

# Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010

*A very happy new year to you all! We hope that you had a great Christmas and a very happy new year!*

## Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been planning and writing their own explanation text about how an electrical circuit works. They have used a title, sub-headings, text boxes and diagrams in their explanation texts.

Next week in Literacy the children will be starting a new unit of work on poetry. They will be making up silly sentences using the same sound at the start of each word e.g. sausages sizzling scarily. You could have a go at making up some other silly sentences at home using the same sound at the start of each word - we would love to see these! The children will also be learning about onomatopoeia and will be trying to make up their own jokes by thinking about the different meaning of words.

## Maths

This week in Maths the children have been using repeated addition, arrays and mental methods to multiply numbers. You could play games like bingo or Who Wants to be a Millionaire with your children at home to support their times table work. Start with the 2 and 10 times tables, then 5 times tables and then the 3 and 4 times tables.

Next week in Maths the children will be partitioning numbers into tens and units and then partitioning numbers in different ways e.g.  $36=30$  and 6       $36=20$  and 10 and 6       $36=20$  and 10 and 5 and 1      etc  
The children will also be finding a difference by counting up from the smallest number to the largest numbers and they will also be adding a multiple of 10 to a 2 or 3 digit number (e.g.  $36+40=$        $72-20=$        $145+30=$        $178-70=$ )

## Topic

This week in topic the children will be starting our new unit - Transport. They will be sorting pictures of different forms of transport into old and new. They will discuss the differences between the old and new forms of transport and how they have changed over time.

## Science

Next week in Science the children will be starting our new unit - Forces. They will be looking at how things move including toys and they will be learning about pushes and pulls. They will be sorting toys according to how they move.

## PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has a tracksuit (bottoms and top) in their PE bags - the weather is very cold but we will still be doing outdoor PE. Thanks.

## Talk Homework

We will be continuing Bib Writing next week - your child should have brought home their talk homework for this. If anyone needs a 'refresher' on big writing/talk homework please see Miss Wright or Miss Barnett

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