

Dear Parent/Carers,

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! We have also acted and retold the story of ‘The Tiger Who Came To Tea’ and included lots of tricky vocabulary such as *curiously*, *unsure*, *gobbled* and *worried*.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting ten from numbers up to 100. We started by using hundred squares but many of us can now add and subtract 10 from numbers in our heads! Perhaps you would like to have a go at playing our adding and subtracting 10 space race. After the holidays, we will be continuing to focus on addition and subtraction so any additional practice of adding/subtracting 10 from a 2 digit number as well as adding and subtracting multiples of 10 (e.g.  $45 + 20$  or  $65 - 30$ ) would be beneficial.

**Adding and Subtracting 10 Space Race** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

How fast can you add or subtract 10?  
Add 10 to the numbers in purple. Subtract 10 from the numbers in blue.  
Write your answers as you go and see how long it takes you to finish the race!

Our current fluency focus in Maths is quick recall of doubles. Continued practice of these facts will benefit many children in the speed of their recall. If you would like to practise your doubles at home, Hit The Button is a fun, interactive website that allows for quick recall with an element of competition when trying to beat your own score (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>).

Here is a quick reminder that we will soon be starting our new topic, ‘Dressing Up’. We will begin by launching the topic on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and we would like to invite the children to come to school in clothes appropriate for a holiday. As it is December, 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.

This week, your child should have brought home a copy of the Nativity script with their line highlighted. It is really important that they learn their line off by heart and can speak it confidently, expressively and clearly. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Haigh, Miss Heneghan and the Year 2 Team