

Year 2 Newsletter 2

Friday 16th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for all the delicious snacks that the children brought in for our 'Celebrations' launch today. A brilliant day was had by all. The children made their own party hats and decorations for our party. We also made pizzas, with the children chopping and grating their own toppings.

In Literacy this week, we have been learning about different types of words (nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives), as well as investigating the features of instructional texts. Next week, we will use all that we have learnt to write our own instructions for making party hats and pizzas.

Top Grammar Tips for your child:

Nouns – people, places, animals, objects

Verbs – action words, often end in 'ing', also: have, be, is

Adverbs – add more information about the verb, adjective or another adverb and often end in 'ly' e.g. quickly, slowly, carefully, happily, angrily, smoothly. Some exceptions to the 'ly' adverbs that we use in Y2 are: always, sometimes, never.

Adjectives – words that describe e.g. fast, beautiful, clever, angry, strong, quiet.

We are now encouraging the children to join their handwriting whenever they write. Please make sure your child does not join any capital letters but the rest of their letters should now be joined. Some children are finding this tricky so any practice at home would be really helpful.

In Numeracy this week, the children have been learning about place value by partitioning numbers into tens and units/ones. We have looked at 2-digit numbers and written number sentences, for example: $37 = 30 + 7$. In addition to this, we have shown the children that the same rules apply when partitioning amounts of money e.g. $37p = 30p + 7p$. Next week, we will be looking at other different ways that a number can be partitioned, for example: $37 = 20 + 17$ or $30 + 5 + 2$ or $15 + 15 + 7$. Understanding the different ways a number can be made is an important strategy for the children to master as it will help them with both addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 –digit numbers.

Following on from our exciting launch day, our CCL topic work next week will focus on celebrations within different cultures, as well as reflecting on celebrations that are important to us.

During Outdoor PE, we noticed that some children have trainers with laces but were unable to tie their laces independently. Please help your child to practise at home over the weekend.

Many Thanks

Mrs Hardwick, Miss Fiddler, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley