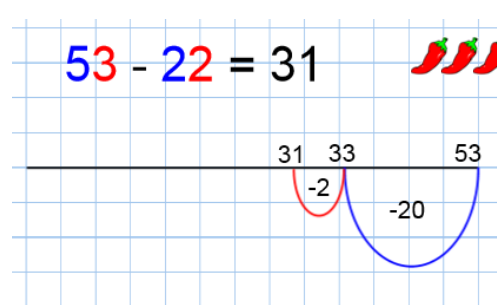
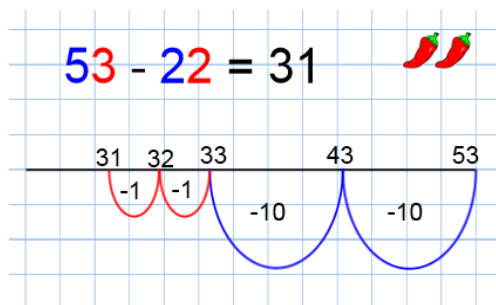


Dear Parent/Carers,

In Maths lessons this week, we have started to learn how to use number lines to solve calculations that involve subtraction. We learnt how important it was that the largest number comes first in the number sentence and to remember that the final answer will be smaller.



A skill that will hugely help the children when doing these number lines is their ability to quickly solve mental subtraction calculations e.g.  $53 - 20$  or  $33 - 2$  as in the number line above. This week's homework is a good opportunity for some practice of this key skill.

In English, we have learnt that when a root word has a short vowel before a consonant (e.g. *pat*, *bet*, *knit*, *shop*, *tut*) you double the consonant before adding the suffix *-ed*. We have also started a two week unit on Poetry by reading a poem entitled 'Bed in Summer' and performing it with a friend.

In our Science lessons, we have completed an investigation to test which material would be the most suitable for wrapping presents and why it would be suitable. We are sure that Santa would be impressed with the scientific vocabulary the children have used such as flexible, opaque and suitable. Next week, we will write a letter back to Santa to tell him our results and make sure he wraps all the presents in the most suitable material.

### Finally, here are some important dates for your diaries:

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December*: Christmas Fayre. Please donate new boxes/bars/packets of chocolates for our chocolate tombola, good quality toys and games and festive jam jars. These can be brought into school anytime between now and the fayre and handed to the class teacher. Year 2 will also be selling our Enterprise product, Christmas biscuits, so be sure to visit our stall!

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December*, 2.15pm: KS1 Concert for parents with pre-school children & nurseries.

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December*, 9:15am: KS1 Concert for parents.

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December*, 2.15pm: KS1 Concert for parents.

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December*: Christmas Party. Children to bring their party clothes to school in a bag.

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December*: 2H visit church for our Carol Service (am).

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December*: 2S visit church for our Carol Service (am).

*Friday 20<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).

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December*: School closes for the Christmas holiday.

We will also be holding talent show auditions on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December so please encourage your child to think about whether they would like to showcase a talent they have and begin practising this at home.

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