

Dear Parent/Carers,

In English this week, we have learnt about the features of non-fiction texts and compared them to the features of fiction texts in preparation for writing our own page for a class non-fiction book about countries. We learnt that non-fiction books have a contents page, index and glossary to help us to use them and that each page can have a heading, sub-headings and captions by the pictures.

We are continuing to remind children about the structure of a simple, high 5 sentence. We are using the below phrase to embed the use of capital letters and full stops.

Sentences start with a capital letter and finish with a full stop.

Children are also being challenged to extend their sentences with conjunctions (and, but, so, because) and are using these to add extra information to a simple sentence, to make it more interesting for the reader.

It is hot in Saint Lucia.

It is hot in Saint Lucia **because it is near to the equator.**

In Maths, we have drawn together all our knowledge about addition and subtraction to write families of number sentences that go together. We learnt that in an addition number sentence, the largest number is always the answer. In subtraction number sentences, the largest number is always the first number.

20		$12 + 8 = 20$
12	?	$8 + 12 = 20$
		$20 - 8 = 12$
		$20 - 12 = 8$

Our fluency focus this week was number bonds to 20 where we used our number bonds to 10 to help us work out these other important facts e.g. if $7 + 3 = 10$ then $7 + 13 = 20$. The children are becoming experts at these and they are really important facts for the children to be able to recall rather than having to calculate.

In CCL, we have learnt the names of the seasons and which months fall in them. Here is the video that we used to help us think about how each season would be different to the others in its weather, clothing, activities and what the animals/plants would be doing (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksGiLalx39c>). We learnt about seasonal changes and are going to keep a close eye out at the end of this term for signs of Spring appearing!



Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Collins, Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman and the Year 2 Team