Year 2 Homework

24th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in English, we have returned to the original text, The Night Gardener, looking closely again at particular illustrations (such as the one above), considering what it must be like to be William and how he felt at various points in the story (using inference skills). Incredibly, we found a page of William's diary and after reading it have decided we'd like to get into the role of William and write a diary entry based on a page from the text. To help us with our understanding of the character, we did a hot-seating activity. The rest of the week was filled with exploring language and features such as expanded noun phrases, exclamation sentences, question sentences and adverbs ending with '- ly'.

In Maths, we have begun learning about 2D and 3D shape. Re-capping the names (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon, octagon, square-based pyramid, cube, cone etc) has been our focus. Recognising 3D shapes in pictures has been difficult with some of us confusing circles and spheres and squares and cubes. We've been playing lots of reasoning games such as "Find the Odd One Out."

We learnt to count sides and vertices (on flat shapes) and have used the terms "regular" and "irregular" when comparing or describing a 2D shape's properties.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Murphy and Mr Young

Activities:

- 1. **Reading:** Read your reading book.
- 2. English: Synonyms and Antonyms challenge!

A key way to build children's vocabulary is by using synonyms (words that have similar meanings – big, large, huge, massive, colossal, vast, gargantuan) and antonyms (words with opposite meanings – hot/cold). Use a dictionary/thesaurus.

Word	Synonyms	Antonyms
old		
sad		
big		
like		
kind		
sharp		
found		

3. Maths: Go on a shape hunt, looking for 2D shapes and 3D solids in the environment

Or...

Play 'Guess my Shape' a game for 2 or more players.

Guess My Shape

Examples:

It is a flat shape. It has an even number of vertices and sides. It has 4 right angles. It is a quadrilateral. All 4 of its sides are equal lengths. What is it? (Square)

It is a solid. It has an even number of edges and faces. It has 6 rectangular faces. (2 faces can be square) What is it? (Cuboid)