nouns or adjectives to create expanded noun phrases.

2. Next, rewrite the sentence from Step 1 but start your sentence with a fronted adverbial.

3. Finally, rewrite the sentence from Step 2 but choose a subordinating conjunction from the box below to add a subordinate clause.

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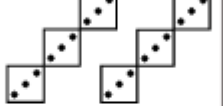

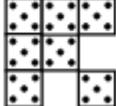
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Maths task

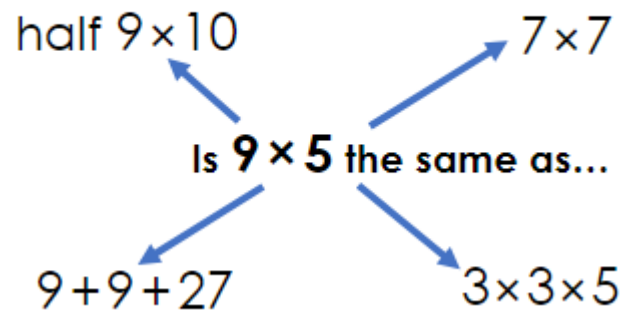
Multiplication – Reasoning – choose your question or even questions!

Which number sentence?

Write a multiplication number sentence for each example. One has been done for you.

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Is it the same?



Rank by difficulty

$$15 \times 6$$

$$23 \times 3$$

$$18 \times 5$$

Challenge!

Which one's correct?

Find the correct calculation. Spot the mistakes.

$$326 \times 7$$

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