

Dear Parent/Carers,

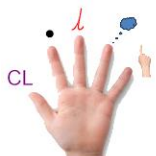
Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of all of the children in Year 2 and the way that they have worked this half term.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make an appointment and attend our online parents' evenings this week. It was lovely to speak with you, introduce ourselves properly and touch base about how well the children have settled into Year 2.

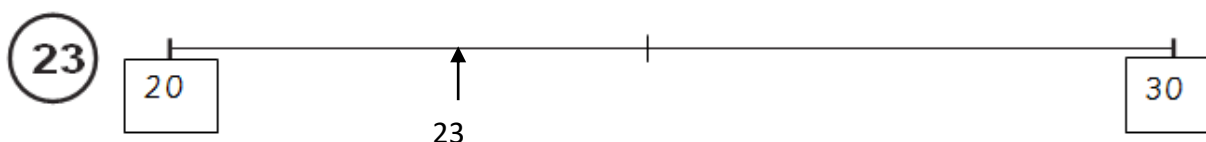
During these meetings, many parents wished to clarify routines and expectations relating to reading books, homework and spellings.

- Reading books are changed throughout the week and children hand in their own books if they need changing so they get in the habit of being independent in this way. It is important that children have their reading packet in school every day to enable adults to read with them.
- Spellings are handed out on a Monday for the children to stick into their spelling book, ready for a quiz on the following Monday. Please continue to practise the spelling pattern of the week as well as using the personalised common exception word lists that are now stuck in the back cover of your child's spelling book.
- Although we do regularly remind the children to hand in homework, reading books and letters, we also encourage them to be independent in organising their belongings.

In our English lessons this week, we have retold the story of Rama and Sita using lots of the tricky vocabulary that we learnt as we read the story last week. We continued to remember those key skills that make us super writers by writing high five sentences, using words that would "WOW" in our work and extending our sentences using conjunctions (*and, but, so, because, if, when*).



In Maths lessons this week, the children have continued to develop their understanding of how to place a number on an open number line. We have consolidated the fact that if a number has 1, 2, 3 or 4 units it is closer to the previous multiple of ten, if it has 6, 7, 8 or 9 units it is closer to the next multiple of ten and if it has 5 units it is the halfway point between the two multiples.



We have also practised recalling our doubles up to double 12 as these facts can be so useful to us when we are calculating mentally. If this is something your child finds tricky, there are many useful websites that can help by being used in short, sharp bursts including one of our favourites: Hit The Button (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>).

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 2nd November.

Best wishes,

Mrs Haigh, Miss Heneghan and the Year 2 Team