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Dear Parents,

In maths this week the children have been re-capping their written methods for subtraction. They found it a challenge to recall, but have definitely improved as the week has progressed. I am encouraging them to think about how they grow each day in maths, by reflecting on how they learnt from any mistakes or used a fact they knew to help solve a problem. This is to support reasoning in maths lessons. The children enjoyed a visit from 'Professor Poopenshtinken' on Thursday morning during assembly, they enjoyed his magical maths activities and especially liked his name!

During English this week we looked at a video from The Literacy Shed called 'Zahra.' The children found it interesting to describe the scene and think about the story from the character's perspective. They came up with some fantastic describing words and thought about the punctuation they could use to enhance their writing. This made them think about our topic and how there are still some parts of Africa that do not have running water.

We are planning on raising money for the charity 'Wateraid,' by holding our own pipeline activity. This is planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The children will need to bring a bucket or container in that they are able to transport water around in and a small donation for the charity.

Thank you for continuing to hear your child read, we endeavour to listen to the children in a variety of ways within the lessons and

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individually. Please remember to think about their comprehension, as rather than just hearing them read the book, it develops their skills if they can answer questions about the story or find information within the text.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wardle and Mrs Patterson