

Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

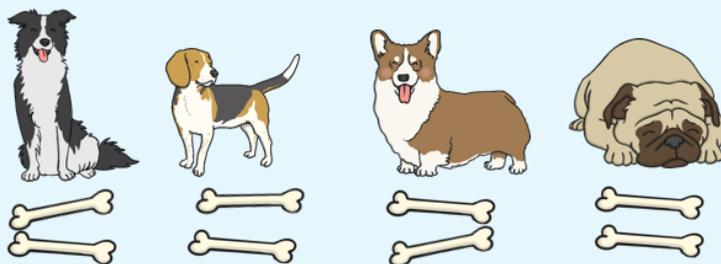
In maths this week, we focused on finding fractions of shapes and amounts. We began by looking at how we write fractions in numbers and what each number represents. So for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ is one part out of two equal parts. We also learnt that the top number is called the numerator and the bottom number is called the denominator. We shaded in different fractions of shapes, focusing on halves, quarters and thirds. Then we were finding fractions of quantities, by sharing the quantity into equal groups, for example to find $\frac{1}{4}$ of 8, we would share 8 into 4 equal groups.

Finding a Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$)

Each dog has 2 bones.

So quarter of 8 is 2.

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 8 = 2$$



Thank you for all the lovely pictures we've had from Flat Stanley! The children have loved seeing where he has been visiting. For every picture we've been sent, we have found the location on google maps and are amazed that he's already got to New Zealand, the Philippines, Barbados, Norway and lots of lovely places in the UK! We look forward to seeing where else he will end up.



We have had a big focus on anti-bullying this week and have had lots of discussions about how to show respect and be kind friends to each other. We made a friendship wreath using hand-shaped cut-outs, which we decorated and wrote a message on to say how we can be a good friend.

We were really excited to receive some letters from our pen pals in Hanoi, Vietnam this week. They also sent over a video of their school (we were very jealous of their indoor swimming pool)! We wrote letters back to our pen pals and started to make a little video clip of our school to send to them. Not only is this a great opportunity to learn about another culture, but by writing for a purpose, we can really work on improving our spelling and handwriting.

Next **Friday, 30th November** will be our Christmas decorating afternoon. We will have half of the children making decorations at a time, whilst the other half can colour and play games. If the children have a board game they would like to bring in for the afternoon, please can they bring it to school on Friday morning, in a named plastic bag? We look forward to spending the afternoon with you!

Thank you for all those who were able to attend parents' evening this week. It was lovely to meet you all properly and discuss your children's progress with you.

Spellings and times tables: For next week only, the children will be tested on their times tables and spellings on **Thursday 30th December**. This is simply because we will be setting up the class on Friday lunch time for the Christmas afternoon and won't have time to mark all the tests.

Also, please thank all the grandparents who came to help us last Friday afternoon. We had a wonderful time making Christmas decorations with them!



I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mockler

Year 2 Spellings

Adding -ies to
nouns and verbs
ending in -y

<i>flies</i>	<i>babies</i>
<i>tries</i>	<i>carries</i>
<i>replies</i>	<i>marries</i>
<i>cries</i>	<i>families</i>
<i>copies</i>	<i>dries</i>