



Next week in Year 2  
Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September  
2024



## What a Wonderful World!

**The activities in this Newsletter will support your child's learning through the week so** doing them at home with your children is a fabulous way to further their learning. We try to make them as fun and as home friendly as possible so give them a go! Send in anything you do so we can see all of the amazing learning going on at home!

### Spellings

The children will be having a spelling quiz on Fridays. We will let you know the words that will be in the quiz each week so that they can be practised at home. The words in each quiz are selected as they are either frequently used and incorrectly spelt words, common exception words and/or words that we will most likely use in our writing next week.

#### **This week's spelling quiz words:**

saw, everyone, laughed, gone, thought

When practising at home, start by letting your child see the word and copy it up. Then see your child can cover the word up and spell it correctly from memory. Keep practising until they are confident and accurate. Make practising these words memorable by writing with and on different materials, or against the clock. Get the stopwatch up on your phone, how many times can they write one of the words in a minute? Can they write the chosen word more times in a minute than you can?

If the quiz highlights there is still a word or two your child is finding problematic, we will support them with learning and memorising them during what is left of the week.



Your child has 2 PE lessons each week, so please make sure they have their PE kit in school.

## What we will be doing in school

### English

Next week we will be visiting Europe, where we will read a story originating from Scandinavia! The Three Wishes is a silly story about Ned and Nat, and a waste of 3 wishes! The children will take a closer look at the characters, thinking about what they look like, and what their personalities are like!

The children will be looking at suffixes, thinking about how we add them to words to slightly change their meaning and then using this in their writing.

We will finish off the week by writing our own wishes and making magical wands.

## How you can help at home

### How to support your child at home:

When reading stories, or watching tv, or even out and about, have a go describing some of the characters you see. You can describe what they look like, **what they're wearing, and even what they are like on the inside!** For example, if you were reading the story of Goldilocks you might say she is selfish because she eats their porridge and breaks their chair!

Using this sort of descriptive language at home will support children in their writing this week and throughout their learning this year!

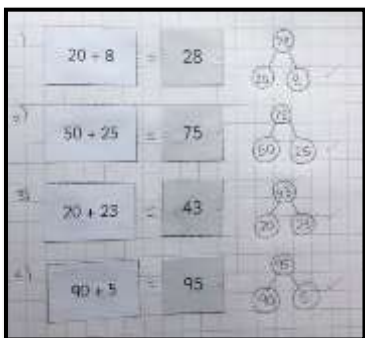
### Maths

Next week we will be focusing our attention on the value of each digit in a two-digit number up to 100.

The children will be using concrete materials to partition a number into tens and ones, identify the value of a digit before moving on to writing the number in expanded form.

The value of 2 in 28 is 20 and the value of 8 is 8. The children will then start to write the expanded form as:

$$20 + 8 = 28.$$



Later on in the week, the children will flexibly partition 2 - digit numbers into tens and ones whilst also being challenged to partition further.

### How to support your child at home:

Play the game below with your child to show them how fun Place Value can be:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

This game allows children to find the correct basketball, which matches the value of the Base 10.



How many ways can your child partition the number 55? (Choose any number from 11 – 99).

You can use pasta or sticks if you wish to make this more visual/practical for them. Perhaps you would like to give them a challenge of timing them and seeing how many they can get in 5 minutes.

## Science

### Unit of Learning – Gravity

In Science this week, the children will be continuing their work on super scientists! They will be taking on an experiment about gravity, testing whether the weight of an object will cause it to fall faster or slower.

Can you put gravity to the test? Take 2 objects and drop them, which one falls faster? Why do you think that is? How can you make it fall slower?



## PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning how to be responsible for the environment around them. In 2023, Stillness Infants got a Distinction for our Eco Schools award and it is something that we pride ourselves on. Next week the children will be reading a story called Stone Soup and learning how, when everyone contributes, a positive outcome can be achieved. They will then think what they can do to contribute to keeping our environment clean.

If you have time this week go on a litter pick around the area or if you go on a country walk or the beach then you can have a clean-up **there too**. Don't forget to send in any photos. Zara would love to see them!



Don't forget to make sure you wear sanitary gloves and wash your hands afterwards!

## DT

In DT this week, the children will be conducting market research to form their ideas for creating their woven dreamcatchers. They will look at how dreamcatchers that already exist and use this to guide their questioning.



## Geography

In geography this week, the children will be learning about the climate of our chosen country, Kenya. We will then be comparing its climate to ours in the UK.



Refresh your child's understanding of the climate and seasons in the UK by watching the video and playing the games on the below website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhwq6rd>



Have a great weekend!

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