

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 23rd April 2010

SATs Meeting for Parents

We will be holding an information evening for parents of Year 2 children to discuss the Key Stage 1 SATs which will be starting towards the end of Term 5. We do hope that you will be able to come as it is a chance for us to share lots of important information with you and it will also allow you to ask any questions you may have regarding the Year 2 SATs. This meeting will be on **TUESDAY 27th APRIL at 7:00 p.m in the school hall.** We hope to see you there!

Literacy

This week in Literacy we have been writing character descriptions. They have been learning to use commas when describing a character (for example: Cinderella was kind, hard-working and brave). You could ask your child to describe well-known characters from stories, TV programmes or films. Encourage them to use some ambitious and interesting words when describing the person.

Next week in Literacy the children will be describing famous sports people from the present and from the past. They will be describing their appearance, personality and the skills that the person has.

Maths

The children have started working in different groups this week led by Miss Wright, Miss Barnett and Mrs Dodd. The children have been working on different activities according to the needs of that group.

Miss Wright's group: The children have been using a number line and the expanded method to add and subtract two, three and four digit numbers (check your parents maths calculation guide if you are unsure).

Miss Barnett's group: The children have been developing their addition and subtraction skills and linking this to inverses (for example, if they know that $25+11=36$ then they also know that $36-11=25$). They have also developed their multiplication skills.

Mrs Dodd's group: The children have been partitioning numbers (for example knowing that 25 is 20 and 5 or 2 tens and 5 units). They have also been ordering numbers.

Topic

Our topic is 'Sports and Hobbies'. This week the children have been developing their art skills by observing and then drawing in detail different sports equipment. Next week in Topic the children will be using pastels to add colour to the pictures which they have drawn.

Science

This week in Science the children will be sorting dinosaurs in different ways. They will work in groups to agree how they will sort the dinosaurs (for example, has spikes; has no spikes). They will be encouraged to do lots of discussing in this activity. Next week in Science the children will learn about what living things need in order to live. They will complete research to find out what dinosaurs ate, the different stages of growth of dinosaurs and the size of different dinosaurs.

PE Kits

Some children have still not returned a full PE kit into school. Please could you ensure that this is done ASAP as it makes PE teaching PE very difficult when a number of children do not have the correct kits in school. Please could you also make sure that their plimsolls fit as a lot of children are complaining that they do not fit.

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, Mrs Lilliot and Mrs Dodd