

## Year Two Autumn Term

This term we have worked extremely hard. We have found out lots of new information and skills which we can use all by ourselves.

### Visits

In order to help us understand the position of different features of our village we went for a walk through Whitburn. During this outing we all had a map of the village and we plotted different places on it to show where we had been. As a class, we also identified whether these places were human or physical features. We all listened very carefully and stayed safe especially around the roads.

Everyone loved finding out information about Remembrance Day so we went to see the cenataph in Whitburn. While we were there we looked at the different coloured poppies which were surrounding the cenataph. Mrs Brooks helped us understand what each poppy stood for. When we got back to school we drew pictures of the cenataph and wrote poems.

### Special Visitors

At the very start of the term there was lots of mysterious events happening in our year 2 classroom. Lots of tools we being left everywhere. We did not know who would do such a thing. After a few weeks of this happening we all decided it was time to ask the police for help. Luckily PC Wilkinson came to help us understand the evidence we had found.

He showed us how to look for foot prints and how to take finger prints. We thought it was very funny when he took Miss Pack's finger prints because she couldn't get the ink off her hands.



## Gardening

At the start of this term we spent the afternoon in the garden with Emma and our teachers. It was important that we wrapped up so we could stay nice and warm.

We all had an important role when we were in the garden. Some of us helped Emma and Mrs Brooks take care of the plants which are growing in our garden. We made sure we were gentle and careful. Others helped Miss Pack to cut potatoes and garlic so we could make roast potatoes. Everyone worked well as a team!

At the end of the afternoon we all gathered around the fire while we ate our tasty roast potatoes. Everyone tried them and some of us even asked for a second try.

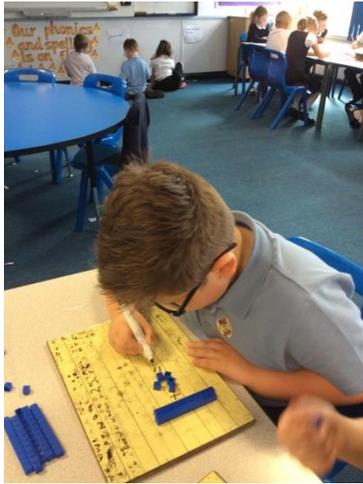
## Maths

In numeracy we have loved solving problems showing our understanding of numbers up to 100. When we were completing these problems we used new language such as ones, tens and partitioning.

We now know different methods to add and takeaway using our knowledge of place value. We realised we could apply what we learnt about tens and ones to add successfully. Some of us even used a blank number line to count forwards or backwards.

Our favourite problems this term was multiplication and division because we could see how they link together. We know how to calculate some of these problems in our head or how to use objects and pictures to find the answers.

Miss Pack and Mrs Brooks are very impressed at how year 2 have applied their learning to complete lots of investigations independently.



## English

In English we have been learning about expanded noun phrases, commas, apostrophes, contractions and inverted commas. We are able to use these skills in different genres which we all linked to our texts. Some of our favourite books this term include *Stuck*, *The Building Boy* and *Into the Forest*.

We particularly enjoy independent writing on a Friday morning where we work all by ourselves to write our own text. We have worked very hard to produce some amazing pieces of writing.

This term we have also took part in guided reading every day to help us find information from different texts. We have loved using illustrations and different keys words to make inferences and predictions.

## Spring Term

During the first part of spring term we will be studying:

- What is our school made of?
- What was it like when the Queen came to throne in 1953?
- Measurement
- Fractions