

Dear Parent/Carers,

In our English lessons this week, we have been reading the traditional tale Hansel and Gretel. We have used conjunctions to extend our sentences and have learnt that this is how each conjunction works:

**and** – gives extra information/adds more

**but** – shows a difference/opposite

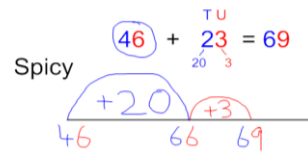
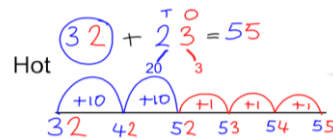
**because/so** – both explain why

**when** – shows that two things are happening at the same time

We are also continuing to work really hard on writing high 5 sentences, focusing on capital letters, finger space, full stops, writing with neat school handwriting and then reading back our work to check that it makes sense. This gets trickier as we start to write longer pieces of writing instead of individual/pairs of sentences!

In Maths, we have been adding and taking away multiples of ten from numbers up to 100. We also introduced the number line as a method to add two 2-digit numbers together. Please see the example below and the steps that we have learnt to follow:

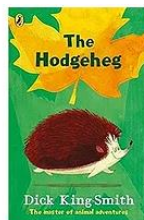
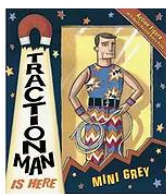
1. Write the number sentence.
2. Draw a number line with a ruler.
3. Circle the largest number and put it on the number line.
4. Partition the other number.
5. Add the tens.
6. Add the ones.
7. Put the final answer.



We will be practising number lines lots over the coming weeks so be prepared to watch as your child becomes a number line superstar!

On Monday, we had a fantastic time travelling around the world at our 'Dressing Up' launch day. We were thrilled that all of the children got fully involved in the day, including talking about and looking at clothes from different countries. We look forward to all the learning that will take place in our new topic.

With Christmas approaching, you may be looking for ideas of books that could be wrapped and put under the Christmas tree. This website (<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2>) gives a list of recommended books for Year 2 aged children and may be of use to you!



Last week, your child should have brought home a slip in their homework diaries about costumes for the Year 2 "Celebration of Christmas". If you have any queries about this or need clarification, please just pop a note in your child's homework diary and ask them to show it to us. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We would also be very grateful for any items to put in our Christmas Hamper raffle.

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