

Improving Your Reading with Rex Retriever: The Old Woman's Luck



There was once an old woman. She made a small amount of money by helping the farmers' wives in her village. She didn't earn much. Sometimes, she would get a plate of meat at one house and sometimes she would get a cup of tea at another. Yet, the old woman always looked cheerful.

Late one evening as she was walking home, the old woman found a big, black pot lying by the side of the road. "I would love to have that pot but

I have nothing to put in it," she said. "Who could have left it here?" She looked

around for the person it belonged to but there was no one there.

"Maybe it will have a hole in it," she said thoughtfully. "Yes, that will be why they've left it lying here. Even if it does have a hole in it, it will make a wonderful pot for a flower on the windowsill. I think I'll take it home anyway." She bent her stiff, old back and lifted the lid to look inside.

"Goodness me!" she cried, jumping back to the other side of the road. "It is filled to the top with gold pieces!"



 Where did the old woman find the pot? Tick one. 		
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at the village square		
on someone's windowsill		
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European Landmarks

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica. Some of the countries in Europe are the United Kingdom, France, Holland and Greece. Throughout Europe, you can find a variety of famous landmarks that bring millions of tourists to the continent every year. Here are three famous human landmarks.

Terrific Tower

The Eiffel Tower can be found in Paris, France, and was completed on 31st March 1889. It took just over two years to build. Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 324 metres tall. This is the same as an 81-storey building! Seven million tourists visit every year, making it the most-visited paid monument in the world. There is even a smaller copy of the tower in Las Vegas, USA.





Mysterious Stones

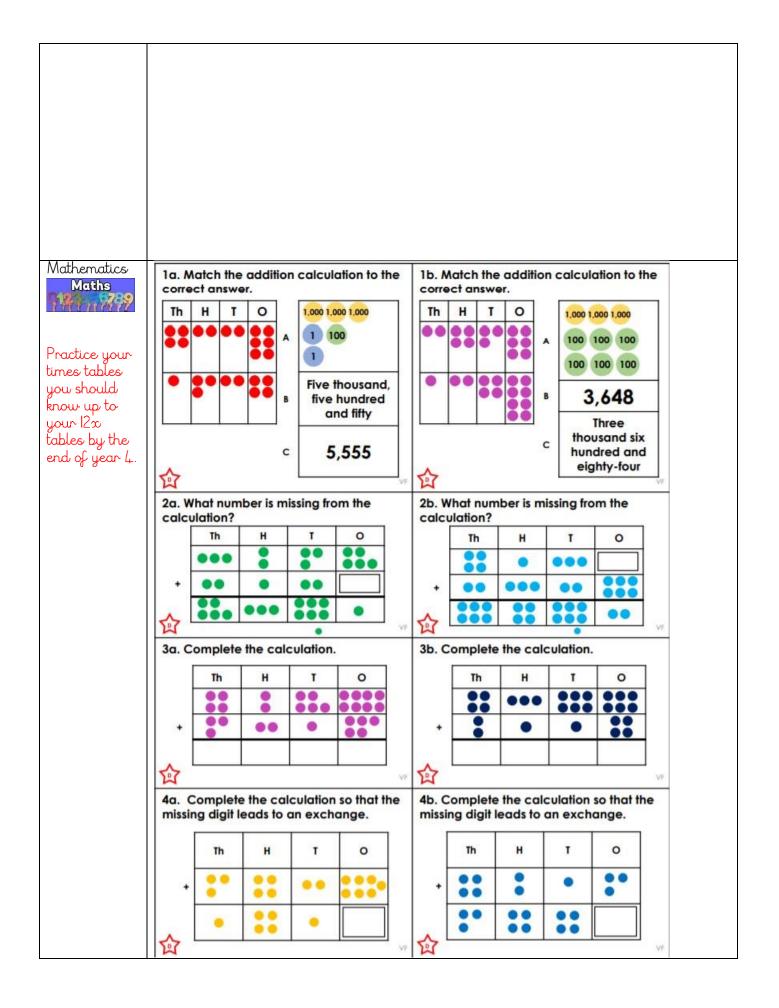
The mysterious Stonehenge can be found in the English countryside in Wiltshire. People believe that the stones were erected around 5,000 years ago, but nobody is certain why. It is also a mystery of how the enormous stones got there, with many believing that the stones were brought to Wiltshire from over 200 miles away. How was this achieved without trucks or cars? The mystery of the stones brings almost a million visitors every year, with its busiest day on 21st June for the Summer Solstice.

