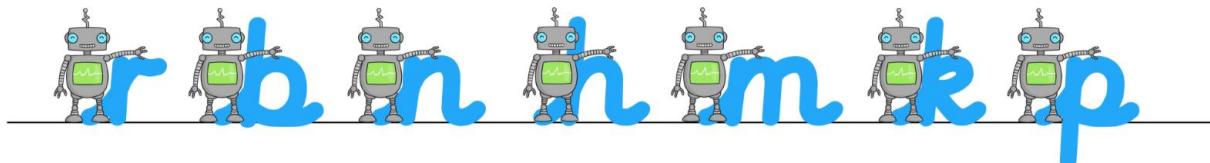
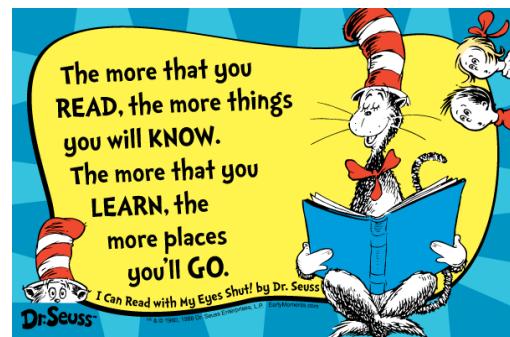


Dear Parent/Carers,

In English this week, we have revisited the sounds 'ir' and 'ur' (as in *girl* and *burning*) and continued our focus on handwriting by practising formation of the rest of our robot letters.



We have been so impressed by the amount of reading that children are doing at home and want to thank you for your support with this. In the famous words of Dr Seuss, "the more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!" Regular reading is so important to develop a child's fluency (ability to read without undue hesitation), automaticity (ability to recognise words) and comprehension (ability to understand what they are reading). Keep up the amazing work!



In Numeracy this week, the children have been comparing numbers using the less than, greater than and equals signs (< > =). For example:

1 ten 2 tens		10 ones 9 ones	1 ten and 3 ones 2 tens and 4 ones		10 ones 42	3 tens and 2 ones 5 tens 4 ones		2 tens 12 ones 4 tens 11 ones
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They then ordered a set of numbers from smallest to largest or largest to smallest. We learnt that the first digit that we look at when ordering numbers is the tens digit and that we only have to look at the ones digit if the tens are the same. The children have become experts at explaining how they know a number is smaller/larger using the correct mathematical language!

In our CCL lessons, we have been experimenting with different pencil grades (4H, HB, 4B) and have used them to create dark, medium and light tones. We will be using these skills to begin our own portrait sketches of Queen Elizabeth II over the coming weeks. Watch this space to see some of the finished pieces of artwork!

As the weather begins to get a little chillier, it is more important than ever that your child has full outdoor PE kit in school including joggers, outdoor shoes and a hoody or sweatshirt.

Many thanks,
Mrs Haigh, Miss Heneghan and the Year 2 Team