



### **Welcome back!**

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The children have all settled quickly back into school and have had a busy week. We have started our new book which is "Dear Bear." We made story maps and role-played being the characters in the story.

We started our new topic on 'Toys' and looked at the differences between new and old toys. On Monday afternoon Ms Papworth's mum visited school and told us all about toys from the past. She brought a dolly with her and told us all about the different toys that she used to play with. Thank you very much!

On Tuesday Dormouse Class had their first Forest School session with Ms. Hurst which was brilliant fun!

### **Spellings**

1. my
2. her
3. what
4. there

### **Maths**

In maths, we have been looking at place value and talking about 'tens' and 'ones'. We have been building two digit numbers between 11-99 and using the dienes to help us. Next week we will be using this knowledge to make amounts of money using coins.

### **Reading**

Just a note to remind parents that in spring term we change the way we teach reading. We are now doing "The Big Read!" which is a whole class approach to reading. Children who are still decoding will also read in their guided groups. Your class teacher will let you know if their reading days have changed.

### **Phonics**

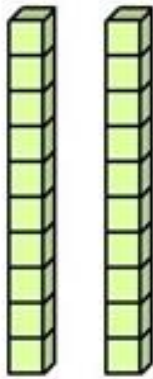
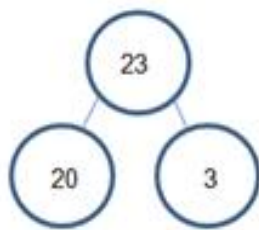
The children are enjoying their guided phonics session – they will tend to work on the same sound each week. On the school website you will find the 3 speed sets – you could use these to recap the sounds your child has already learnt. Your child could also look for their weekly sound in different places at home e.g. **ar** – **car**.

### **Maths**



Here are some ways we have been practising place value this week. Practise partitioning these numbers with your child. We have helped you with the first one.

23	55	32
49	16	22
61	94	11



$$20 + 3 = 23$$

The children have had an excellent start to 2019 and we are all looking forward to working with you in the coming year.

Happy New Year!

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