

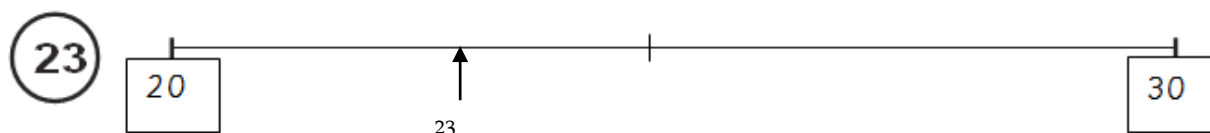
Dear Parent/Carers,

In our English lessons this week, we have spent time learning how to spell our Year 2 common exception words and practising them in different ways. We have learnt a little rhyme to help us learn how to remember to spell could, should and would: “oh you lucky duck!”



We also thought about the words *every*, *any* and *some* and how we can use these words to spell lots of other words e.g. *everyone*, *everybody*, *everywhere*; *anyone*, *anybody*, *anywhere*; *someone*, *somebody*, *somewhere*.

In Maths lessons this week, we have placed numbers on an open number line (a number line where only the start and end numbers are given) such as this example below.



Working out the halfway number first (25), we could place the number by thinking about whether it was *closer to 20* or 25. We have also continued to practise counting forwards and backwards. This skill will be vital when we move on to addition and subtraction after half term.

In preparation for Hindus and Sikhs around the world celebrating Diwali in late October, we have also learnt, acted and retold the story of Rama and Sita and learnt some tricky vocabulary such as *imprisoned*, *captured*, *banished* and *rejoiced* to help us retell the story.

In Science, we set up an investigation to see what happens to a piece of bread when it is touched with dirty hands compared to clean hands. We will wait until the bread begins to show some signs of reacting to the bacteria that we had on our hands when we touched it.

During ICT lessons, we have been learning to use a programmable robot called a Beebot. Working with Mrs Leebetter in the Activity Studio, we have enjoyed creating algorithms to navigate the Beebot around a map.

Many thanks,

Mrs Haigh, Mrs Shaw and the Year 2 Team