

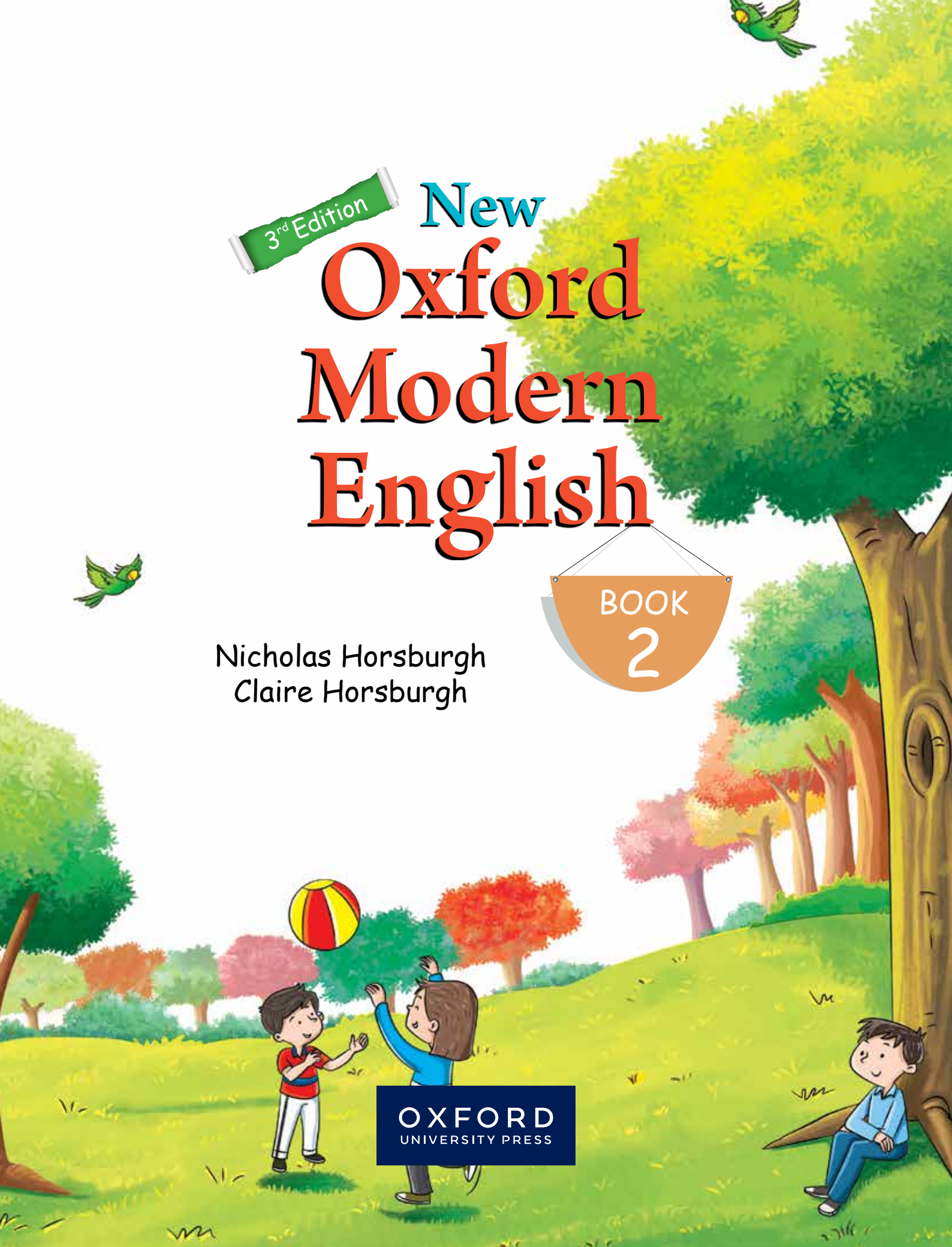
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Guidance for Teachers

These are some additional helpful tips and recommendations for teachers to cover the course efficiently and effectively.

Before starting a text

A pre-reading activity is useful in securing the attention of the learners through activities that lead them to the text. Pre-reading activities should be interesting, relevant, and fun to do. For each text, a pre-reading section has been suggested. It should be used to lead a class discussion. Most pre-reading activities suggested are open-ended, i.e., they may not have a particular answer, but are useful for discussion that leads learners to the text.

