

# Year 2

# Weekly News

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

## Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been looking at stories by the same author. We have been focusing on Lauren Child who writes the Charlie and Lola stories and Clarice Bean stories. The children have listened to a number of different Lauren Child stories and have been discussing what they like or dislike about the stories and what is similar or different. They have also been finding out information about Lauren Child.

Next week in Literacy the children will be finding out about the characters in the Lauren Child stories. They will be thinking about what they already know about the characters and will be asking questions about what they would like to find out about the characters. The children will also be taking part in different role play and drama activities where they will be pretending they are the characters and will be describing how that character thinks or feels. At home you could ask your children how characters might think or feel in the stories they are reading.

## Maths

This week in Maths the children have been 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 have also been 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 have also been finding number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 (i.e. what numbers need to be added to together to make 10, 20 or 100).

Next week in Maths children will be doubling and halving numbers and using these skills to solve real life word problems, e.g. if George has 6 cakes and eats half of them how many are left? You could ask your children to solve some real life problems involving halves and doubles at home. The children will also be solving number puzzles in class.

## 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.

The children have taken part in the Year 2 'Famous People Day' today and we would like to thank all of you for getting their costumes ready! The children have been using the computers to research why the person they came dressed as is/was famous and what their special talents are. The children have also found out which country their famous person came/comes from and they have found out what this country is like.

## Science

This week in Science the children have been sorting animals according to how they are similar e.g. the animal has 4 legs or the animal lives in the water.

## Other Information:

- Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.
- Please remember that next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is a staff training day and children DO NOT come to school!
- We will be starting Big Writing on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October so you will receive the first talk homework next week. We have sent out the Big Writing information to you which we hope you will find useful

*Many Thanks and Best Wishes,*

*Miss Wright and Miss Barnett*