

Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have started looking more closely at the different continents and following the journey of 'Buddy the Bee' who is visiting one country in each continent. We began by seeing him take a trip to France, where we saw pictures of famous landmarks, the different foods they eat and we learnt a few french words. Next, we saw Buddy's visit to China. We recapped all of our learning we did about China in Year R and then looked at some famous places such as The Great Wall of China, the terracotta warriors and Mount Everest. We also practised solving some Chinese maths calculations by using a key to help decipher the Chinese symbols for different numbers. We sang this song to help us learn about the different continents:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFhSdJxGIIs>

In maths we have been looking at different measurements and making comparisons. We began by measuring length by using rulers to measure in centimetres. First, we estimated the lengths of different objects around the classroom and then we measured them accurately to the nearest cm. Then followed instructions to draw lines of different lengths, moving onto half centimetres.

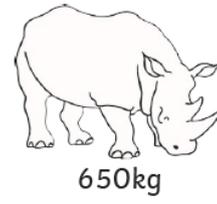
We also looked at measuring weight, by comparing the weights of different animals in a zoo. We used the 'greater than', 'less than' or 'equals' symbols to compare the animals' weights. This also involved adding together the animals' weights to find our answers.



chimp + monkey



rhino



In science, we carried out an investigation to see which material would be the most suitable to fix the hole in Jack and Jill's bucket. We worked in small groups to test a variety of materials including: cling film, stones, foil, fabric, play-doh and paper. We poured water into the buckets with the different materials in and looked at which materials worked best at blocking the hole.

Finally, I just want to say a huge 'thank you' for all the cakes you brought into school for our cake sale for Wateraid. We sold the cakes over two break times and the children did a wonderful job at selling them – every single cake was sold! I've not had chance yet to count up the money so I'll let you know how much we raised next week.



Thursday 7th March is World Book day! Children can come dressed to school as a book character of their choice. In the evening at **7pm** I will also be holding a **SATs information evening** to give you some details about the Year 2 SATs tests in May (no need to come dressed as a book character...unless you want to)!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mockler

Year 2 Spellings

The sound /ee/
spelt with '-ey'

key	donkey
chimney	monkey
valley	trolley
turkey	hockey
parsley	journey