Teachers may use any other interesting pre-reading activities with direct relevance to the text to be taught.

All the pre-reading activities contain a reading focus. The purpose of the pre-reading section is that learners read a text with that focus in mind.

Reading

A carefully planned reading class will go a long way in creating a love for reading in the minds of the learners. Some techniques are suggested here to help learners proceed step-by-step in the class from guided reading to becoming independent readers.

Shadow reading

For young learners, read aloud each sentence of the text slowly. Ask learners to follow the sentence with a finger and repeat after you. If a sentence is longer, break the sentence into meaningful parts. Take a clear pause at each break and at the end of each sentence.

Show action wherever possible to accompany your reading aloud.

Read a text aloud at least twice. Then, ask learners to read aloud. Help them with reading where necessary. All the texts should be taught in this manner. However, in later years, the concept of silent reading is to be introduced as well as it will help with independent learning and comprehension.

Chunk reading

Instead of asking learners to read a whole text all together, for Classes 1–4, each text should be divided into reading chunks that can be better managed by learners. Each text has been divided into two/three reading chunks for the students to understand with ease. Use a focusing question/statement before each reading chunk. Ask one/two link questions when students have finished reading a chunk. The link question/statement can function as the focus for the next reading unit. This has been done for all the prose texts. Linking/reflecting and prediction questions/activities for the reading chunks are given to assist learners in dealing with the texts. Allow learners to guess answers before each reading chunk. It does not matter if their answers do not match the text.

Comprehension questions (factual, inferential, as well as extrapolative) are meant to be used to hold a class discussion leading towards better understanding of a text. They should not be used for rote learning and memorization of facts from a text.

Extra clues from the text/learning questions should be used during discussion to help learners grasp the context and the text better.

It is always a good idea to ask learners to go back to the text to find out the facts during a class discussion.

Comprehension of poems

Poems for young learners reflect the rhythm of the language in a very obvious manner. Since poems are shorter in length, teachers should read aloud the

poetry texts with rhythm for learners to capture the natural pronunciation of English. All the poems here have been marked for their stress pattern, which creates the rhythm. Teachers should practice the rhythm by saying each poem aloud with appropriate stress several times before doing it in class.

For each poem, apart from the rhythm, a listening focus has also been provided. As learners listen, they try to get an answer for the listening focus.

Each poem should be read aloud by the teacher at least twice. Then, learners should be asked to repeat the poem after the teacher. This is an effective listening and pronunciation activity for English stress and rhythm.

When the listening is going on, the books must be kept closed. After the second listening, learners can look at the text and listen to the teacher at the same time.

Learners should then read the poem aloud, and then silently for better comprehension.

For older learners, the teacher should ask the students to keep their books closed and read the poem out to them. Then the teacher could ask a global question, elicit a response which connects to their world knowledge or ask for the theme of what has been read. See if the students can recall phrases and words.

Comprehension questions

Comprehension questions should be done orally in a discussion mode and not in a question-answer mode.

Learners may write the answers after the oral work.

Classroom procedure (group and pair work)

Learners should be given enough opportunities to find answers in pairs and groups, and refer to the texts as many times as they want.

After reading of the text is done, follow this sequence for the questions: i. comprehension, ii. vocabulary, and finally, iii. Pronunciation

Sample Lesson Plan

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The mice and the elephants

Week	5	Duration	60 min
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Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance their pre- and while reading skills• Answer challenges on their own• Understand and use prepositions on their own• Revise the concept of numbers• Comprehend text post reading• Write answers to comprehension questions• Work on their composition skills
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Date and Time	Content and teacher activity	Formative assessment
Day 1: 00/00/00 05 min	Settling time: Ask the students to settle down and share if they have any difficulty or if they have not understood from the previous lesson. Ask them to take out their textbooks and notebooks.	Verbal response

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10 min	<p>Starter:</p> <p>Recap through questioning. Ask students the questions to see how much they remember from the previous lesson. Ask the students who were present in the previous class to help them revise. Ask the everyone and gently probe and encourage the students to provide answers. Try and gauge their speaking and listening skills as well.</p> <p>Class presentation skills:</p> <p>If someone is willing to come to the front of the class and present, invite them. Start with the most confident students, however, gently move towards the shy students and encourage them to participate as well. Encourage the students to say a few points of summary on the previously discussed topic.</p> <p>Keep in mind that some students may be shy to participate but may have excellent listening and speaking skills. Scaffold information and make them feel comfortable enough so they may participate.</p>	<p>Verbal response</p> <p>Recall</p> <p>Speaking and listening skills</p>

