

Year 2 have done such a fantastic job settling into their new routines and they have worked so hard during this half term. Mrs Metcalfe and I are proud of all of the children in Year 2.

## English

We began this half term focusing on a different version of 'Little Red Riding Hood.' In our story Little Red loves to read and she meets a suspicious looking wolf in the library. All of the children loved reading this book because they really liked the wolf. We built up our skills over a number of weeks so that we could write our own fairy tale. We learnt how to write sentences which made sense, use capital letters correctly and use a conjunction to extend our sentences. Everyone did such a great job of applying their learning when writing their fairy tale.

Once we had learnt about fairy tales we then moved onto finding out what instructions were. During this time we looked at all of the features we needed to use when writing instructions and found out how to use them. We especially concentrated on subordinating conjunctions and imperative verbs. It was important that we had the opportunity to use this words orally before writing. This helped everyone when they were writing their own instructions to show how to make a wolf mask.

## Maths

In our maths lessons we started off by counting up to 100, ordering numbers and investigating the value of numbers. We learnt a lot of new maths vocabulary such as ones, tens, digit, estimate, more and less. Everyone was able to use this language well during our maths lessons. Now we understand numbers better we have moved onto adding. We started off by adding a 1 digit number and a 2 digit number, now we can add two 2 digit numbers using practical equipment and pictorial representations.

## Geography

Everyone has enjoyed geography this half term because we have focused on Whitburn. It was great to talk about what we already knew about where we lived before moving onto find out lots of new information.

We have used aerial maps to find different places in our village and identify how the land in Whitburn has been used. Our favourite part of our local area is the beach because we like to visit the beach after school. Once we identified different places in our village we searched for physical and human features using our maps. We even learnt some actions to help us remember the meaning of these words. Recently, we have labelled a map of the UK to show where the four countries and their capital cities are.

What a fantastic start to Year 2!