



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas is nearly upon us and we are now in full swing of Christmas play rehearsals. The children are loving learning all of the songs and are excited for the stage to go up this week!

Learning over the last couple of weeks

English

The children have taken everything they have learnt from our focus text 'The Dark' and have begun writing their own version of the story. Lemony Snickett's version is written from the viewpoint of an omniscient author e.g. 'Laszlo is afraid of the Dark but the Dark is not afraid of him'. The children have been writing their stories from the viewpoint of the Dark e.g. 'I live in the creepy basement, hidden behind old damp boxes.' The language the children are using is incredible and it is clear that they have absorbed and are now applying our creative process.

Maths

We have spent the last two weeks exploring subtraction and the different methods and equipment we can use to support our calculating (100 squares, number lines, jottings, partitioning and practical resources Base 10). We have looked at different ways that we can approach our calculating by looking at the tens and units and subtracting them from one another. The children have begun to see which method they would choose for each different calculation.

Topic

On Monday we had an exciting visit from two ladies who are heading up the wheelchair swing project at Maidenbower Park. They came to talk to us about how we are all different and the importance of inclusion. We learnt about Autism and how child with Autism's view of the world is different from ours. They told us about their project and why there was a need for it. The children were full of amazing ideas for how to make a playground inclusive for all. We will be taking a trip to the park to see the current equipment that is there and how it could be adapted. We will then be coming back and designing our own fully inclusive playgrounds. Our designs will then be passed on Crawley Council.

Learning in the next couple of weeks

In maths over the next couple of weeks we shall be looking at money. The children will have the chance to play with money and learn how to identify the different types of coins and notes.

In english, the children will be writing up their stories to create their own books which they will then share with children in Year 1.

The children will also be looking at instruction writing through using a recipe to make some Christmas goodies! They will have the opportunity to practise their measuring skills as well as applying what they have learnt about instructions to have a go at writing their own.

Other notes:

- Please continue to help your child practise their lines for the Christmas play - only a week to go!
- Please can costumes be in on Monday 3rd December in a names plastic bag.
- Please can we have any junk modelling which may be in your recycling box at home for an exciting project to come in the next couple of weeks.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Year Two Team