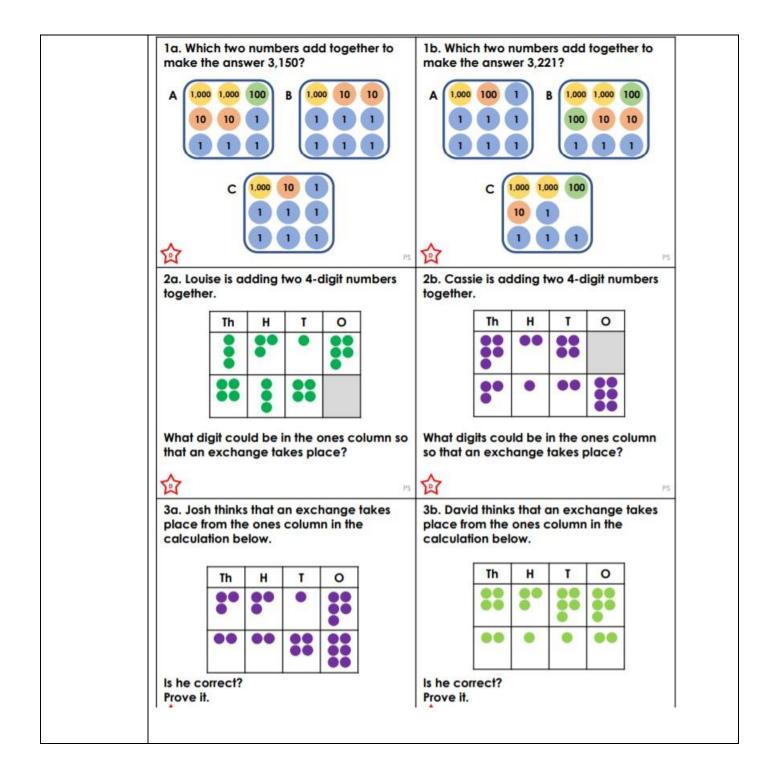
Colourful Cathedral

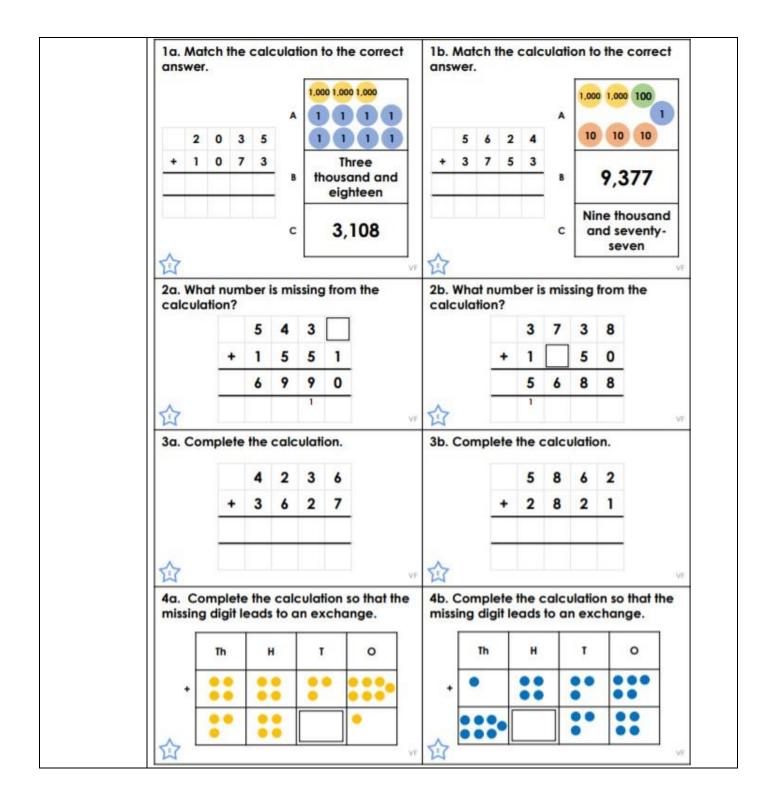
St. Basil's Cathedral can be found in Moscow, Russia and is shaped like flames, though many of the towers look like colourful ice cream cones. St. Basil's is the only cathedral of its kind; no others before or after have looked like that, which is why so many people flock to the famous landmark every year. It was built from 1555-61. This cathedral's cool design and colours are often mistaken for the Kremlin, the home of the Russian president.



