

Weekly Learning Letter

Date: 13th October 2023

This week in Year 2:

We celebrated World Mental Health Day on Tuesday by getting to know our new Year 5 reading buddies. Don't forget to take the time to talk to your child about the 'Britain Get Talking' homework task that we sent the children home with. Here are some tips to help get the conversation started:



Try having the conversation whilst doing another activity for example the washing up.



Start the conversation with open-ended questions like "What's on your mind?"



Actively listen and leave room for them to speak. You don't need to fix all their problems immediately.



Sometimes it helps to share personal stories or experiences to help put them at ease.



Phonics / Spellings:

Next week we will be focussing on these words to help us with our writing:

- only
- both
- old
- cold
- gold

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Maths / Number:

We compared objects and numbers up to 100 by using the language of 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' alongside these signs: $>$ $<$ $=$

Choose a phrase to complete each sentence.

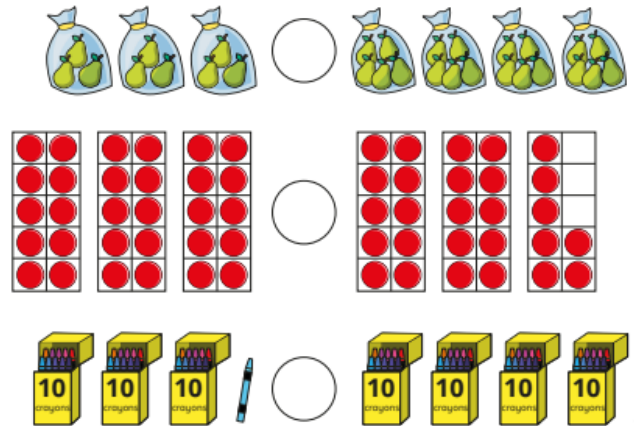
less than greater than equal to

▶ 42 is _____ 46

▶ 81 is _____ $60 + 4$

▶ $30 + 8$ is _____ thirty-eight

Write $<$, $>$ or $=$ to compare the numbers of objects.



English:

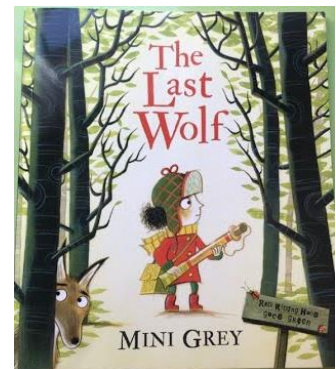
We found a 'Wanted' poster stuck on a tree in the wild garden and discussed what books this reminded us of. We started reading 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey and discussed which words/phrases were effective in helping us to picture the forest in the story.



What might whooling noises sound like?

Why might the twigs be described as 'grabby'?

Can you think of other words to describe the forest noises?



Computing:

We developed our understanding of what information technology (IT) is. We identified devices that are computers and we considered how IT can help us both at school and beyond. Look at the objects below and identify the objects that are not Information Technology.



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Home learning ideas:

As part of Black History Month, we have been learning about 'The Ivory Bangle Lady' in order to better understand the multiculturalism of Roman Britain. Can you remember the names of any of the exceptional black women Dennis talked about during Monday's assembly? Can you think of others that he didn't mention? Why should we celebrate them? What did they do that was extraordinary?

Forthcoming events / trips (science week, parents evening, school trip etc.):

- Show Racism the Red Card (wear red day) - Friday 20th October
- Dulwich Picture Gallery educational visit:
 - Kate's class and Shona's class on the 1st November
 - Sarah's class on the 8th November

Top tips for keeping up to date:

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Kate, Sarah and Shona