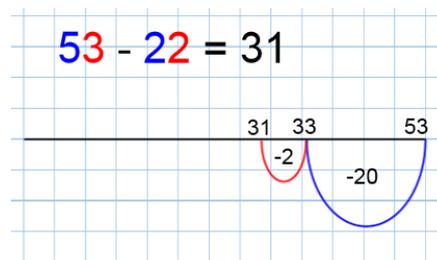
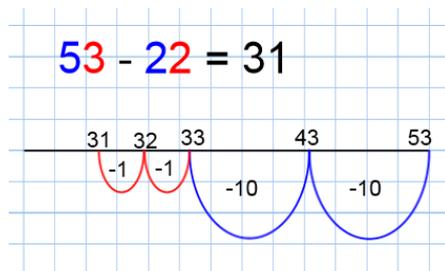


Dear Parent/Carers,

In Maths lessons this week, we have continued to use our newly-learnt skill of subtraction number lines to answer questions and solve problems. We reminded ourselves how important it was that the largest number comes first in the number sentence and that the final answer will be smaller.



In English this week, we have started to study narrative texts, focussing on familiar settings and how to identify the different stages in stories (beginning, problem, solution, ending). We looked at some new books that many of us haven't read before and spent some time predicting what we thought might happen in them. Who would the main character be? Where would they go? What might happen to them? We then enjoyed reading 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes, a story based around a boy called Dave who loses his toy dog. We have focused on characters' feelings, explored 'why' characters feel certain emotions at different parts of a story and used acting to help us understand how the characters feel.

As part of our Geography lessons, we have learnt the names of the 7 continents and the 5 oceans and used an atlas to locate them on a map. We have started to look at the hot and cold regions of the world and where they are in relation to the Equator. We certainly have some Geography experts in our year group! Perhaps you could quiz your child and see how many of the continents and oceans they can name.

We have a fun-filled final few weeks to look forward to! Here are a few Christmas dates for your diary.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 "Celebration of Christmas" performance (pm)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 "Celebration of Christmas" performance (am)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 Christmas party

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December / Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 selling Enterprise biscuits

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be taking part in a Sponsored Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice. A fantastic amount of money is being raised for the deserving cause via the Just Giving page and we are sure that the children will have lots of festive fun completing the challenge. Thank you to everybody for getting behind this fantastic cause!

We will also be videoing our Celebration of Christmas performance on Monday morning with all children who, at the start of the year, gave full photo and video consent for distribution on the website and to parents. We then look forward to inviting you in to watch the performance on the dates above.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, it will be the Year 2 Christmas party. The children can come into school in their party clothes. If possible, a small contribution of something savoury (e.g. crisps, sausage rolls etc) from children in 2B and something sweet (e.g. biscuits, cake etc) from children in 2H would be appreciated. These can be brought into school on the party day itself. If your child has an allergy then please can you make sure they bring in something suitable for them to eat. Please remember we are a nut free school.

As part of our enterprise project, Year 2 will be baking Christmas cookies to sell to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These will cost 50p and will be available to buy on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December should your child wish to buy one as a treat!

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