

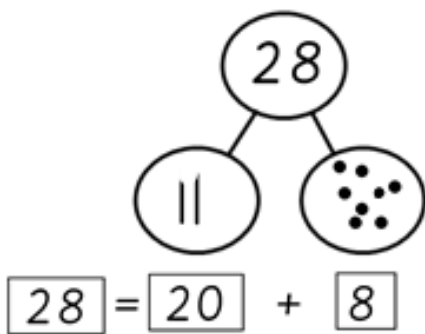
Dear Parent/Carers,

In English this week, we have recapped some more sounds as part of our spelling. The sounds a\_\_e, e\_\_e, i\_\_e and o\_\_e are all called split digraphs or “hop-overs” and they make the long vowel sound of the first letter (e.g. a\_\_e = ay).

We have also continued our work on “Instructions.” This week we have looked at the main features of instruction writing, including writing an appropriate title and a “you will need list”. As a whole class, we then had a go at writing a set of instructions titled “how to make a party hat”.

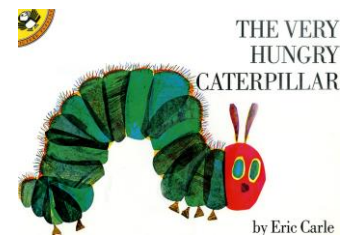


We have also practised spelling words with these sounds in them like the ones in the word list for this week’s spelling quiz. It is really important that your child spends some time each week practising these words ready for the quiz each Monday. There are lots of ideas of activities in the front of their yellow spelling book and the spelling book can be used for practise at home as well as in school.



In Maths this week, the children have been learning about place value by partitioning numbers into tens and units/ones. We have looked at 2-digit numbers and written number sentences, for example:  $37 = 30 + 7$ . Understanding the different ways a number can be made is an important strategy for the children to master as it will help them with both addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. Next week, we will be focussing on partitioning numbers in different ways (e.g.  $37 = 20 + 17$  or  $30 + 5 + 2$  or  $15 + 15 + 7$ ) and comparing/ordering numbers.

In Science, we have been learning about animal life cycles. We read the story of ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ and found out the different life stages of a butterfly. This built on the learning we did last week about the life cycle of a human: baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, elderly.



Could we kindly remind you to ensure that all items of uniform are labelled (especially jumpers/cardigans) so that all uniform is returned to the correct house.



We are all very excited about our party tomorrow for our launch day. Just a reminder that the children need to come to school in party clothes and sensible footwear.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Miss Heneghan, Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman and all of the Year 2 team** 😊