

Year 2 Newsletter 4

Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have enjoyed sharing our favourite stories and comparing the settings and characters. We talked about where we like to read (lots of us like to read in bed or snuggled up comfily on the sofa), who we like to read with (parents, brothers/sisters or perhaps by ourselves) and what our favourite books are. We then looked at some new books that many of us haven't read before and spent some time predicting what we thought might happen in them. Who would the main character be? Where would they go? What might happen to them? Next week, we will be reading stories with familiar settings to help develop our ability to empathise with different characters.

In our SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) sessions, we have focused on the alternative /igh/ graphemes: **i/ie/y/i-e**. Please help them to practise these spellings, using the Super Speller activities that are in their spelling book. We have also trialled a new way of choosing the right spelling pattern for a word called 'Give It A Go' where you try several patterns and decide which one 'looks' right e.g. mite, myt, miet, **might**.

In Numeracy this week, the children have been learning about different ways that a number can be partitioned.

e.g. $57 = 50 + 7$, $57 = 40 + 17$, $57 = 30 + 27$, $57 = 20 + 37$, $57 = 10 + 47$

We have also spent time practising different key skills in maths such as recalling one more and less than a 2 digit number and multiplying a number by 2. By the end of the year, we hope that all children will be able to recall the multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Times tables and other fluency skills such as number bonds and one more/one less need to be practised regularly so that children have facts available at their fingertips. Perhaps you could practise one more/one less if you are out and about this weekend. Here are some ideas of numbers you could spot to help you practise:



Road signs



Price tags



House numbers



Football shirts

Finally, we have held Hustings this week for the School Council nominees. The children read their speeches and tried to persuade us why they would be the best person for the job. Elections then took place on Wednesday and the children all had an opportunity to vote for their nominated candidates. This has helped us to learn about the British Value of Democracy. Congratulations to the winners of the school council elections from each class!

We look forward to seeing everyone next week at the Parent-Teacher Consultations.

Many thanks,
Miss Freeman, Miss Fiddler, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley