

## Welcome back!

**This week...** in English we wrote letters sharing our holiday news and included both fact and fiction. We also looked at expanded noun phrases and how to use this in our writing. *Why not write a letter or postcard to someone in your family over the weekend.* In maths, we completed lots of problem solving activities which involved using repeated addition and working systematically. We started to learn about our new topic 'I'm an explorer, get me out of here!' by naming the continents and 5 main oceans. *At home you could see how many you can remember!* We also started learning about living things by talking about the life processes which a living thing does. We can remember them using the acronym 'MRS GREN'.

## Reading

Reading for pleasure is very important and we would like you to take the opportunity to read whenever you can. Remember to get your parents to sign your reading records over the weekend if they hear or see you reading.

## This week we have been reading:

- On the Way Home – Jill Murphy
- The Magic Finger – Roald Dahl

## Spellings

We will be working on the words with the spelling pattern ge and dge at the end of them next week. Here are some examples you could practise at home.

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| badge  | huge    |
| bridge | change  |
| dodge  | village |

## Times Tables

It's great to see how confident many of you are becoming with your times tables. Keep practising using TTRockstars or you can practise counting in 2's and 10's using Percy Parker:

<https://vimeo.com/75237356>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgtLeJS-dZA>

**Next week...** We will be describing settings using our senses and thinking carefully about our vocabulary choices in our writing. In maths, we will be working on methods of addition and place value. *You could practise partitioning numbers into tens and ones at home. For example: 35 is made of 3 tens and 5 ones. 2 tens and 3 ones makes 23.* In topic, we will be finding out a little bit more about each of the 7 continents and doing our own research. *Perhaps you could find out some facts at home.* In science, we will be creating our own 'MRS GREN' posters to share our understanding of life processes.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Williams and the Year 2 team