

All of the children in Year 2 have worked extremely hard during this half term. Everyone has tried hard to complete all of their work and Mrs Metcalfe and I are so proud of their achievements.

English

Since we were focusing on fantasy stories we read 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. To help us understand this text type we investigated fantasy features. This also prepared us to write our own fantasy story. We even learnt what expanded noun phrases are and we can now use them in our sentences. While learning about expanded noun phrases, everyone tried to use the best vocabulary that they could to make their writing even better. Our teachers were thrilled to see lots of expanded noun phrases in our own fantasy stories.

Next we moved on to recounts. During this time, we learnt what past tense and 1st person are so we could write a recount correctly. Everyone was very good at using specific language when writing in past tense and first person.

Maths

During our maths lessons we learnt how to add and takeaway. At first we started by adding and taking away 1 digit numbers and then we moved onto 2 digit numbers. We used tens and ones cubes so we could physically see our learning and then we progressed to using pictorial representations. Once we could add and takeaway we found missing numbers, answered word problems and completed investigations.

Recently, we have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes. We found out about shape properties and we used this knowledge to sort and compare both types of shapes. Everyone made sure that they did not mix up the maths vocabulary when talking about 2D and 3D shapes.

History

History was one of our favourite lessons during this half term because we were able to find out what Whitburn looked like in the past. We realised just how

many changes have taken place over the last 150 years by looking at photographs of the village. When we learnt about what school was like, everyone found out just how difficult school was. This is because teachers were very strict and we did not like the cane or the dunce's hat. We were able to make comparisons between our own school and schools in the past.

Everyone was also very shocked to find out that children went to work during the weekend. Children needed to help their families with cleaning, cooking, looking after their siblings or going to work to earn more money. This made us realise just how lucky we are.