

Year 2 have had a brilliant start to the year. Everyone has settled in well to their new routines and they have tried hard in all of their lessons. The children have learnt lots of new concepts in all areas of their curriculum which they are enjoying sharing with their teachers and friends.

## English

During this half term, the children have focused on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have absolutely loved this story. At first the children have concentrated on writing sentences which made sense. They did this by repeating their sentences out loud before writing and reading their work to check their sentences made sense. In addition, the children have built up a bank of vocabulary to enhance their writing. It was great to see these words used when writing their own version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Everyone especially enjoyed writing about the giant.

Recently, they have moved onto writing instructions. To support the children with their writing, they made a giant mask and then wrote the instructions to help others make one. While writing their instructions, the children made sure they used subordinating conjunctions in their sentences.



## Maths

At the start of the year, the children focused on understanding numbers up to 100 in great depth. The children's knowledge and maths vocabulary was very impressive. It was fantastic to see that the children were able to clearly

explain their learning to their friends and teachers. Next, the children moved onto counting up in steps of 2, 5 and 20 from a given number. In order to do this the children used a combination of a hundred square, cubes, their fingers and their head to find the answers.

Furthermore, the children moved onto adding two 2 digit numbers. This was a huge jump but everyone can add very well using either tens and ones cubes or pictorial representations. Everyone understands that when adding the numbers get bigger, the numbers in their number sentence can be in any order and they can change the position of the equals symbol. The children have even completed one and two step addition word problems.

## Geography

This half term in geography, the children have learnt about their local area. They have focused on what they can see in Whitburn, what is close and far away from Whitburn, the physical and human features which can be seen, how the land is used and where to find Whitburn on a map. Everyone has especially enjoyed using the aerial maps to investigate Whitburn. Also the children even went for a walk through the village to find different human and physical features. They enjoyed plotting what they found on a map.

