

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Thursday 19th November 2009

Remember that school is closed tomorrow (Friday 20th November)!

Nativity!

This week you should have received a slip of paper telling you what role your child has in the nativity and whether you will need to provide a costume or whether we have the costume in school. If you need to provide a costume please could you do this ASAP - if there are any problems with the costume you have been asked to send in to school then please speak to your child's class teacher ASAP. The costumes will need to be kept at school until 9th December. Please do not spend a lot of money on the costume - we would rather you be creative with what you have at home! A huge thank you to you all for your support and help with this - it is greatly appreciated!

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been planning their story about The Twits. They decided what would happen in the different chapters in their story. They have also started to write their stories and have been trying hard to make their sentences grammatically accurate, using a range of punctuation and using ambitious and interesting vocabulary in their stories.

Next week in Literacy the children will be finishing their stories and will then be acting out parts of their story for the other children in the class. If your child is doing any writing at home you could encourage them to think carefully about the sentences which they are writing and say them out loud before they write them to make sure that they make sense. This will also help to remind them where the punctuation needs to go.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been collecting data to answer a mathematical line of enquiry, for example, what is the most popular food in the class? The children have collected the data in a tally chart and then have presented their findings in a pictogram. You could carry out your own enquiry at home - we would love to hear about the results.

Next week in maths the children will be learning about fractions. They will learn what a fraction is and will find the fractions of different shapes and objects.

Topic

This week in Topic the children have been using different maps to find different places. For example they found the United Kingdom on a world map, England on a map of the United Kingdom and London on a map of England. The children also located the Houses of Parliament on a map of London to show where the Gunpowder Plot took place. The children have also been encouraged to use north, south, east and west to describe the location of places, for example, Scotland is to the north of England.

Next week in our Topic work the children will be learning about WHY Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

Science

This week in Science the children have been learning about how a torch works and have drawn the circuit which makes the torch work.

Next week in Science the children will be looking closely at bulbs and using magnifying glasses to examine what bulbs are made from. They will make a detailed drawing of a bulb and will begin to understand WHY the different components have been used.

Other Information:

- Friday 20th November is INSET day.
- Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE could you make sure that all your children's clothing is named!

Many Thanks and Best Wishes,

Miss Wright and Miss Barnett