

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents that returned their questionnaires. It is important to hear your thoughts and opinions about the school. We appreciate hearing about things that you are pleased with, but it is also very valuable for us to know how we can improve. Next week, children in Year Two are going to be starting the Daily Mile. Please make sure your child has PE shoes in school every day.

Literacy Learning:

In English this week, the children have started to plan and write their innovations of the story 'Bat learns to Dance.' The children have come up with some really lovely ideas for their new stories, and they are becoming much more confident about planning their own stories.

When writing, it is really important for children in Year Two to make sure they read through their writing to check that it makes sense. Please encourage your child to do this whenever they write at home.

This week, your child may wish to:

- write different sentences, making sure they include an adjective. Remember, an adjective is a word that describes a noun (eg a **black** cat, a **slippery** snake)

Next week's spellings:

again, any, bath

Encourage your child to use them in a sentence. Don't forget we will also be testing some spellings from last week. The test will be on 16th November.

Mathematics Learning:

In Maths, the children have been using number facts to solve other calculations. For example, if you know that $3 + 7 = 10$, then you should be able to use that to work out the missing number in this calculation:

$$3 + \underline{\quad} = 20$$

The children have found this quite challenging, so to support your child at home, please make sure they can promptly recall the pairs of numbers that total 10 or 20.

By Year Two, your child should be becoming more confident at quickly answering these sorts of questions:

What number do you add to 7 to make 20?



Don't forget to keep practising your Maths Targets. New Passports have been sent home to children that have passed the test.

Staff Training

This week, several members of staff have attended a two day Makaton training course. Makaton is a method of using signs and symbols to communicate with people. We will be introducing some signs to the children, and look forward to sharing the 'Sign of the Week' with you.

This week's sign is yellow.

Follow the link below to find out more about Makaton and watch the video to show you how to sign 'yellow.'



NO NUTS



At lunch time this week, items that contained nuts were discovered in some packed lunches. This is incredibly serious as we have a number of children with serious nut allergies at school.

Home Learning

A number of parents/carers commented on homework in the survey. Many parents mentioned that their children didn't receive any homework. I wanted to use this opportunity to remind you about the home learning opportunities we provide:

- Daily reading
- Weekly spellings to learn
- Maths targets are shared so your child can practise them at home that will help them with their weekly mental maths test
- Curriculum information is shared weekly (in this newsletter) with suggestions of how you can support your child at home. We will celebrate any work that your child has completed and share it with the rest of the class.



Where Does Our Food Come From?

Please read the letter that is being sent home today about our Project Outcome. We look forward to inviting you into school before Christmas where we will share all we have learnt this term. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help us with this event. Please see me if you are able to lend a hand.

Many thanks,

Mrs Bullen

