

ALDER COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achievement through Commitment

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Dear Parents,

Year 2 - Go Green Arithmetic

In Year 2 your children will have an arithmetic test each week to assess how confident and accurate they are with answering number questions. This helps us to monitor individual children and support as necessary. Some weeks the arithmetic test will be known as Go Green Arithmetic.

The Go Green Arithmetic is when we give children the questions and answers to arithmetic questions to take home a week in advance so they can practise applying their arithmetic strategies before the actual test for these same questions. These do not take place every week, some weeks the arithmetic tests remain whereby the children do not know the questions and are therefore unable to prepare for the test.

For the Go Green arithmetic weeks the children will have the opportunity to be rewarded with five minutes extra play **if they improve on their previous Go Green best score**. All children who **score 9 or 10** will also automatically be rewarded with the five minutes extra play. Some children may have 5 questions and this is discretionary based on teacher's understanding of children's needs; and the extra play will be awarded **if children improve on their previous go Green best score** and for a **score of 4 or 5**.

This proved to be very successful last year as the children's scores in these Go Green Arithmetic weeks generally significantly improved compared to the normal arithmetic weeks and this has shown that the children have been practising and working hard to master arithmetic skills. We have also seen many children who do not score well in the normal arithmetic weeks gaining full marks due to their hard work, preparation and determination, which we are delighted with.

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We have explained this new system to the children and they feel happy with how this will work, and are excited to earn the opportunity of extra playtime!

We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to support your children in practising answering the questions sent home in readiness for the test the following week.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you so much for your support at home.

J Podmore

**Mrs J Podmore
Maths Subject Leader**