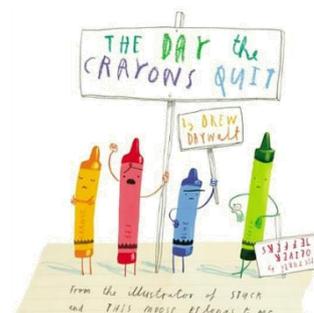


Dear Parent/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we started to write our own book called “The Day The Equipment Quit”. On Monday evening, the crayons had clearly been chatting to the rest of the classroom equipment because in these books, the glue sticks had also decided to quit as they felt they were being overworked. Even the whiteboard rubbers decided to quit because they were sick of having to rub out so many jottings from our whiteboards! We wrote back to the equipment explaining that we would try our very best to take more care and to treat them more fairly from now on.



Our spelling focus for this week has been homophones (words that sound the same but are spelt differently) where one word has a silent ‘k’ at the beginning e.g. knot/not, know/no. It is important to understand which word has which meaning for this week’s spellings. A good way to practise these spellings is to write them in the correct context in sentences!

In Maths, we have learnt speedy strategies for adding and subtracting 9 and 11. It is helpful to us that both numbers are very close to 10! We learnt to use the following tricks:

To add 11	Add 10, add 1
To add 9	Add 10, subtract 1
To subtract 11	Subtract 10, subtract 1
To subtract 9	Subtract 10, add 1

We also continue to develop our times table fluency by completing weekly times table probes linked to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Once children move into Year 3, they will be introduced to the 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables so the more secure they are in their Year 2 facts by the end of this half term, the better placed they will be to move on! There are many tools available to help your child to practise these facts including the website “Hit the Button”, the “1 minute Maths” app by White Rose and many other websites and games.

In Geography, we have located and named the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales). We have also located their capital cities and the surrounding oceans. We used atlases to help us to do this and also used Google Maps as a “modern” atlas!

We have been busy practising and perfecting our song ready for next week’s open morning which you have been invited to join us for. We look forward to seeing those of you who have emailed and confirmed your attendance for a celebration of our learning and a chance to complete some geography themed activities alongside your child.

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