

All of the children in Year 2 have had another great half term. The children have worked so hard and they have all tried their best in all of their lessons.

## English

We have been reading a story called 'The Girl and the Dinosaur' in our English lessons. Since it is a fantasy story we investigated what a fantasy story is, what fantasy settings we could find and what fantasy characters we could see. We especially liked how the characters travelled to different fantasy settings. To help us understand this even better we read other fantasy stories to see what features we could find. 'The Wizard of Oz' was one of our favourite stories. We used all of this knowledge to re-write our dinosaur story and we even made up our own fantasy story by thinking of our own fantasy characters.

We then moved onto learning all about instructions. After looking at lots of different types of instructions we found out what features instructions needed. First we learnt all about subordinating conjunctions and we used them in our sentences and when we were talking too. Then we found lots of imperative verbs we could use in our own instructions. To show off everything we had learnt we made our own instructions all about how to make a Christmas card.

## Maths

During our maths lessons we learnt all about 2D and 3D shapes. We found out about their names and properties and we used this information to sort and compare the shapes. We needed to remember to use the correct maths vocabulary for 2D and 3D shapes.

We also added and subtracted using our understanding of tens and ones. We added and subtracted one digit numbers and two digit numbers, we also added and subtracted three 1 digit numbers. But we needed to make sure that the biggest number went first when we were taking away.

## History

The children have loved their history lessons this half term as they have enjoyed finding out what Whitburn looked like 100 years ago. To help us with our investigations we looked at lots of old pictures of the village to see just how much it has changed. We were shocked to see how different the village used to be. Our favourite part of this topic was what school was like 100 years ago. We realised just how hard school would have been and we did not like how strict the teachers were. We also compared the houses from the past with our

own houses and we found out just how different some houses may have been. We were so surprised to see that some toilets were outside.