

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We have been very pleased at how quickly the children have settled back into Year Two routines after the Christmas break.

In English this week, we have read a series of traditional tales and used them to help us continue our sentence level work. It is so important that we can read a paragraph of writing out loud and work out where one sentence ends and the next begins, to help us to use capital letters and full stops accurately in our own writing.

Our spelling focus has been learning how to spell some of our tricky Year 2 Common Exception Words. We have looked at which part of each word makes it tricky to spell and noticed that many of the words come in pairs/families that help us.

some, come
move, prove, improve

In Maths, we have been learning three speedy strategies that can be used when we have to add three one-digit numbers together. These are the strategies:

- $6 + 4 + 3 =$
Find the **number bonds to 10** then add the final number.
- $7 + 5 + 7 =$
Find and add the **doubles** then add the final number.
- $3 + 9 + 4 =$
Add the **two largest numbers** first then add the final number.

This week we have recapped some mathematical basic skills. In year 2, it is important for children to be able to recall all **number bonds to 10** as well as **doubles to 12**. This is a skill that is used consistently throughout school. Please encourage your child to continue to practise these number facts.

In indoor PE lessons this half term, we will focus on gymnastics. The children will use a variety of apparatus and build on the skills that they learnt in Year 1. Even though it is cold, we will continue to do outdoor PE so please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms, a warm jumper or hooded top and trainers in school at all times. It would help if girls had a pair of socks to wear for when they have removed their tights.

Doubles

$1 + 1 = 2$
$2 + 2 = 4$
$3 + 3 = 6$
$4 + 4 = 8$
$5 + 5 = 10$
$6 + 6 = 12$
$7 + 7 = 14$
$8 + 8 = 16$
$9 + 9 = 18$
$10 + 10 = 20$
$11 + 11 = 22$
$12 + 12 = 24$

Number bonds to 10

$1 + 9 = 10$
$2 + 8 = 10$
$3 + 7 = 10$
$4 + 6 = 10$
$5 + 5 = 10$



Reading Scheme books - When your child has completed a book, please make a comment and sign the reading diary in order for their book to be changed. Children must continue to have their book in school every day (whether it has been read or not) and those which have been read will be changed once signed. As the children are now growing in confidence and fluency, we are now encouraging them to get their books changed 2-3 times per week, depending on the length of the books.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Collins, Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman and the Year 2 Team