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10 min	<p>Pre-reading:</p> <p>A pre-reading activity is useful in securing the attention of the students through activities that lead them to the text. Prereading activities should be interesting, relevant, and fun to do. For each text, a pre-reading section has been designed. It should be used to lead a class discussion.</p> <p>Most pre-reading activities suggested are open-ended, i.e., they may not have a particular answer, but are useful for discussion that leads learners to the text. Use any other interesting pre-reading activities with direct relevance to the text to be taught. All the pre-reading activities contain a reading focus. The purpose of the pre-reading section is that the students read a text with that focus in mind.</p> <p>Ask the pre-reading question present with the text. Try to scaffold the information. Provide helpful hints and gauge if they are able to provide information on their own.</p> <p>Gently probe students and encourage them to participate.</p>	<p>Brainstorming</p> <p>Creative thinking</p>

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<p>10 min</p> <p>10 min</p>	<p>Shadow Reading:</p> <p>For young students, read aloud each sentence of the text slowly. Ask the students to follow the sentence with a finger and repeat after you. If a sentence is longer, break the sentence into meaningful parts. Take a clear pause at each break and at the end of each sentence. Show action wherever possible to accompany your reading aloud. Read a text aloud at least twice. Then, ask the students to read aloud. Help them with reading where necessary.</p> <p>All the texts should be taught in this manner. However, in later years, the concept of silent reading is to be introduced as well as it will help with independent learning and comprehension.</p> <p>Write the following questions on the board and along with the class try to find out the answers as you read the chapter for the first time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where did the mice take refuge? 2. Who started to walk on the ground above? Did it harm the mice in any manner? 3. Did the mice and elephants fight about it, or did they resolve the situation calmly? How? 4. What happened to the elephants after leaving the mice's lands? 5. How did the mice ended up helping the elephants? <p>Class discussion:</p> <p>Write the above-mentioned questions on the board and ask the students to read through the text and try to find the answers to these questions. However, ask them to be mindful and not share the answers with anyone.</p>	<p>Reading skills</p> <p>Comprehension skills</p> <p>Silent reading skills</p> <p>Discussion skills</p> <p>Focused reading</p> <p>Brainstorming</p> <p>Skim & scan</p>

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	<p>After the entire class has read through the chapter and has successfully found all the answer then as a class discuss the answers and see how many pairs have found the correct answers.</p>	
10 min	<p>Teacher’s Resource: Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mice took refuge in an abandoned castle. 2. The elephants started to walk on the ground above and it ended up killing several mice. 3. The mice and the elephants resolved the situation calmly. They decided to help each other. 4. The elephants got caught in a trap. 5. The mice chew the ropes and free the elephants as a thank you for leaving their lands. <p>Feedback: Give feedback on responses.</p>	
10 min	<p>Reading aloud: Have a reading session with the students. Focus on the words that they are having difficulty in and repeat until they can read the passage without any problem.</p> <p>Moral Most stories and poems have a moral or lesson in them. In this story, the author conveys an important message or lesson to the readers. Help the students identify the moral or lesson of the story. Ask them what the message of the story is.</p>	Reading skills Comprehension skills

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10 min	<p>HOMEWORK:</p> <p>Ask the students if have they resolved a conflict without arguing with the other arty or made friends and they ended up needing them in the long run?</p>	
<p>Day 2: 00/00/00</p> <p>20 min</p>	<p>Class Work: Comprehension</p> <p>Attempt Exercise A in class.</p> <p>Challenge Question:</p> <p>Have a small discussion on ‘Challenge Question’.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.</p>	<p>Verbal response</p> <p>Brainstorm</p> <p>Creative thinking</p> <p>Prediction</p> <p>Foreshadowing</p>
20 min	<p>Class Work: Working with words:</p> <p>It is not necessary to give the meanings of all the unknown words to the students because getting the message/meaning of a text does not depend on understanding every word occurring in it. It is best not to give the meanings of the essential words to the students right away. For young students, the following approach can be used to deal with the vocabulary items occurring in a text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, the meaning of a word is available from the context in which it occurs. Students should be trained in guessing the meaning of words using the contextual clues available. The meaning of some words can be given through pictures. For many verbs, actions can be used to show their meaning, for example, ‘stomped’. <p>Attempt Exercise B.</p>	<p>Verbal Response</p> <p>Writing skill</p> <p>Brainstorming</p> <p>Creative writing</p>

