



Thank you all for joining us again for parent teacher consultations this week. We hope you found it useful and we were able to answer any questions you may have had!

Also, the Half Term has snuck up on us, meaning we are halfway through the year! We hope the break brings you all rest, relaxation, and a little more sunshine. See you in Spring 2! ☺

After Half Term:

- In **English**, we will write a recount of our Half Term before we begin learning about Fables.
- In **Maths**, we will be finish our \times and \div learning and move onto Length and Height.
- In **Science**, we are beginning our unit 'Taking Care' by learning about the food groups.
- In **Topic**, we will begin our History topic 'Nurturing Nurses'.
- In **Music**, look after your eardrums - we are still learning the Recorder!
- In **D.T.**, we will be designing a healthy wrap.
- In **P.E.**, we move back to learning Gymnastics skills.
- In **P.S.H.E.**, we start the next topic 'Healthy Me', which links with our D.T. and Science.

Half-term fun!:

With natural nesting sites in decline, adding a nest-box to your garden can make all the difference to your local birds. The total area of all gardens in the UK exceeds that of our nature reserves, and as development destroys trees, hedges and old buildings, natural nesting sites are in decline.

Nest-boxes placed in gardens can make a real difference to the success or failure of a breeding species in an area, especially when accompanied by the regular supply of suitable food and water.

More information here:

<https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-build-bird-box>

Spelling patterns

We have been practising the pattern of adding suffixes '-er', '-est' and '-y' to words ending in 'e'.

Spelling rule: drop the 'e' and add the suffix.

We have also looked at doubling letters. Specifically, adding the suffixes '-ed' and '-ing' to words of one syllable that end with a vowel then consonant, (such as drop - dropped - dropping).

Spelling Rule: The consonant is doubled to keep the vowel sound short.

Ways to help your child

English: Have a go at the *About a Wolf* game on Purple Mash to practise using adjectives, nouns and adverbs.

<https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/home/games/chicklets>

Maths: Please continue to focus on this half term's KIRF - knowing multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table, before we move onto our next one! Use TTRS for practise.

World Book Day!

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. On the day, we invite children to come dressed as a favourite book character. We wanted to give you plenty of notice as half term is a good time for planning a costume. We will be!!

More details near the time.

KIRFs

For the second half of the Spring term, our Year 2 KIRF will be: *knowing the multiplication and division facts for the 2 times table*.

We do still test anyone who hasn't met any previous KIRFS as they are the building blocks of our maths lessons and automaticity of these facts does help the children focus on the reasoning and problem solving part of the maths lesson.

Any help to keep learning these at home with help tremendously. Do speak to us if you need clarification about this.

Well done to all the children who have got really stuck into learning their Year 2 KIRFs, and have been finding joy in their times table recall!



Have a lovely Half Term break!
Mrs Tubb, Miss Westwood and Mrs Tolan

