

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have begun our first text based unit, 'The Worst Witch' by Jill Murphy. Focusing on the story setting has enabled the children to write descriptively using a range of adjectives and similes. Our spelling focus has been to revise some of the rules for adding the suffixes –ed and –ing and we will be continuing with this work next week.

In Numeracy this week, we have learnt how to partition 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. We began by separating numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and units (e.g.  $247 = 200 + 40 + 7$ ) and have progressed to splitting numbers up in different ways by further partitioning one or more of the digits (e.g.  $247 = 200 + 20 + 20 + 7$  or  $247 = 100 + 100 + 40 + 7$ ).

In DT, the children have been researching hand puppets, both on the internet and sharing puppets from home. Over the coming weeks, the children will design and make these hand puppets and you will receive a letter asking if you would like to help the children with this. If you have any scraps of material, buttons, beads or ribbons at home which the children could use to decorate their puppets please send them into school and they will be put to very good use.



The children are doing a good job at starting to change their reading books. As a reminder, we encourage the children to change their book at least once a week but we do not expect the children to be changing their book more than 2/3 times in a week. Remember that reading books more than once is important to improve fluency, expression and enjoyment of reading as well as having the opportunity to answer questions about the book.

Finally, we are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their belongings. This includes sweatshirts, coats, lunchboxes and water bottles which they must take home at the end of each day. Well done to all the children who have remembered our PE timetable and had their kits in school.



Many thanks,

Miss Robinson and Mrs Hirst