

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 19th March 2010

Literacy

This week in Literacy we have been writing a set of instructions for making a fruit salad (which the children made on Monday). They have been using the features of instructional texts (heading, sub-headings, bullet points, numbered points) and clear, concise instructions in their writing. You could encourage them to use these features to write a set of instructions for something they do at home, e.g. getting ready in the mornings.

Next week in Literacy the children will be reading and analyzing a range of traditional tales (for example, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs). They will be using drama and role play to act out the stories and will be describing how the characters may feel in the story. We will also be reading The True Story of The Big Bad Wolf (an alternative version of the 3 Little Pigs) and will be explaining how the characters are portrayed differently in the two versions of the story. If you have any traditional tales at home you could read the stories and ask the children how the characters may feel at different points in the story. The children could also retell the story in the correct order and describe how the characters behave.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been learning about money. They have been adding prices to find the total cost. The children have also been finding the amount of change needed and they have been solving word problems about money.

Next week in Maths the children will be measuring the length of objects and working out how much longer one object is compared to another. The children will also be using a number line to add and subtract. They will also be finding all the different possibilities in a problem solving activity (for example what are the different totals that could be made if you threw 2 darts at a dartboard with 4 different numbers). You could try a similar activity at home!

Topic

This week in topic the children have been using the laptops and the internet to research what foods are eaten in different countries. Next week in Topic the children will be learning about what foods were eaten during the War and how different life was like.

Science

This week in Science the children have been thinking about whether a material changes state or not, for example, when water (liquid) is placed in a freezer it turns to ice (solid), but when a pencil sharpener (solid) is placed in a freezer it does not change state.

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