

Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents,

In English this week, we began reading 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith. We learnt how a little hedgehog called Max wanted to go on a mission to learn how to cross the road safely. We started by looking at pictures of hedgehogs and writing a detailed description of their appearance, using interesting adjectives and similes. Next, we described a scene from the story, imagining we were looking at the setting from a hedgehog's perspective. At one part of the story, poor Max gets bumped on the head when he tries to cross the road and gets his words all muddled up when he tries to speak. For example: 'Something bot me on the hittom.' We had a lot of fun reading these mixed up sentences (called spoonerisms) and re-writing them in the correct way.

For our maths lessons, we started looking at money by recognising the different coins and combining the coins to make different amounts. To begin with, we looked at how we can use our tens and ones knowledge of partitioning two-digit numbers to help us make different amounts. For example: 34p = 3 tens and 4 ones, so we can use 3 x 10p coins and 4 x 1p coins to make the total. Then we looked at how we can use a range of coins to make different amounts of money.



We went on to select items from the online toy shop we would like to purchase. By adding the prices of these toys, we figured out their total cost. This helped us add up two or more amounts of money. We learnt to use the correct notation for pounds and pennies.

When the children were asked what was happening on the 5th November, we weren't expecting them to answer with 'lockdown'! So we thought we would enlighten them, that on the 5th November, not only is it lockdown, but also Fireworks Night! This week in our history lesson, we learnt all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and made little booklets to help us remember the events.

In PE this week, we performed and presented our dance routine. One half of the class performed to Ed Sheeran's song while the other half danced to Jai Ho. The children really enjoyed the 'Dance off'. If all goes well, the video will be posted in next week's newsletter.

In Italian, children learnt how to say hello and start a basic conversation.

In computing, we used the search tool in purple mash to help us locate items that we were looking for. To help us make our search results more specific, we used the filter tool to select which year group and subject area we wanted to see. We discussed how sometimes, when you search for things on the internet, the results you find are not always reliable or safe. Therefore, we introduced the 'kiddle' search engine (which is similar to google, but made specifically for children), and the children had a go at using kiddle to search for different things, knowing that all the results will be safe for them to see.



Saturday, the 14th of November is Diwali – the Hindu festival of lights. The children enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita. They also learnt how Hindus celebrate Diwali.

Homework:

Please learn two times tables (from 2 x 0 to 2 x 12) to be tested on Friday.

(the children that are quick and accurate at recalling the times tables facts will be asked to solve some challenging questions based on two times tables)

Please learn the following spellings to be tested on Friday.

Please read daily and record it in your Reading Record Book.

Spellings to learn this week:

<i>table</i>	<i>apple</i>
<i>bottle</i>	<i>little</i>
<i>middle</i>	<i>able</i>
<i>wobble</i>	<i>multiple</i>
<i>dazzle</i>	<i>riddle</i>

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Mrs Mockler and Mrs Pattanshetti