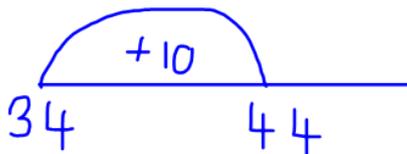


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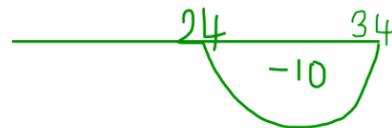
In our English lessons this week, we have focused on putting verbs into the past tense by adding the –ed suffix. This will be the focus of our spelling work for several weeks now as the –ed form of verbs is one that is used frequently in lots of different types of writing. Perhaps as your child is reading to you this week at home, you could be ‘verb detectives’ and go on a hunt for –ed verbs!

In Maths lessons this week, we have consolidated our understanding of adding and subtracting 10 and even started to add and subtract multiples of 10 e.g. $57 + 30 = 87$. We have also introduced children to the number line which is a new method that will help them a lot with addition and subtraction in Year 2. When we add, we jump above the line from the left hand side and when we subtract, we dig below the line from the right hand side. Although we are only using a number line to add multiples of 10 currently, in the next few weeks we will move on to learn how to use a number line to add any two two-digit numbers (e.g. $39 + 18$).

$$34 + 10 = 44$$



$$34 - 10 = 24$$



During CCL lessons, we have learnt about the actions of Guy Fawkes, the instigator of the Gunpowder Plot. We created a Wanted Poster to help King James I find him and give him a punishment fit for his *crime* of *treason* (trying to kill the *monarch*).

We had our first rehearsal for our Christmas concert this week and some children were able to remember their lines and cues already – well done! Nearer the time, we will send home details of any costume requirements but most of these will be provided by school.

Next week, we will be completing our CCL topic, ‘Celebrations’ and starting our new topic, ‘Dressing Up’. We will begin by launching the topic on **Monday 18th November** and we would like to invite the children to come to school in clothes appropriate for a holiday. As it is November, this does not mean bikinis, shorts and vests! We recommend that they come in something comfortable that they would normally wear at the weekend but they may like to bring sun glasses and a hat. If they would like to imagine that they are travelling to a cold destination then they could wear a woolly hat, scarf and gloves or even ski goggles if they have them! On the launch day, our classrooms and the Activity Studio will transform into a travel agency. All pupils will receive a passport and journal which will accompany them as they travel from country to country. If they would like to bring in any holiday brochures, atlases or books about different countries, these would be useful to help them with their research. During this Geography-based topic, we will be looking at how people dress in different countries and the suitability of clothing for different climates.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Haigh, Mrs Shaw and the Year 2 Team