

Year 2

Weekly News

Friday 11th July 2009

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been looking at a range of different poems. They have been saying what they like or dislike about the poems and have practiced performing poems in small groups, adding music and movement where appropriate. They have also been sorting poems into different types, for example tongue twisters, limericks and descriptive poems and have also been thinking of new ideas for their own poems.

Next week in Literacy the children will be looking at the patterns which poets have used and will be using these patterns to create their own ideas for poems. They will use the laptops at the end of the week to write up their final version. If the children come across any poems at home we would love them to bring them in and share them with their class.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been ordering numbers from the smallest to the largest number and have been sorting numbers depending on whether they are odd or even. The children learnt some rhymes to help them remember whether numbers are odd or even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, I think even numbers are great! 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 I love odd numbers all the time). You could display these rhymes at home to help the children to remember. The children have also been adding and subtracting 10 from any 2-digit number and describing what happens to the number (i.e. the tens number changes and the units digit stays the same).

Next week in Maths the children will be partitioning numbers into tens and units (for example 45 is made up of 4 tens and 5 units). They will also be using inverses (for example if they know that $5+6=11$ then they also know that $6+5=11$ and $11-5=6$ and $11-6=5$).

Topic

Our topic this term is famous people. Throughout the term the children will be looking at the artwork of Cezanne and Van Gogh and will pretend to be a famous rock star and make their own musical instrument. They will also learn about Florence Nightingale. As part of this topic we will be having a Famous People Day in Year 2 - see additional letter about this day which will be held on Friday 25th September.

Science

Our topic this term in Science is 'Variation'. In this unit of work children will look at how similar and different they are to each other and how they are similar and different to other animals. They will describe how humans change as they grow and how animals also change.

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