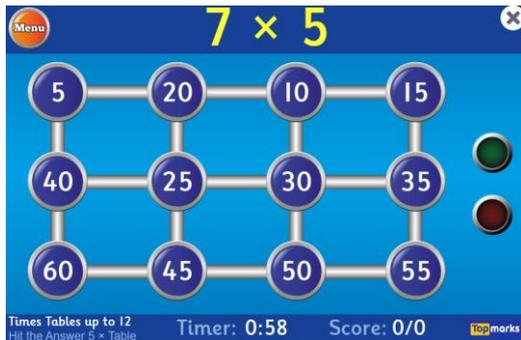


Dear Parent/Carers,

In Maths lessons this week, we have been answering word problems using number lines for addition. There are a lot of steps to take with using number lines and it has been very rewarding to see that the children have retained this knowledge and are applying it when required.

To improve our maths fluency, we have been counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and starting to investigate our multiples of 3 and 4. This is the initial stage of learning times tables and it helps massively with gaining speed at answering trickier maths questions. A great website which the children have used is called 'Hit The Button' (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>) and this has been thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils.



Throughout this week in English, we have been practising our joined-up handwriting using our lyrics for the up-coming Nativity performance and understanding the layout of this style of writing. Also, we have tested the Year 2 statutory words and next week, we will have 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.

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.

Tuesday 6th December – Year 2 “Nativity” performance (pm)

Wednesday 7th December – Year 2 “Nativity” performance (am)

Wednesday 7th December – Sponsored Reindeer Run

Wednesday 14th December – Year 2 Christmas party

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

We will once again be taking part in the Reindeer Run to raise money for Overgate Hospice. Children will be given a pair of antlers to wear whilst running around the track! Pupils are asked to bring a minimum donation of £1. 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!

Thank you so much for your efforts with costumes and helping the children learn their lines for next week's Nativity. It will certainly be a performance to remember!

Many thanks,

Mr Bale, Miss Heneghan, Mrs Gooseman and the Year 2 Team