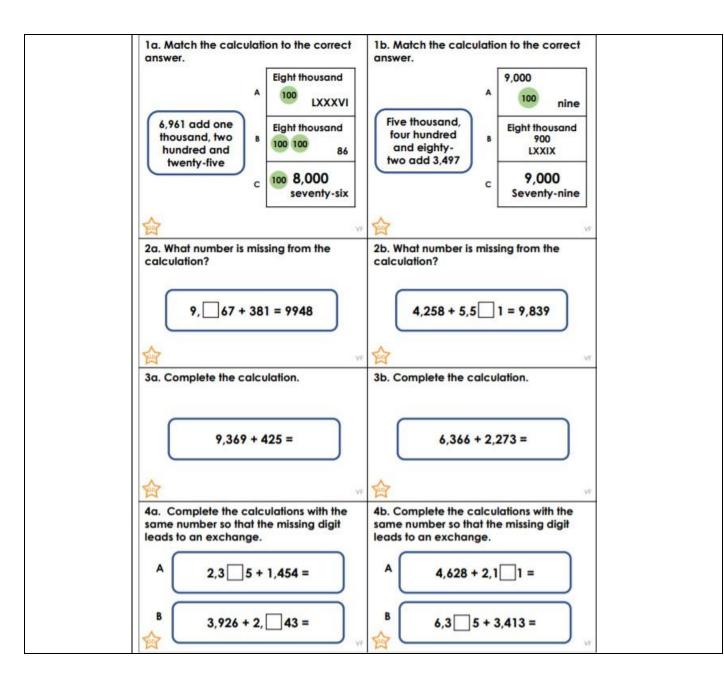
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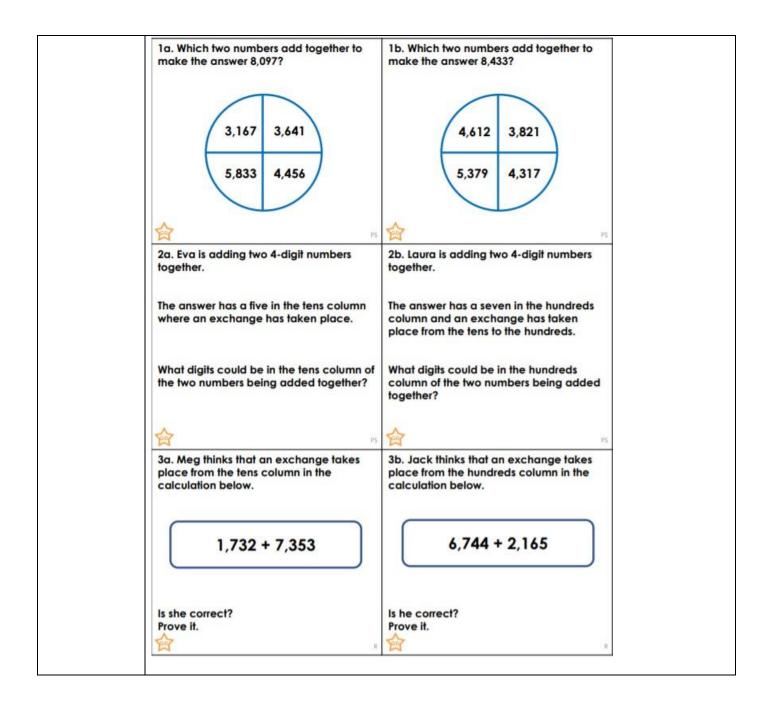




