

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 9th October 2009

Although we encourage the children to come into class on their own in the mornings we would like you to feel welcome to come in and speak to us if you have any worries, questions or concerns!

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been describing what happens at the beginning, middle and end of a story and they have been working as a group to recommend a book that the class should read. They have also been thinking about how the characters in the story would react in different situations. You could discuss how the characters in the stories you read at home might react if they were in different situations. The children have also been learning how to write dialogue by using speech marks in the correct places and using a range of speech verbs (e.g. shouted, cried, yelled, whispered). See if you can identify any speech verbs when you are reading with your child.

Next week in Literacy children will be planning, drafting and editing their story about Charlie and Lola. They will be encouraged to use capital letters in the correct places and to use appropriate punctuation. The children will also be taught to use relevant connectives to make their story link together.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been naming, describing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. We have been encouraging the correct use of mathematical vocabulary in these lessons:

- 2D shapes - sides, angles, triangle, circle, quadrilateral, oblong, rectangle, square, pentagon, hexagon, octagon, regular, irregular, right angles.
- 3D shapes - faces, edges, vertices, cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, square based pyramid, triangular based pyramid, cone, prism.

Next week in Maths the children will be learning about length, mass and capacity. They will be learning about the relationship between kilograms and grams, litres and milliliters and kilometers, metres and centimeters. They will also be measuring the length, mass and capacity of objects in the school. If you have any rulers, measuring jugs at home then you could ask your child to measure different things at home. You could also make cakes with your children by them measuring out the correct mass of ingredients - we would love to sample these cakes!!!

Topic

In our topic work the children have been learning about Florence Nightingale. They have found out why she is famous and next week they will be creating a fact sheet about Florence Nightingale on the computers.

Science

This week in Science the children have been comparing the length of their hands and feet with other children in the class and with older and younger children in the school as well as adults.

Next week in Science the children will be describing different ways in which they can move and then sorting animals according to the way in which they move.

Other Information:

- Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Many Thanks and Best Wishes,

Miss Wright and Miss Barnett