

Dear Parent/Carers,

In Numeracy this week, we have applied our understanding of subtraction to the real life context of money and giving change. The first important skill we practised was being able to total a group of coins. We then used a number line to find out how much money we would receive back if we purchased one, or as a challenge two, items. Some children are still grappling with the subtracting ones step of the number line (e.g.  $32 - 9$ ,  $61 - 7$ ) so this is a good skill to continue to practise at home.

As a spelling focus this week, we have recapped all of the rules for adding –ed which are summarised in the table below.

Most words	Root word ends in a y	Root word ends in an e	Root word has a short vowel followed by a consonant
Just add -ed	Change the y to an i and add –ed	Take away the e and add –ed	Double the consonant and add -ed

The same rules apply when adding –ing and many other suffixes such as –er and –est as we will learn later in Year 2.

We have also written a letter back to Father Christmas to explain our findings from the investigation we conducted last week. The children explained which material would be the most suitable material for wrapping presents and why it would be suitable. We are sure that he would be impressed with the scientific vocabulary the children have used such as flexible, opaque and suitable.

This week has been an exciting week in Year 2 as we had our first practice of the Christmas concert on the stage and performed our Nativity to the school this afternoon. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and are now eager to perform to you next week so they can entertain you too. We hope that everyone will have a good view of their child when they are on the stage and we know that many of you will be keen to take photographs. Please can we request that any photographs taken are for personal use only and not shared on any social network sites or other websites.

**Important dates:**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, 2.15pm: KS1 Concert for parents with pre-school children & nurseries.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper day. Children may wear a festive/winter jumper for the Save the Children / Overgate Christmas Jumper day (donations of £1 for the charities will be collected by teachers if you wish to contribute).

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, 2.15pm: KS1 Concert for parents.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Party. Children to come to school in non-uniform/party clothes.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** church for Carol Service (am) and school closes for Christmas holiday.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Fiddler, Miss Freeman, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley