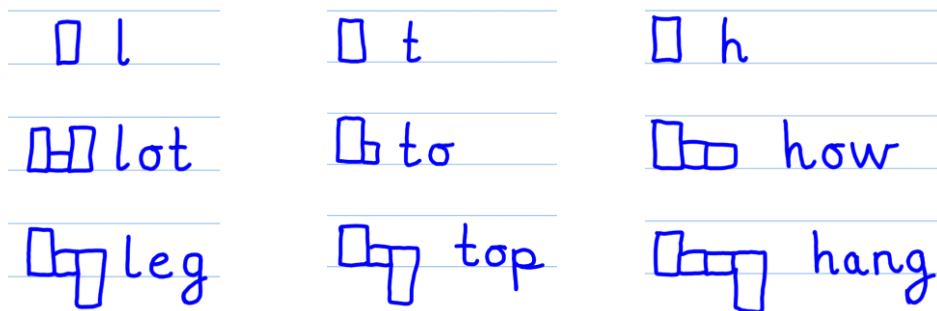


Dear Parent/Carers,

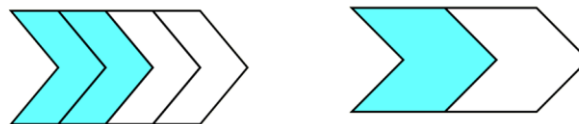


This week, in English, we have started to write a factfile all about polar bears. We have included an introduction and paragraphs about its habitat and diet. Did you know that a polar bear's fur is transparent? A polar bear is also a mammal, so it gives birth to live young. The children have really impressed us so far with their accuracy and scientific vocabulary! Next week we will be finishing off the factfiles by writing about the appearance of a polar bear.

The following letters have been focused on in handwriting lessons this week:



In Maths, we have used shapes to show that $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ are **equivalent fractions**. We learnt that this fancy sounding term just means that they are **equal**. We showed that even though they have a different number of parts altogether and a different number of parts are shaded out of the whole, the fractions are identical.



We also learnt the skill of counting in halves and used it to work out total amounts. Can you count in wholes and halves to work out how many apples there are in the picture below?



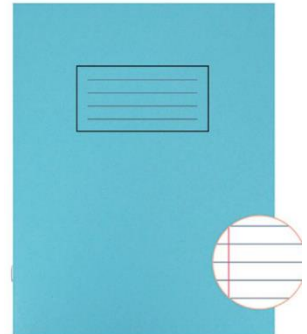
Our **top tip** for questions like this is to count the whole objects first then count on in halves!

This week, in Design Technology, we made our very own vehicles. We learnt how to saw through wood and worked very carefully when attaching all of the parts to the vehicles. We then spent the afternoon outside with our year 4 buddies, testing them through a variety of obstacles. There were some fantastic designs so a big well done to the children.



With the weather finally getting warmer, the children are now needing to take their jumpers and cardigans off to cool down. With this in mind, could we please ask that you double check to see if all of your child's jumpers and cardigans are still clearly labelled with their names on. This really helps with locating any missing items, due to the volume of identical jumpers and cardigans.

We have noticed that some of the children have not had their homework marked for quite some time due to not handing it into the homework box. The homework box is checked daily. Homework is due in on a **Wednesday**, however children can hand it in early if they have completed their homework ahead of the deadline. Homework can be marked on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please continue to encourage your child to hand in their homework once it has been completed.



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