

# Year 2

# Weekly News

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009

## Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been looking at the patterns which poets have used and have been using these patterns to create their own ideas for poems. They have used 'In the dark, dark wood....' poem and 'The Ning Nang Nong' poem as well as 'The Months' poem. At the end of the week they used the laptops to write up their final version of The Months.

Next week in Literacy we will be looking at stories by the same author. We will be focusing on Lauren Child who wrote the Charlie and Lola stories and Clarice Bean stories. The children will be reading a range of these stories, will be saying what they like or dislike about the stories and what is similar or different. If you have any stories written by Lauren Child at home and you do not mind these being brought into school we would be very grateful! Thanks!

## Maths

This week in Maths the children have been partitioning numbers into tens and units (for example 45 is made up of 4 tens and 5 units). They have also been using inverses (for example if they know that  $5+6=11$  then they also know that  $6+5=11$  and  $11-5=6$  and  $11-6=5$ ). The children have also been consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction by solving real life word problems. You could give your child some word problems when you are out shopping or at home e.g. If I buy 12 bananas and eat 4 of them how many will I have left? When they are confident working with smaller numbers then try asking them questions involving larger 2-digit numbers.

Next week in Maths the children will be learning to recognise multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3 and describe the rules for these multiples (for example the unit digit in multiples of 5 is either a 0 or a 5). They will also be learning that when adding you can add numbers in any order and that it is easier to put the larger number first and add on the smaller number. Children will also be finding number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 (i.e. what numbers need to be added to together to make 10, 20 or 100).

## Topic

As part of the Famous People topic in year 2 both classes have been looking at the artwork of famous artists (Cezanne and Van Gogh). The children have been saying what they like or dislike about the artwork and have used pastels, charcoal, felt tips and pencils to recreate the artwork.

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 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## Science

In Science the children have been investigating how humans change. They looked at clothes of different aged people and measured the length of these clothes to show how human beings get taller as they get older. The children have also been using the internet to research about different animals and have created an information leaflet about their chosen animal, focusing on their size, what they eat etc.

## Other Information:

- Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.
- Remember that next Friday (25<sup>th</sup> September) is Famous People Day! Children will need to come into school dressed as somebody famous!

*Many Thanks and Best Wishes,*

*Miss Wright and Miss Barnett*