



**Maths skill of the week:**  
(What we have been learning in class)

We have been counting back..

**Suggested activities:**

Practise counting back from 20 to 0. Start at different numbers, especially between 11 and 20.

**Mental Maths Practise:**

This term we would like you to focus on:

- Counting on and back
- Comparing number sentences using the language 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'
- Naming 2D and 3D shapes
- Partitioning (spitting up) numbers

Please use these ideas to support your child's home learning. However, there is no expectation to record or return any written work to school.

**Ellingham Essentials! (Daily)**

- **Reading**  
10 minutes daily and please remember to write your reading entry!

**Topic Words**

The words below are related to learning in class this term. Please talk to your children about the meaning of these words.

**Geography:**

Local area, north, east, south, west, direction, human geography, physical geography, town, village, aerial view, compass, observe, record

**Science:**

Mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish, insect, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, classification, structure, features.

**English skill of the week:**

(What we have been learning in class)

Introduction to our new key text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon.

**Suggested activities:**

Ask your child to tell you about the spaceship at school. Encourage them to speak in full sentences (e.g. "A spaceship crashed in the playground. We looked for clues.")

**Weekly Phonics:**

For the next two weeks we are learning to read and write words with the 'ai' sound in them, e.g.

rain train tail  
break great steak  
name whale make made game  
play day way stay

Please help your child to practise reading and spelling these words. Have a look for any other words you can find which may contain one of the 'ai' spellings.