



Dear parents,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are rested and have come back ready to learn.

Before half term we had our fairytale morning where the children experienced different fairytales in each of the classes. We also focused on the story of The Princess and the Pea and used text mapping to try and help us remember the story. At the end of the week we thought about how to protect Humpty Dumpty when he fell off the wall and experimented with different materials and real eggs to see what would happen when we dropped them from a height!



In Maths, we worked on subtraction strategies and counting backwards from any starting number in ones. There are still some children that are finding this difficult so any counting practise at home would help with this. We have looked at the inverse of calculations and talked about 'Buy one, get three free'. For example if the children know the number fact $6+4=10$ they should also be able to understand that $4+6=10$ and that $10-6=4$ and $10-4=6$.



This week we will be introducing money and using this to help us with addition and also with subtraction by finding the amount of change given.

Please help at home by –

- Sharing and asking your child about different fairytales. Can they retell you the story of The Princess and the Pea using the actions we learnt in class to help them?
- Discussing different materials and the properties of these, e.g. glass is solid and transparent. Why is it used for a window? Can they also tell you the results of our egg drop experiment? Which materials did we test? What did we find out?
- Checking your child can recognise the coins and the amounts that they are worth. Can they choose 2 or more and find the total? If you do happen to be using money rather than a card at the shops can they help you find the coins you need to pay or work out the change that you might need?

Thank you for your support,

The Year 1/2 team