

Year 2

13th –17th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Here is a brief outline of the work we shall be covering this coming week.

RE, English and Art

We will be starting our new topic 'Preparations'. This week the children will learn about the preparations made to get ready for an event, and record all these things in a list.

Home learning: Could you talk about how you prepare for getting ready for bed. What are all the things that have to be done? For example, brush teeth, change into pyjamas, have bedtime story, say prayers.

English, Role play, PSHE, ICT and History

The children will be researching facts about Florence Nightingale, and describing the hospital in Scutari before she and her nurses arrived.

We will be looking at the phonic patterns 'ur' as in nurse and fur, and adding a 'magic e' to words to make the vowel say its long sound or name:
e.g. pin → pine fat →fate

Home learning: Pages 44 and45 of their English book, on instructions.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to develop the children's ability to add. This week we will focus on adding two 2-digit numbers, initially using tens and units apparatus, then move on to drawing a pictorial representation of what is being used. We would hope that the children will start to develop mental strategies by the end of the week. The children will need their knowledge of number bonds of 10 to start to work mentally.

Homework: We have been working on greater than (>) and less than (<) this week. Can the children complete pages 24 and 25 of their maths book, to reinforce this concept.
(We have learned that the crocodile always eats the bigger number to help us remember where the 'open' part of the symbol should face.)

We have noticed that many children are still weak on their number bonds (the pairs of numbers that add to make a given number).

Can your child practise saying the bonds of 10 so they know them mentally.

1 + 9, 2 + 8, 3 + 7, 4 + 6 and 5 + 5

Year 2 led our school Service of Remembrance on Friday 10th with great reverence and dignity. It was very spiritual, dignified and moving. On Sunday the Queen will lead the Nation's service of Remembrance; you might catch it on the television after you return home from morning Mass.

The Year 2 Team.