

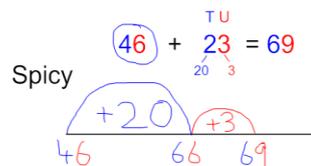
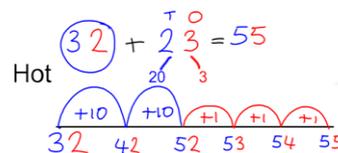
Dear Parent/Carers,

In our English lessons this week, we have continued to build on our understanding of conjunctions and thought about which conjunction is most appropriate to use e.g. *"The tiger was cheeky but also friendly"*. We have also continued to learn about the rules when adding the past tense –ed suffix to words. This week we have learnt that if the root word ends in an –e (e.g. love), we must 'take away the 'e' and add –ed'. As you are reading with your child this week, please encourage them to spot –ed words and think about what the root word is. A root word is simply the word before any prefixes or suffixes are added (see example below).

Root word		Past tense verb
slice	→	sliced
love		loved
place		placed

In Maths, we have been adding and taking away multiples of ten from numbers up to 100. We also introduced the number line as a method to add two 2-digit numbers together. Please see the example below and the steps that we have learnt to follow:

1. Write the number sentence.
2. Draw a number line with a ruler.
3. Circle the largest number and put it on the number line.
4. Partition the other number and label it tens and ones.
5. Add the tens.
6. Add the ones.
7. Put the final answer.



We will be practising number lines lots over the coming weeks so be prepared to watch as your child becomes a number line superstar!

Here is a quick reminder that we will soon be 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.

With Christmas approaching, you may be looking for ideas of books that could be wrapped and put under the Christmas tree. This website (<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2>) gives a list of recommended books for Year 2 aged children and may be of use to you!

Finally, thank you to 2S for their delicious buns. This week, the children chose to give the money raised from the bun sale to 'Children in Need'. Next Friday (Friday 22nd November) will be 2H's bun sale.

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