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<p>Day 3: 00/00/00</p> <p>15 min</p>	<p>Activity: Learning about language</p> <p>ACTIVITY: PREPOSITIONS</p> <p>List the prepositions (on, above, behind, in, and under) on the board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tell the students that you will give instructions and they will have to follow exactly. Give the following instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Put your hand on the table Put your hand above the table Put your hand behind your back Put your hand under the desk Put your hand in the bag <p>You can demonstrate the activity to guide the students.</p> <p>Use more examples to practice the use of prepositions with students.</p> <p>Additional helpful resource: Prepositions</p> <p>Complete the sentence by choosing the correct preposition from the list given below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="311 1394 1206 1541"> <tr> <td>on</td> <td>inside</td> <td>under</td> <td>into</td> </tr> <tr> <td>outside</td> <td>behind</td> <td>to</td> <td>near</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The sofa and the carpet are _____ the floor. The river flowed _____ the bridge. Our house is _____ the school and _____ the temple. 	on	inside	under	into	outside	behind	to	near	<p>Writing skill</p> <p>Brainstorming</p> <p>Creative thinking skills</p>
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	<p>4. He jumped _____ the swimming pool.</p> <p>5. The dog fell _____ the river.</p> <p>6. As soon as the clock struck four, the excited children ran out of the house to play _____ the garden.</p> <p>7. My friends were playing just _____ my house.</p> <p>8. The child was sleeping _____ the cot.</p> <p>9. Paras wanted to go _____ the airport to receive her uncle.</p> <p>10. It is dangerous to stand _____ a tree during a thunderstorm.</p> <p>Class Work: Attempt Exercise C in class.</p> <p>Feedback: Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.</p> <p>Homework: Read the story again for better understanding and reading practice.</p>	
10 min	<p>Workbook Exercise: Attempt workbook exercises.</p> <p>HOMEWORK: Practice the prepositions. Complete any incomplete work.</p>	Writing skill

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<p>Day 4: 00/00/00</p> <p>15 min</p>	<p>Activity: Listening and Speaking</p> <p>Ask the students to attempt the listening and speaking exercises. These exercises cannot be done in isolation. Conduct the activities as a class and provide assistance where and when required.</p> <p>Try to make the lesson as interactive as possible.</p>	<p>Verbal response</p>
<p>15 min</p>	<p>Class Work:</p> <p>Attempt Ex: D.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.</p>	<p>Verbal response</p>
<p>Day 5: 00/00/00</p> <p>20 min</p>	<p>Class Work: Composition</p> <p>Attempt Exercise E 1 in class.</p> <p>Discuss the composition with the students and make sure that they understand the concept in detail. Provide them with everything that they may require and keep providing them assistance whenever required.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.</p>	<p>Verbal response</p> <p>Writing skills</p> <p>Reading skills</p> <p>Speaking skills</p> <p>Listening skills</p> <p>Composition skills</p>

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<p>Day 5: 00/00/00</p> <p>20 min</p>	<p>Class Work:</p> <p>Activity 1: Singing the number song:</p> <p>Sing the poem, ‘Ten little monkey jumping on the bed’. Slowly roll the number down to one. Sing the rhyming song with appropriate rhyme scheme and make the students follow proper gestures to make the poem more interactive.</p> <p>Activity 2: Count them all!</p> <p>Ask random students to count and bring random object to the front of the class.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask one student to bring 5 water bottles to the front table. • Then ask the next student to take only 3 water bottles back. • Next, ask the next student to bring seven books to the front of the class. • Then, ask the next student to take two books and one water bottle back. <p>Continue the activity in the same manner until the students get the hang of the numbers. You may also try and add the numbers together to see if the students are able to do that. However, make sure to keep the additions in single units.</p>	

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05 min	<p>Plenary: Ask the students the following questions:</p> <p>Cut coloured A4 sized sheets in to 4 equal parts. Provide the students with the smaller square and ask them to make a small thank you card for their parents. They may write something meaningful or draw a picture or do anything that may want.</p>	<p>Brainstorm Verbal Response</p>

<p>ASSESSMENT</p>	<p>REFLECTION</p>
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