Year 2 have had a fantastic first half term in Year 2. All of the children have settled in very well and are now used to their new routines. It has been so nice for the children to spend time learning with their friends again.

## **English**

In English we have been working very hard to use capital letters and full stops correctly while also working on making sure all of our sentences made sense.

Year 2 have enjoyed reading a story called 'The Last Wolf.' We have used this story to make our own expanded noun phrases to describe the settings and characters in the story. We loved thinking of really exciting words for our descriptions. We have also worked on sequencing the story correctly by acting to help us write our own version of the story. The children enjoyed making their own 'The Last Wolf' book to show off all of their new writing skills.

Year 2 have also took part in independent writing every Friday where the children have had the opportunity to write all by themselves. The children have really enjoyed writing independently and have used this challenge to show off all of their new skills.

## Maths

In our maths lessons we have focused on counting to 100 and understanding the value of numbers all the way up to 100. The children have learnt new vocabulary such as digit, tens and ones and they can use this language very well when showing what they have learnt. Once we worked on counting we also looked at comparing the size of numbers by using the words more than and less than. We were very good at this.

In addition, we have built on our counting knowledge to count up in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from a given number. We worked with lots of different equipment to do this.

Year 2 have especially enjoyed moving onto their next step challenge in maths where they are able to show what they have learnt in a different context. We are very good at our challenge problems.

## Geography

This half term we have focused on learning about our local area. We have used aerial maps to investigate what we could see in Whitburn. We found lots of places we can see when we are driving or walking in Whitburn. While learning about the local area we learnt what a human and a physical feature was and we found lots of them in Whitburn. To show all of the different physical and human features in Whitburn we drew a map and labelled all of the different features. Also we learnt what a community is and found all of the different communities in our village, this was lots of fun as we talked about which communities we were part of.