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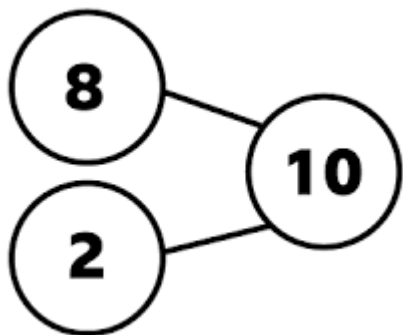
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WOW, what a banging (quite literally) start to Autumn 2. Hopefully lots of the children will have been able to see the fireworks light up the sky this week! We hope you all had a lovely half term – we have really loved hearing what you have been up to. We started off the week with the children enjoying designing and making their own sandwich for Beegu (a friendly little creature). We thought about which food we could grate, chop, slice and mash. They even got to enjoy eating the sandwich too!

This term our topic is Moon Zoom. We are kick starting this topic with a trip to Patchings next Wednesday where the children will be able to create a piece of space artwork. They will then go on a journey to find out who might have landed by exploring the mystery crash landing and then investigating scattered scientific specimens. They will go on to create a 'Welcome to Earth' box for an alien explorer to help explain what life is like on our planet.

## Maths:

In maths this week we have been rounding up our learning on place value. The children carried out an assessment in which they performed brilliantly. Next week we will begin our learning on addition and subtraction. They will be looking at part whole models, securing their understanding that numbers can be broken up into smaller parts.



## English:

Next week we will begin our learning on character descriptions and listening to the story of Beegu. We will also be introducing them to the idea of non-chronological reports (space themed of course) with a focus on asking questions using why, what, how, when and where! We can't wait to zoom off and get stuck in.

### Homework:

Today your child will have brought home their new Beyond Expectations Grid. For many children this has worked really well and we've been giving out plenty of house points as a reward for completing some of the tasks. We hope you have found them manageable and enjoyable. This term we will also be sending out Maths on a fortnightly basis. We want the children to consolidate their learning on place value.

### Reading:

The children have impressed us no end with the amount of progression they have made in their reading. We have really noticed it clicking for lots of the children. Watch this space for further information, both at a school level and a class level.

### Spellings:

Lots of you have requested tricky word spellings. We are still waiting for the resources for our new phonics scheme – Little Wandle (supply delays!), but we hope to have these out to you as soon as possible. These words we will expect your child to be to read and spell.

### Additional Information:

- P.E. days will continue to be Thursday and Friday this half term and the children will need appropriate outdoor kit as the weather turns colder.
- Patchings School Trip – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

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