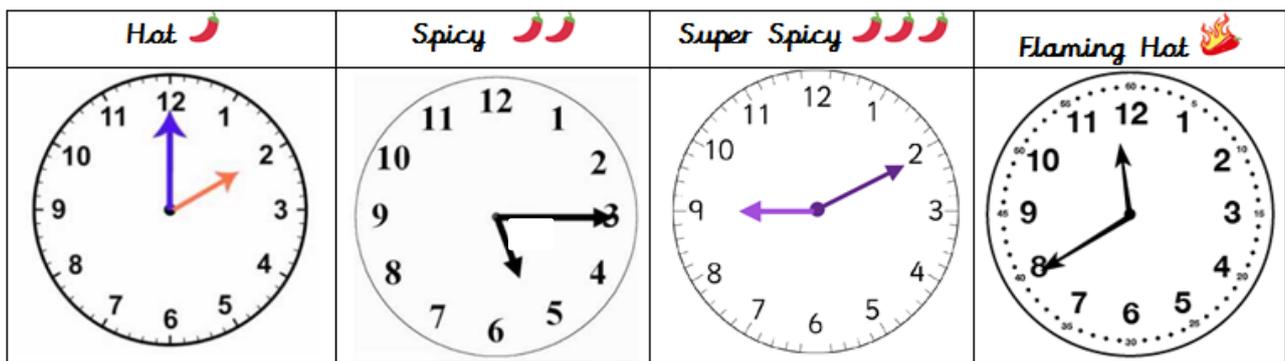


Dear Parent/Carers,

We have been incredibly proud this week of how well the children have taken on the challenge of the Key Stage 1 “quizzes” (SATs)! They haven’t been at all fazed by them and it has been lovely to see them confidently applying all the strategies that they have been taught so far in Year 2. Well done to all of them!

In English, the children have continued to explore “The Day The Crayons Quit” which is a book by Drew Daywalt. They have enjoyed discussing why the crayons are protesting for change and have thought about how the characters may feel. This has inspired the children to increase their vocabulary when describing their own feelings and think about what steps they can take to feel happier if they’re experiencing negative emotions. In pairs, the children have also had the opportunity to use drama to explore the character of the different crayons by writing and acting out their own scripts to their friends.

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. This is a life skill that it is important for the children to begin to grasp with increasing confidence. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to be able to tell the time to quarter of an hour (o’clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to) but some children are ready for the challenge of telling time to 5 minutes. Please endeavour to drop this vital life skill in with your child as often as possible in your day to day activities by looking at clocks and telling the time. We were pleased to see some children started wearing a watch to school this week as this will help them a lot. Practice makes perfect!



Building on our learning from last week about the human and physical features we find in our local area, we took time in CCL this week to explore and navigate a map of Brighouse and its key features. We learnt that a key is a quick way to show landmarks and even had a go at designing our own key! As you are out and about in the local area, take time to spot human (man-made) and physical (naturally occurring) features such as offices, shops, bridges, rivers, canals, train stations and so many more!

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our invitation to you to join us in school for an hour of activities and a musical performance linked to our topic, “Where We Live”. On Monday 13th June at 9am, one parent/carer is able to attend per child and unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate the attendance of younger siblings. Please confirm your attendance by emailing newsletters@woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk by Wednesday 8th June.

Well done to all of the children who were presented with a Great Learners certificate in our class assembly! They have shown through their learning the attributes that we celebrate at Woodhouse as those held by “Great Learners”. Risk taking, hard work, communication, thinking, determination, team work and independence are all such important characteristics to develop!

As part of Year 1's Enterprise project, they will be selling chocolate nests (vegetarian) to Year R and Year 2 on Wednesday 25th May. Please send £1.00 with your child if they would like to buy one.

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