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We have had a busy week this week preparing for today's Harvest Service, which went beautifully. We have enjoyed a week of sea-life poetry, in line with our theme for the Harvest of protecting the seas and oceans. We started by brainstorming the sea as a class and then individually, turning our words into short, powerful sentences, using adjectives and adverbs. We ordered our sentences so that they told a story and then tweaked them to create short poems with natural rhythm. Some of the children even made lists of rhyming words and managed to incorporate rhyming couplets into their poems. We finished by writing our poems in the shapes of sea creatures or objects that typified our poem. The children have been so imaginative and creative; we definitely have natural flair for poetry in the classroom! You can enjoy their work on display on the board in the school hall.

Please note we have placed a food donation box in the school lobby for children to contribute to should they wish, for a local food bank.

Maths

This week we have been focussing on looking at patterns in numbers. For example given that $19 + 20 = 39$ we can say that $19 + 19 = 38$ because we mentally add 20 and then take one away. Finding patterns in sums and methods of mentally adding numbers that cross over the tens is helpful in providing children with a secure method that they can build on as the sums get trickier and we add and subtract larger numbers. We have also been exploring addition using the number line and started looking at addition of HTUs using the expanded column method.

Dates for your diary

- 8th October 3:30-5:00pm
Parent Consultations
- 10th October 4:30-7:00pm
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- Friday 12th October = Cedar's
community class assembly
- 16th October 4:30-7:00pm
Parent Consultations
- 17th October 3:30-5:00pm
Parent Consultations
- 18th October Flu Jabs
- 19th October Music Assembly

Art

This week year 3 have enjoyed making colourful divas in preparation of our class assembly next Friday 12th October. The divas are a complement to our English topic of 'stories from other cultures' and the story we are currently reading of Rama and Sita. The children did such a great job making their lanterns and decorated them so beautifully with a variety of rangoli patterns. We now have a colourful array of lanterns hanging in the classroom.

Home Learning and Test Results

Maths: Snoopy: Missing Number, due Wednesday	Spelling Results:	/10
Times Tables: 4 times tables, for next Friday	Times Tables Test:	/10