

Dear Parent/Carers,

In our Literacy lessons this week, we have focused on different types of sentences: statements, commands, questions and exclamations. In addition to this, we have written the middle and ending to our 'Lost Toy' stories, including a problem and solution. Next week, we will be reading, performing and writing poetry. If your child has a favourite poem that they would like to share with us, please encourage them to write it in their Homework Diary so that we can share it during the week.

In Numeracy lessons this week, we have been adding and taking away ten from numbers up to and over 100. We started by using practical equipment and then moved on to using hundred squares. Finally, we had a go at drawing our own number lines to add and take away ten. Some children were even able to add and take away multiples of ten, as well as spotting mistakes and completing missing number calculations – wow, what hard workers they have been! Next week, we will be continuing to focus on addition and subtraction.

In our CCL lessons, we have re-capped the history of Bonfire Night, using the internet safely to check the legitimacy of key information. We tried to throw in a few 'red herrings' but the children were such good researchers that they spotted them!

Next week, we will be completing our CCL topic, 'Celebrations' and starting our new topic, 'Dressing Up'. We will begin by launching the topic on Wednesday 9th November and we would like to invite the children to come to school in clothes appropriate for a holiday. As it is November, this does not mean bikinis, shorts and vests! We recommend that they come in something comfortable that they would normally wear at the weekend but they may like to bring sun glasses and a hat. If they would like to imagine that they are travelling to a cold destination then they could wear a woolly hat, scarf and gloves or even ski goggles if they have them! On Wednesday, our classrooms and the Activity Studio will transform into a travel agency. All pupils will receive a passport and journal which will accompany them as they travel from country to country. If they would like to bring in any holiday brochures, atlases or books about different countries, these would be useful to help them with their research. During this Geography-based topic, we will be looking at how people dress in different countries and the suitability of clothing for different climates.

We had our first rehearsal for our Christmas concert this week and some children were able to remember their lines and cues already – well done! If your child is taking on the role of an angel and has some angel/fairy wings at home that they would like to wear for their role, please send them in next week and we will make sure that they are kept in a safe place ready for the concert. Alternatively, if your child is not an angel but you have some wings that we could borrow, please send them in. Thank you for your support with practising lines and with costumes. Nearer the time, we will send home a reminder of any costume requirements but most will be provided by school. The concert will be held on Monday 5th December at 2pm for parents with pre-school children and on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th at 2pm for all other Year 2 parents. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time. There will be no swimming lessons for Year 2 children during concert week and no swimming lessons for any children in school during the last week of the term.

On Friday 11th November it is 2H's Friday Bake.

Miss Fiddler, Mrs Hardwick, Miss Robertshaw, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley