

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back after our half term break! Well done to Year 2 for a fantastic return to school and for all the hard work they have completed this week.

Our spellings for Monday's quiz are:

people	eye	whole	their
through	thought	sure	once
because	pretty	friend	

In English this week, we have started our new unit on narrative writing. We are reading a traditional story called 'Baba Yaga' and we have started by memorising the key parts of the story using actions and words and then drawing our own pictures as well. Following this, we have looked at how an author adds extra detail to describe the characters and their emotions and then we have used prepositional phrases (words that tell us where or when something is) to describe the scene.



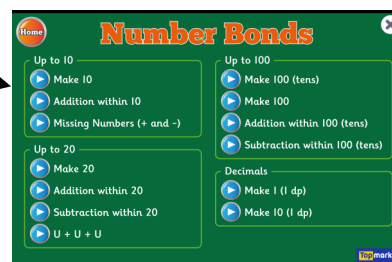
In our Maths lessons this week, we have consolidated our understanding of adding 10 to a 2-digit number and even started to add multiples of 10 e.g. $57 + 30 = 87$. We have also introduced children to the column method, which is a new method that will help them a lot with addition and subtraction throughout school. First, we used sticks and bricks, then counters before drawing the additions. We then learnt how to remove the scaffolds and had a go at just writing it in numbers. The children have done a fabulous job!

1. Number sentence
2. Write the first number
3. Write the second number
4. Symbol
5. Add the ones
6. Add the tens

NS: $33 + 10 = 43$

	Tens	Ones
	3	3
+	1	0
	4	3

We have also practised recalling number bonds to 10. This is an important basic skill that the children need to be able to answer with speed and accuracy. They have improved as the week has gone on and are becoming much more fluent with these number facts. Below is a website that the children are familiar with when practising their number bonds.



Hit The Button (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>).

We can't quite believe it's coming up to that time of year already...
CHRISTMAS!

Today, we have sent the children home with their lines for our Christmas show. Please support and encourage your child to learn their lines.



Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mr Bale, Miss Stephenson, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Hodgson and the rest of the Year 2 team 😊