



Thank you all for joining us again for Parent/Teacher consultations this week. We love being able to talk about the wonderful work your children are doing in school and how they are growing over their time at North Downs.

Well done to all the children for all of their hard work this half term, bring on Spring 2!

After half term:

- In **English**, we will be looking at diary writing, linking it with our history topic about Victorian nurses.
- In **Maths**, we will be finishing multiplication and division, before moving onto length and height.
- In **Science**, we are continuing our new unit 'Animals including Humans', looking at what we need to do to be hygienic and healthy.
- In **DT**, we will be starting the process of designing and making a healthy wrap.
- In **P.E.**, we are continuing with multi-skills and dance.
- In **R.E.**, we will be looking at why Christians celebrate Easter.
- In **P.S.H.E.**, we will start our unit on 'healthy me'.

The children have really enjoyed getting creative this half term. We have made our own Masai tribe inspired necklaces, created some rural Kenyan village huts inspired by our Zahra story in English, and have also sewn our own bags!



Ways to help your child

- **Maths:** Please ensure your child is confident and secure with their number bonds to 10 and to 20. These are integral for their automaticity during maths lessons.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Please also take the time to ensure that your child is secure with the Year 2 Common exception words that we have learnt so far!

Spelling patterns

We have looked at adding suffixes 'ing' and 'ed' to words with a single consonant after a single vowel.

After half term, we will be looking at adding 'er' and 'est' to one syllable words ending in a single consonant after a single vowel. (what a mouthful!).

KIRFs

Next half terms Key instant recall fact is 'multiplication and division facts for the 2x table'.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March however we invite children to come **dressed as a book character of their choice on Friday 6th March**. There is no expectation for any sort of donation - just the fun of it. We look forward to seeing the inventive costumes!

Reminders

Have a lovely half term!
Miss Westwood and Ms. Gahan

