

## Year 2 Newsletter 3

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carers,

In our Phonics lessons this week, we have recapped the alternative phase 5 graphemes for the or, zh, ch and sh sounds.

The **tricky words** that we have learnt this week are:

*thought, sure*

Our spellings for next Monday's quiz are:

### Spellings

badge	listen	castle	instead
colour	young	charge	mother

### Tricky words

once	because	pretty
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In English, we used last week's planning and wrote our own version of 'How Coyote Brought Fire to Earth' called 'How Fox Brought Water to the Desert'. We used our planning to write a beginning, middle and end. The children used some fabulous vocabulary that we have been learning for the past few weeks and we think that there may be some budding, young authors in year 2!



In Maths this week, the children have been learning about different ways that a number can be partitioned.

$$57 = 50 + 7$$

$$57 = 40 + 17$$

$$57 = 30 + 27$$

$$57 = 20 + 37$$

$$57 = 10 + 47$$

Many children were able to spot the pattern and use this to help them. We recognised that the tens digits was the only thing changing because one ten was "moving across" each time. The ones digit stayed the same. I wonder how many ways the number 92 can be partitioned following the same pattern?

We have also revisited counting in twos. If you know that this is something that your child struggles with then please have a look at the number line below. The children are familiar with this and it helps them with their rote learning.



In Geography, we learnt where Kenya is located. Did you know that it is a county in Africa and it is very close to the Equator? This means that Kenya is a very hot country. We also compared Kenya to the UK and found many differences, as well as some similarities.

Thank you as always.

**Miss Stephenson, Mr Bale, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Hodgson and all of the Year 2 team** 😊