

ALDER COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achievement through Commitment

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16 September 2025

Dear Parents

Y3 – Y5 Go Green Arithmetic

We sent a letter on 16 July indicating that we would contact you early in the Autumn Term regarding the Go Green Arithmetic and how we have adapted it for this Term following your feedback.

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.

We would like to continue with this new initiative as the children's scores in these Go Green Arithmetic weeks have 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.

Looking at your feedback and having talked to the children in school, we propose to continue with the Go Green Arithmetic but with a change in how it works.

We understand that, even with lots of practise, it is easy to make a mistake so we would like to address this. Many of you suggested rewarding children who improve their score, and we would also like to take this into consideration too. There were many parents who feel the Go Green Arithmetic is a good idea as it does motivate their children and they would like to see it continue.

From September, for the Go Green arithmetic weeks the children will still 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**.

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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 feel this will open up the opportunity for more children to earn the extra play whilst still encouraging the children to practise their arithmetic skills as well as developing their motivation and determination. Our aim is to encourage children to practise arithmetic strategies and to reward children for effort and hard work and celebrate this in school.

Once again, we thank you for your feedback in helping us to adapt this new initiative taking into consideration many viewpoints. We will continue to monitor it and review it on a regular basis.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

J Podmore

**Mrs J Podmore
Maths Subject Leader**

