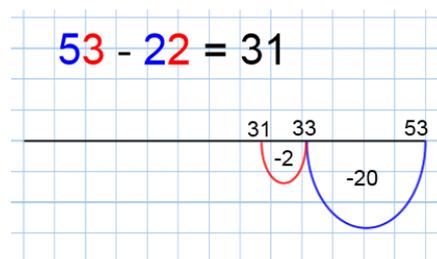
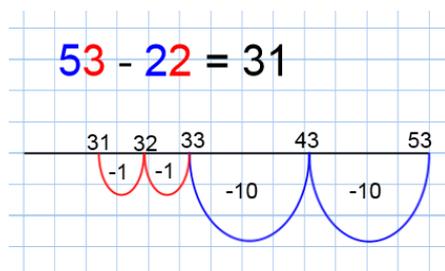


Dear Parent/Carers,

Well what an exciting start to the week we had! Firstly, we would like to congratulate all of the children for their performances in our virtual Nativity. We definitely have some stage and screen stars for the future! The film has been carefully put together and is available to watch on the school website. We hope that you enjoy watching it as much as the children enjoyed performing it.

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.

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 our Poetry unit by reading a poem entitled 'Bed in Summer'.

Last week in our Science lessons, Santa wrote us a letter asking us to find out what would be the best material for wrapping presents. We completed an investigation to test which material would be the most suitable and why. Using what we had learnt in our Science lesson, we had a go at writing a reply to Santa during English, telling him our results and making sure he wraps all the presents in the most suitable material. We are sure that he would be impressed with the scientific vocabulary the children have used such as *flexible*, *opaque* and *suitable*.

On Wednesday, the children took part in a Sponsored Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice. A fantastic amount of money has been raised for the deserving cause via the Just Giving page and the children had lots of festive fun completing the challenge. Thank you to everybody for getting behind this fantastic cause!

We wanted to thank you for taking the time out on Wednesday to discuss your child's progress with us during the parents evening phone calls. Following on from this we have sent a sheet home in your child's homework diary containing information about how best to support your child with their reading, including different questions you could ask and how to approach different texts. We have also stuck in their updated spelling sheet in the front of their yellow spelling books. This sheet shows you which KS1 common exception words your child needs to practise. They are clearly identified in red.

We now have a fun-filled final week to look forward to! On Tuesday morning, it will be the Year 2 Christmas party. **All children will be provided with a treat and a drink. Pupils can come to school in their party clothes.** In the afternoon, the children will have the opportunity to watch their fantastic Nativity performance back in a special premiered screening.

Raffle tickets are still available for the chance to win a Festive Food hamper or a Festive Drinks hamper. Tickets are **£1 each** and are available from your child's class teacher. Please send the correct change. Tickets will then be put into a draw which will take place on **Thursday 17th December**.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th December 2020 – Year 2 Christmas Party

Friday 18th December 2020 – Christmas Jumper Day (suggested donation of £1 to support Save the Children)

Many thanks,

Miss Heneghan, Mrs Haigh and the Year 2 Team