

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well at the end of this very cold and frosty week. Here is the usual rundown of our learning and events for the past two weeks.

Phonics

We have been learning about 'ou' saying 'ow' as in mouth and long vowel sounds. Year 2 have also been learning about words with 'le' endings and about changing 'y' to 'i' when adding suffix er and est as in sunnier or sunniest.

English

Class 2 have amazed me with their progress in writing this past fortnight. They have written some amazing superhero stories based on our class text Traction Man. They have also been doing some super written work linked to this week's text 'A Planet Full of Plastic.' We learnt what the word biodegrade means and described how leaves biodegrade and we also did an in depth study of the word using the vocabulary ninja components.

Maths

We have been exploring subtraction as counting back, finding the difference and bridging through 10. Year 2 have begun using column method for addition and subtraction. Year 1 have begun using numbers up to 100.

Other

We had a busy week last week with remembrance celebrations, Odd Socks Day as part of our anti-bullying week focus and a trip to Lotherton Hall to see Florence Nightingale (see Tapestry for photos and more info about this.) This week we have been playing maths and spelling games in ICT, making clay leaves in art, learning about seasons in Geography and Sukkot in RE.

Homework

I have sent home paper copies of the maths and spelling homework for the week. There won't be any spelling tests this week as we will be doing reading and maths assessments, but still take the time to practise the words.

Year 2 spelling game: <https://wordwall.net/play/24787/374/466>

Year 1 spelling game: <https://wordwall.net/play/38682/774/549>

Year 1 maths game: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/blast-off>

Year 2 maths game: Subtraction match up <https://wordwall.net/play/3622/174/70223>

More of a challenge: <https://wordwall.net/play/3622/174/70223>

Coming Up...

Nativity Trip

We will be going to watch the nativity at St George's church in Leeds next Friday. The whole school goes on the coach and we get in the festive spirit together. I am in need of two volunteer chaperones if you are

available. We will be leaving school at around 10:45 and will be back at around 1pm. Please email me g.dodd@harewood.leeds.sch.uk or let me know on Monday if you'd be able to help.

Aladdin

Please return your slip or send in a note specifying how many tickets you would like. Every child can have 2 tickets for 2pm and 2 for 6pm, there may also be additional tickets available if you request them. I will issue tickets next Friday. Please also send items for the hamper, a suggested item was on the slip that we sent home last week but if you were unable to provide it or you have lost your slip, any nice Christmas item would be welcome.

Frost Fest

School council are preparing items for our version of a Christmas Fair after school on 6/12/24. We will be selling hampers and second-hand items. Please send in any donations that you have and make note of the date to join us. I hope it will be a really fun event for the whole family!

Winter Woolies

With the cold weather here, the children are bringing in additional items to keep warm. Please label scarves, gloves and hats with your child's name. I know this is a time-consuming process but it will make it much easier to make sure that your child does not lose these items if you do.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs G Dodd