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Dear Parent/Carers,

Our spellings for Monday's quiz are:

all	ball	call	walk
talk	always	warm	towards

This week has been Healthy Living Week. Each day, we have been outside running on the track, enjoying yoga in PE and learning other ways about living a health lifestyle.

In English, we designed our own healthy breakfasts and there were some excellent examples such as eggs on toast, fruit on cereal and porridge with fruit. We decided to write our recipes for these meals and then decided we should make one of them to try! We all decided that we would make overnight oats containing porridge, milk and strawberries. On Friday, we tasted our breakfasts and the majority enjoyed our healthy snacks.

In Maths, we have been learning more efficient methods for subtraction rather than 'counting backwards on our fingers' by using the method of bridging. When bridging, you make a small jump to the previous multiple of ten before subtracting the rest of the number. We have transferred our adding skills from last week to subtracting this week and it has helped our fluency of subtracting.

In History this week, we designed our own castles, focussing on what a castle needs and ensuring that these features are in the correct places. These features included:

- Portcullis a strong iron gate.
- Walls most castles had inner and outer walls to make it difficult for attackers to reach the castle.
- ✓ Gatehouse entrance to the castle, usually with a drawbridge.
- Moat a steep ditch filled with water around the castle, making it hard for attackers to reach it.
- Battlements stone walls with gaps to shoot arrows through.
- Tower to give people a better view of the attackers.
- Keep a stone tower on a hill with a lookout. The safest place to be if the castle was under attack.

The castles looked amazing and the pupils collaborated well with their partners to design them.

Have a great weekend!

Thank you for your support, Miss Stephenson, Mr Bale and the Year 2 Team