

# Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

In maths this week, we began by recapping both methods of division that we learnt last week (by sharing and by grouping). Then we looked at word problems for division and the children used whichever method they preferred to solve the problems. Next, we looked at a mixture of multiplication and division number sentences and thought carefully about how to find the answers, by drawing arrays or by grouping and sharing.

We focused on how we can answer reading comprehension questions in our English lessons this week. As a class, we read some pieces of text and looked at the questions for the text together. We discussed how we can read back through the text to find the answers to the questions and looked at the different types of questions we may have to answer (varying from choosing multiple choice answers, matching statements together or writing sentences). Then the children had a try at reading and answering some questions independently.

We had a great day on Monday creating our Tudor houses! The children followed instructions brilliantly and also worked very well together to help each other make their houses. They are very proud of what they have made and can't wait to show you!



We managed to film the children perform 'A Million Dreams' in sign language. Here is the YouTube link: [https://youtu.be/L21oZ-W4\\_eM](https://youtu.be/L21oZ-W4_eM) (I know that we aren't supposed to be singing in schools at the moment... but its pretty much *impossible* to stop the children from singing along to this song)!

We have covered a lot of science lessons in the last two days of the term. We identified, described, discussed and studied different stages in the human timeline. We then conducted a simple comparative investigation to find out if children get faster as they grow older. This activity led to some interesting scientific discussions, giving the children the opportunity to express their understanding of the world. They then drew their conclusions based on the result of the enquiry. The children also studied the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. They were able to ask and answer a wide range of questions around the topic.

In PE, we completed our dance routine and performed it to a different Indian song. The children are becoming experts at picking up on a rhythm and changing the steps to suite the song! They really enjoyed dancing this term!

We have not set any homework for the next week as we would like the children to have a fun and relaxed break. They have been working very hard this term in all lessons. Having said that, we do encourage them to read at home as much as they can, since it is a lovely activity before bedtime.

We hope you have a lovely half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

With best wishes from,

Mrs Mockler and Mrs Pattanshetti