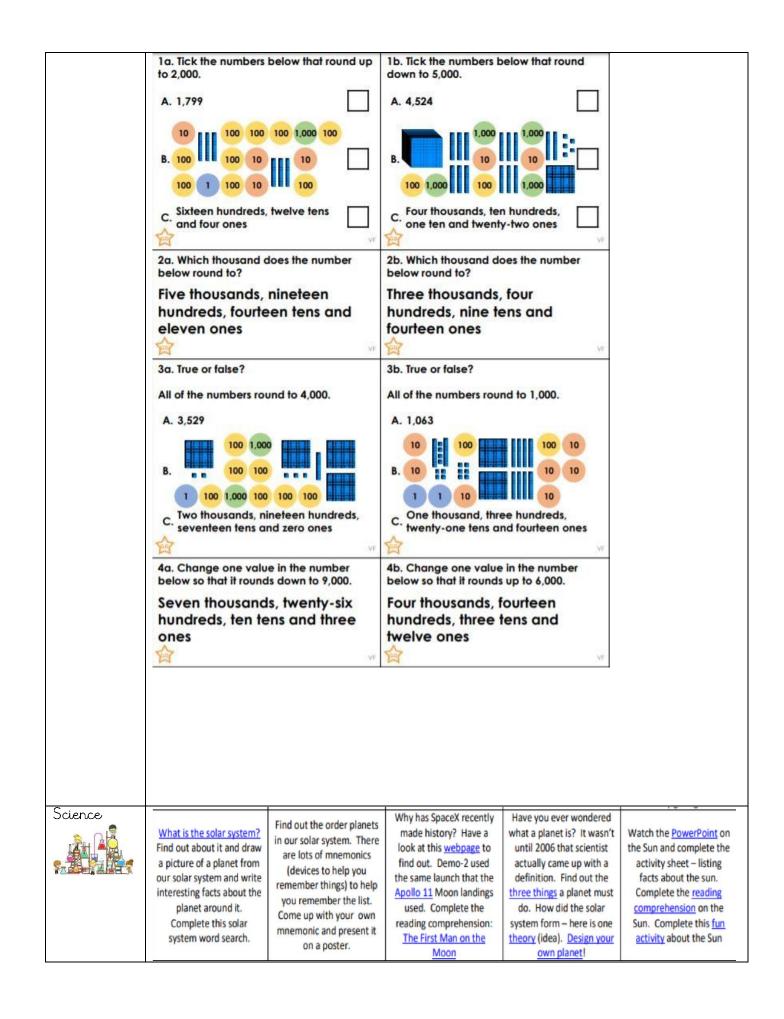


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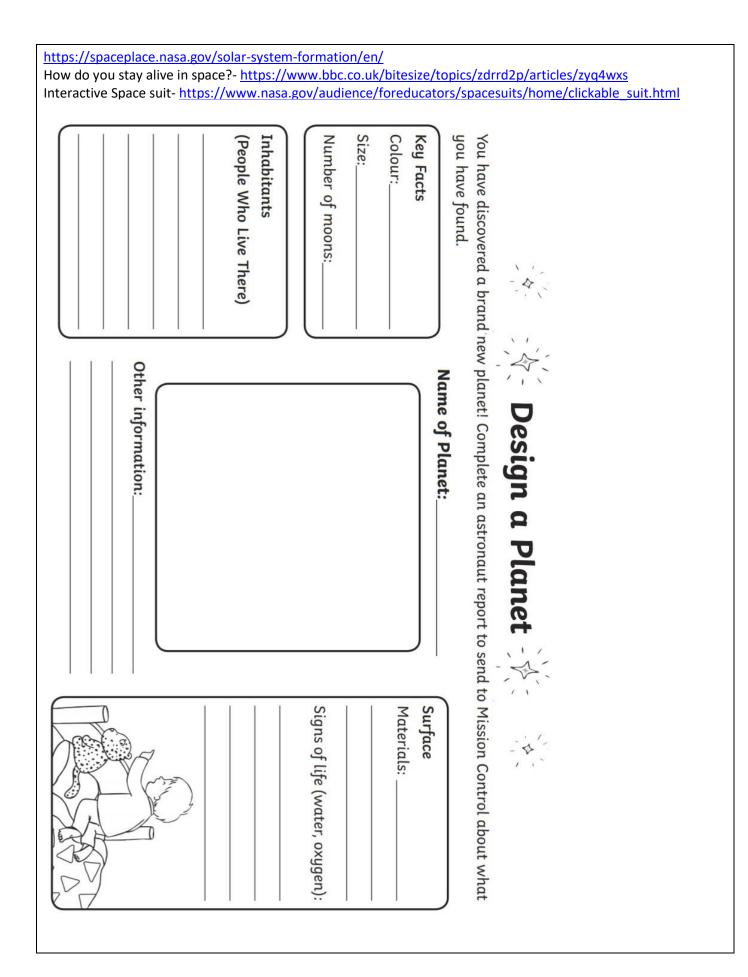


1a. Tick the numbers below that round up to 4,000.	1b. Tick the number below that rounds down to 6,000.	
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Geography

South America

South America, the world's 4th largest continent, sits below North America and is surrounded by the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The population of South America is approximately 423 million and this continues to grow each year. There are 12 countries in South America, the largest of which is Brazil which takes up almost half of the land area and population of the whole continent. In fact, Brazil is almost the same size as the USA! Suriname is the smallest South American country.

