

What a brilliant half term Year 2 have had. We have all been working hard across all of the curriculum subjects.

## English

This half term we have worked with Miss Peart, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Smith on lots of different types of writing. We used the book 'The Jolly Postman' and have enjoyed following on his adventures. First stop, we wrote a letter to Goldilocks pretending we were Mr and Mrs Bear. We thought about formal and informal letters and the language that might be used for each. We enjoyed some drama by doing some hot-seating where we pretended to be Goldilocks, Mr Bear, Mrs Bear and Baby Bear. The class asked us some questions and we had to answer as the character.

Next, we designed a flyer for a fairytale character. Some children chose a Giant, some a fairy, some a troll and some a mermaid. We had great fun thinking of things the characters might like for example snail slime hair gel for the troll and a shell bikini for the mermaid.

Lastly we looked at the features of a postcard and whether postcards were formal or informal. We pretended we were Jack and wrote a postcard to the Giant explaining that we had used his golden coins to pay for a holiday to Seaburn. We thought about all of the places we could visit, amongst them were 'The Stack', 'the amusements' and 'the award winning beaches.'

## Maths

During our maths lessons we have been learning the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We thought about where we see the shapes in real life. We looked at nets of some 3D shapes and investigated which 2D shapes we could find on their faces.

Next we learnt all about using arrays to multiply. We solved multiplication problems by drawing arrays and thought about how multiplication is commutative. This means we can write the calculation either way and it still gives us the same answer.  $2 \times 3 = 3 \times 2$ . We have also been working really hard to learn our 2x tables. We did a test then after 3 weeks of practicing we did

another one. Miss Peart was very impressed by how much we had all improved our scores. We will be moving on to 10x tables next!

## Computing

In Computing we have been learning all about taking photographs on the iPads. We have been deciding whether photos would look better in landscape or portrait and how we need to make sure the subject is in the centre of the image. We have also talked about making sure that the pictures are in focus and experimenting with taking photos near to and far from the subject.