

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 5th February 2010

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have started a new unit of work on Poetry. They have been using alliteration to create sentences (e.g. silly sausages sizzling scarily). They have also been learning about onomatopoeia (when the word sounds like the sound it makes e.g. bang! Or Crash!) and they have been playing with the meaning of words to create their own jokes (we will be using punoftheday.com - have a look!) You could have a look at some poetry books at home and see if there has been any alliteration or play on words in those poems. We would love to see what you find!

Next week in Literacy the children will be writing their own humorous poems using rhyming couplets. They will be presenting the poems on the laptops and editing their work to make improvements.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been learning that division is the inverse of multiplication and that we can use division to check a multiplication calculation and vice versa (e.g. $3 \times 5 = 15$ so $15 \div 3 = 5$). The children have also been learning to find remainders after dividing (e.g. $17 \div 5 = 3 \text{ r}2$).

Next week in Maths the children will be doing various problem solving activities where they will need to work systematically and logically to find all the different possibilities.

Topic

This week in topic the children have been performing songs about transport using their voices, actions and instruments. Next week in Topic the children will be doing some fieldwork in Chilton Lane. They will be looking at the signs used along the road and will be carrying out a traffic survey. They will present the data they have collected in a tally chart and a bar chart. Next week the children will also be designing, making and evaluating a form of transport with moving parts.

Science

This week in science the children have been learning that friction is the resulting force when you rub two objects together. They have planned and carried out an investigation to see which is the best material to cover the bottom of a 'vehicle' with to make it travel down the ramp the fastest.

DT Day

Next week Year 2 will be having a DT day where they will be planning, making and evaluating a form of transport with moving parts. Could you send in any unwanted boxes for the children to use - thanks!

PE Kits

We will be sending PE kits home to be washed next week so that they can be washed over the half term. Please could these be returned on the first Monday (2NW will be doing PE on that day!).

Other Information:

- 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, Miss Barnett, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Lilliot