

# Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past two terms ~ it is really appreciated!  
We hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

## Nativity!

I am sure that you are very excited about the Nativity performances next week. The children have been practicing exceptionally hard for this and I hope you enjoy the performances next week. See below for dates and times of the performances.

## Nativity Performances

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - performance to Key Stage 2 (no parents) (Dress Rehearsal)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 a.m.- performance to parents

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 a.m.- performance to parents

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - performance to be recorded for DVD (no audience)

## Talk Homework

Due to the fact that the children will be watching a pantomime next Friday there will be no Talk Homework sent home this week. Big Writing will continue after the Christmas holidays.

## Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have started to learn about explanation texts. These are non-fiction texts which explain how something works or happens. The children have looked at a range of books and have sorted them into fiction (story books) or non-fiction (true, factual information books). The children have also looked closely at the non-fiction texts and have identified the organisational features which have been used (for example bullet points, headings, captions, pictures, diagrams) and they have started to discuss why these features have been used. If you have any non-fiction books at home you could discuss the layout of these texts with your child and try and find bullet points, captions, diagrams etc.

After the holidays children will be writing their own explanation texts.

## Maths

This week in Maths the children have been learning about division. They have been dividing by using repeated subtraction, sharing and grouping.

After the holidays the children will be multiplying. You could practice times tables at home with your child. Start with the 10 times table, then progress to the 5 times table, followed by 2 times table and then the 3 and 4 times tables.

## Topic

This week in Topic the children have been using the laptops to write a fireworks acrostic poem. Next week they will finish these poems and will edit the font to change the colour, size and style of the writing. They will also be learning to insert pictures into their work.

## Science

This week in Science the children have been creating circuits and trying to make a bulb light up. They have been thinking about what components they will need and how they need to be put together to make the circuit complete.

## Other Information:

- If your child wears earrings to school please make sure that they are studs. Thank you!
- Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE could you make sure that all your children's clothing is named!

*Many Thanks and Best Wishes,*

*Miss Wright and Miss Barnett*