

# Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## Assessment Week

All children have tried extremely hard this week during assessment week and I think most of the children have enjoyed the tasks which we have been doing!

## Talk Homework

There will not be any Talk Homework set this week as next Friday (12<sup>th</sup> March) is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils. **If there are any parents new to the school who would like information on Big Writing and Talk Homework please speak to Miss Wright or Miss Barnett.**

## Literacy

Next week in Literacy we will be looking at instructional texts. These are texts which give instructions to make or do something e.g. a recipe. The children will be giving and following simple oral instructions next week. They will also be following written instructions to make sandwiches. The children will also be evaluating how good a set of instructions are. They will be looking to see whether the instructions are clear to follow, whether the instructions use time connectives (e.g. next, then, after) and whether bullet points or numbered points are used to help organize the instructions. You could ask your child to follow a set of instructions to do something at home or ask them to give you a set of instructions to follow. You could make cakes or biscuits together and follow the instructions and see how good the instructions are.

## Maths

Next week in Maths the children will be learning to tell the time. They will be learning o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to, every five minutes past the hour and every five minute to the hour. They will be showing times on analogue clocks and reading the time from an analogue clock. You could get your children to tell the time at home - the more practice they get with this the better they will become at telling the time. Start off with o'clock and then once they are confident with that then work through the following: o'clock, quarter past, quarter to, every five minutes past (and then for those who are very confident every five minutes to the hour). The children will also be solving real life word problems involving time (e.g. If Literacy starts at half past 9 and lasts 1 hour what time will it end? If my swimming lesson starts at half past five and lasts for half an hour what time will it finish?) If you are unsure about any of these ideas then please speak to Miss Wright or Miss Barnett.

## Topic

This week in topic the children have been describing foods thinking about the size, colour, smell, texture and taste of the foods. You could try different foods at home and ask your child to describe the food. Next week in Topic the children will be using the laptops and the internet to research where different foods come from.

## Science

This week in Science the children have been learning how different materials change state. They have made jelly to show how the jelly cubes turn from a solid to a liquid and then back to a solid when cooled. The children REALLY enjoyed this lesson! You could try changing the state of other foods at home e.g. melting chocolate or baking cakes. Next week in science the children will be adding water to different white powders to see what happens. The children will be predicting what they think will happen and will record the results they find.

## INSET Day

***A reminder that Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March is an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils. School will be open as usual on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.***

## Other Information:

- Children are only allowed to bring in lip balms which are NOT coloured - these are to be kept in the teacher's cupboard and used when asked.
- If children are wearing earrings they are only allowed to wear small studs - no hoops please!

*Many Thanks and Best Wishes,*

*Miss Wright, Miss Barnett, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Lilliot*