

Dear Parent/Carers,

Well what an exciting week we have had!

On Monday, 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!

Next, we would like to congratulate all of the children for their performances in our “Celebration of Christmas”. We definitely have some stage stars for the future! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to join us in person to watch our performance. For those of you who would like to watch it from home from the comfort of your sofa, a video performance has been carefully put together and will be available to watch on the school website from Friday 10th December.

In Maths lessons this week, we have put together everything we have learnt so far about addition and subtraction and spent time practising switching between the two operations. There are 2 important facts that we have to remember if we are not going to make errors when completing calculations:

- 1) In a subtraction number sentence, the biggest number comes first (e.g. 81 – 23 **not** 23 – 81).
- 2) When we add our answer gets bigger and when we subtract our answer gets smaller.

We also recapped some important vocabulary that means addition or subtraction but in a sneaky way. *Longer, hotter and more expensive* are all clue words that we are going to add. *Colder, younger and cheaper* are clues that we will need to subtract.

In English, we have continued reading the story “Dogger” and used the main character to help us learn how to write a character description. It is important in a character description that we describe what a character looks like but also consider their personality and character. Adjectives have been our best friends to help with this as they are used to describe nouns.

could spell at the start of '2	can't spell yet				
can't spell since the start of '22	collected				
is	at	of	at	if	in
is	at	of	at	if	in
can	had	back	and	got	big
has	his	not	got	so	must
but	the		I	no	go
into					
will	that	this	than	from	with
age	for	more	them	look	soo
he	she	we	me	be	was
you	they	all	see	try	last
went	is's	from	children	just	help
said	have	like	so	do	some
came	were	there	little	one	what
out	what				
ask	full	love	our	push	school
friend	has	once	pull	says	today
don't	old	I'm	by	time	house
about	your	day	made	came	make
hasn't	saw	very	put	oh	their
people	could	Mr	Ms	looked	called
asked					
after	children	eye	improve	only	weak
again	Christmas	face	kind	parents	target
any	class	father	last	pass	turn
both	class	find	map	past	test
beautiful	clothes	door	mind	path	water
"because"	cost	gold	money	people	who
behind	could	grass	most	plant	vehicle
both	door	great	move	poor	wild
break	even	half	Ms	poorly	worst
busy	every	hold	Ms	prove	
child	everybody	hour	old	should	

We have stuck an updated spelling sheet in the front **or** back cover of your child's yellow spelling books. This sheet shows you which KS1 common exception words your child needs to practise which are clearly identified in red. These are the words that are used frequently in spoken language, reading and writing so it is key that your child can spell as many of them as possible. Dropping a couple in alongside the weekly spellings each week would be one suggestion from us of how to practise them.

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. We are sure that he would be impressed with the scientific vocabulary the children have used such as *flexible, opaque* and *suitable*.

We have a fun-filled final week to look forward to:

Tuesday 14th December – Year 2 Christmas party

Wednesday 15th December/Thursday 16th December – Year 2 selling Enterprise biscuits

Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 14th 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.

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