The 12 countries in South America are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Equador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.



Climate

The weather in South America varies a great deal from country to country because it is such a large continent. For the majority of the year, most of the continent is warm. It rarely gets too cold except in higher, mountainous areas, such as the Andes, where the temperature can drop below freezing.

Did You Know ...?

Portuguese is spoken Olá by the most people in South America but it is only spoken in Brazil. Spanish is the most common language in the rest of South America. Due to its tropical climate, most of South America receives plenty of rainfall each year. However, there are some places that are actually the driest areas on Earth, such as the Atacama Desert in Chile.

Natural Wonders

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world and is home to thousands of species of wildlife. More than half of the rainforest is located in Brazil. Tribes of people still live in some areas of the rainforest and have little or no contact with the outside world.

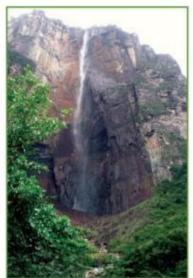


The Andes are the world's longest mountain range and they stretch across many South American countries. The highest peak is Aconcagua which is in Argentina and stands at 6962m tall.

Cape Horn is a narrow piece of rocky land (a headland) that sits off the southern tip of South America where the Pacific and Atlantic oceans meet.

Angel Falls, in Venezuela, are the world's highest waterfalls and drop for 979 metres.

The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world and runs for approximately 4000 miles. Unlike other rivers in the world, no bridges cross the river at any point.



The Incas were the largest group of native people in South America. The Incan Empire lasted for about 100 years and they famously built the ancient city Machu Picchu in the Andes.

Did You Know ...?



1.	Whi	ch two oceans surrour	nd South America?			<u></u>
2.	Who	it is the smallest coun	try in South America?	Tick one.		
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	0	Chile				
	0	Suriname				
	0	Venezuela				
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6.	Expl	ain in your own word	s why it is important t	to protect the Amazor	n Rainforest.	
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7.	How	long is the Amazon R	iver? Tick one.			
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n <u>introdu</u> tecs and		Complete the Discovering		Find out what <u>customs</u> the Aztecs had. The Aztecs had many gods. Click <u>here</u> to find out about their gods. Draw a picture of an Aztec	Write an <u>Ode</u> to an Aztec god	The Aztec enjoyed many different forms of art – find out about them <u>here</u> Have a go yourself at some <u>Aztec printing</u> .

Rainforest habitat- <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv/articles/zxdsvcw</u> Aztecs-
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Amazing Aztecs
National Curriculum Aims: History: To study a non-European society that provides a contrast with British history. To explore Aztec inventions and sculptures. English: To perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear.
The Aztecs valued poetry in their culture. It was so special that it was often the nobles and even the king who wrote and read poetry. The poems were used as part of religious rituals and were very descriptive and full of energy. The Aztec word for poetry was 'flower and song' and they believed poetry was a gift from the gods. Can you write an Aztec inspired poem to one of the Aztec gods? Which god would be worthy of a poem?
What you need: • Information sheet • Poetry writing frame
 What to do: Read the information provided or do some research on the Internet.
• Which Aztec god catches your interest? Why might you need help from the gods? Perhaps you're a farmer in need of rain for your crops. Could you be a warrior hoping to capture prisoners for sacrifice? Are you an Aztec priest hoping for a cure for a sick child?
 What language features were used by Aztec poets? Use this Twinkl resource to help you choose what style to write in.
 Perform your poem to an audience. Imagine you are an Aztec noble or priest impressing the crowds at a ritual gathering. Use your voice to intonate and express.

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ART	Be inspired by David Zinn's <u>street art</u> . Come up with a design and then see if you can find a place outside that you could draw your art. <u>zinnart.com</u>	Make your own <u>3D</u> rainbow and find out about how <u>real rainbows</u> are made.	This activity is taken from The Oak National Academy <u>Drawing Skills: How can</u> we use texture to make our drawings more interesting?	This activity is taken from The Oak National Academy <u>Optical Illusions and using</u> <u>shading to show form</u>	Find out what Surrealism is by watching this short <u>video</u> . <u>Which Surrealist artist are</u> <u>you?</u> Take the quiz to find out! Create a picture of two objects that wouldn't normally go together.	Create some <u>marbled</u> <u>paper</u> with foam! (This one will probably be ver messy!)

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Teacher comment				Teacher signature:
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