

Dear Parent/Carers,

In English this week, we wrote thank you letters to Tropical World. We used all the letter writing features that we have been learning for the past few weeks. With us writing to someone who is unfamiliar to us, we learnt that our letter needed to be formal. The children did a great job of telling Tropical World all about their favourite parts of the day. There were also some excellent questions that the children wanted to ask. We are looking forward to seeing if they reply to our letters.



In Maths, we have been learning more efficient methods for addition rather than 'counting on our fingers' by using the method of bridging. When bridging, you make a small jump to the next multiple of ten before adding the rest of the number. Here is an example of the method we have used:

$$\begin{array}{r} 38 + 4 \\ \phantom{38} \swarrow \searrow \\ \phantom{38} 2 \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{38} 2 \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \hline \text{Next multiple of 10 } \underline{40} \\ \hline \underline{40} + \underline{2} = \underline{42} \end{array}$$



A few of the children have been saying that their outdoor PE trainers are a little bit on the small side. We appreciate that it is coming up to the end of the academic year, however, we have got our sporting event on the horizon. With this in mind, please could we ask that you check with your child to make sure they have a comfortable pair of outdoor

trainers, to enable them to continue to practice the various skills in PE lessons to prepare them for our Sports Day.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

**Mrs Collins, Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman and the Year 2 Team**