

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 12th February 2010

Literacy

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

After the holiday the children will be focusing on their writing skills and making sure that they are writing in sentences which make sense, using the correct punctuation and using capital letters in the correct places. The children will also be practicing their handwriting and completing some reading comprehension tasks where they will need to read the text carefully to answer questions about what they have read. You could support your child at home when they are reading by asking them questions about what they have read. You could also help your child when they are writing by encouraging them to position their letters on the line and encouraging them to use capital letters at the start of their sentences and use full stops, exclamation marks and question marks correctly.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been completing various problem solving activities where they have needed to work systematically and logically to find all the different possibilities. You could support your child at home by asking them what are the different ways in which you could wear blue t-shirt, red t-shirt and black shorts, red shorts. You could also ask them to find the different possibilities of eating different flavor ice creams with different toppings - for example strawberry, vanilla or chocolate ice cream with chocolate sprinkles, flake or toffee sauce.

After half term the children will be learning to round numbers to the nearest multiple of 10. They will learn that if the unit number is 5 or more then they will need to round up to the nearest multiple of 10 (for example 36 would be rounded to 40 as it is closer to 40 than 30). They will also learn that if the unit number is 4 or less then they will round down to the nearest multiple of 10 (for example 23 would be rounded to 20 as it is closer to 20 than 30). You could give your child some numbers and see if they can round them to the nearest multiple of 10. You could use money to do this as well, for example if you have 67p what would you need to round that amount to?

The children will also be learning to solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. You could try asking your child to solve questions like the following:

- If there are 38 people on a bus and another 15 people get on, how many will there be altogether ($38+15=53$).
- If I bake 67 cakes and 25 are sold how many are left ($67-25=42$).
- Bananas come in bunches of 5. If I buy 3 bunches how many bananas do I have ($3\times 5=15$).
- If I have 20 sweets and I share them between my 5 friends how many will they get each ($20\div 5=4$).

Use practical resources to help them whenever possible!

Topic

This week in topic the children have been completing some fieldwork in Chilton Lane. They have been looking at the road signs used along the road and finding out what they mean. The children also carried out a traffic survey and presented the data in a tally chart and a bar chart. The children have also planned, made and evaluated a vehicle with at least 1 moving part.

After half term the children will be starting a new topic on FOOD. In the first week they will be drawing foods in composition using accurate detail and pastels to add colour to their art work.

Science

After the holiday the children will be starting their new unit - Materials. They will be sorting materials into natural and man-made materials and will also be learning the difference between solids, liquids and gases.

PE Kits

We will be sending PE kits home to be washed this week. Please could these be returned on the first Monday (2NW and 2HB will be doing PE on that day!). They should include: t-shirt, shorts, trainers or plimsolls, tracksuit bottoms, tracksuit top or jumper and a spare pair of socks. PLEASE COULD YOU MAKE SURE THAT THESE ARE IN YOUR CHILD'S PE BAG!

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 Lillioth