

Dear Parent/Carers,



We wanted to start by saying a massive well done to all the children for their commendable efforts on Sports Day. They showed resilience and determination, making us very proud teachers. We were so impressed with the skill, attitude, effort, determination and sportsmanship that we saw from all of the children. Each of these qualities is so important alongside winning! Thank you to those of you who were able to come and support the children, we hope you enjoyed watching your child compete in a range of events.

In English this week, we received a letter from Katie Morag – a young girl from a CBBC TV series. She told us about the island she lives on, what her family are like and what she likes to do on the island. She asked Year 2 to tell her about them and explain their lives as well. We used our letter writing skills to inform Katie about what life is like at Woodhouse Primary and what there is to do around Brighthouse. We look forward to her reply.

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!

Mr Bale, Mrs Gooseman, Miss Wilson, Mrs Haigh and the Year 2 Team