Choose the next five spellings from your year group. Can you write a letter or story which contains all these words. Challenge a family member to spot them in your writing.

Create a word search for a member of your family with the words hidden between other letters and words. Will your word search have a theme?

Write a diary entry for an animal or creature that lives in your area. It could even be a pigeon. See the example below:

Dear Diary, Today was a good day! The dustman rudely awakened me but he quickly redeemed himself when he left behind a half-eaten sandwich. It even had a juicy maggot inside! My favourite! Sadly I didn’t get to finish because along came a stinking, snuffling dog who appeared to think I was a toy. How rude!

This week why not take a trip along the New River Walk? It is located half a mile to the east of Highbury and Islington railway station and runs in roughly north-east to south-west direction, ending at Canonbury Road. The main part of the walk follows a footpath alongside a water channel, a surprisingly scenic stretch set amid a residential part of Islington. The walk can be done in the form of a triangular route, starting from, and finishing back at, Highbury and Islington station, for instance walking along St Paul’s Road first. The riverside stretch is a contrast to the two busy main roads that complete the triangle.

Did you know that the New River is neither a river or new? This aqueduct was completed in 1613 to bring drinking water from Hertfordshire to North London. Before this, the water supply was limited to local springs, streams and the River Thames. Imagine drinking out of that now. Yuck!

Choose one of the trees you find on your walk. Make a poster to advertise your tree and encourage animals to live there.

- Draw your tree – ideally stand 30 steps away from your tree and draw it. Notice how each branch splits and divides from the trunk to the tip of the branches.
- What is your trees address? – For example; Weeping Willow, 50 steps from the back door, near the shed, back garden.
- How old is your tree? – Use a tape measure (or a piece of string and a ruler) to measure the girth (distance around the middle) of the tree at 1 metre from the ground. Every 2.5 centimetres around the girth is equal to approximately 1 year in a tree’s growth e.g. if you tree is 20cm then your calculation would be 20 ÷ 2.5 = 8 years old
- Create artwork by leaf rubbing. Cut the leaves you’ve made out and create bunting for your bedroom.

Try doubling the numbers you find and see how far you can get. Remember, it can help to partition the numbers into hundreds, tens and ones and then recombine when you have doubled them all individually.

Challenge yourself to make up some sums using natural materials as symbols for numbers.

**Website of the week**

www.mathsframe.co.uk

**What's for lunch this week?**

**Week 2**