

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 26th February 2010

Assessment Week

Next week at Chilton it is assessment week. The children will be completing some tasks which will allow us to assess their progress. This is nothing for the children to worry about! As a result there will be no talk homework sent home this week.

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been focusing on their writing skills and making sure that they are writing in sentences which make sense, using the correct punctuation and using capital letters in the correct places. The children have also been superstars at practicing their handwriting and completing some reading comprehension tasks. They have been reading the text carefully to answer questions about what they have read. You could support your child at home when they are reading by asking them questions about what they have read. You could also help your child when they are writing by encouraging them to position their letters on the line and encouraging them to use capital letters at the start of their sentences and use full stops, exclamation marks and question marks correctly.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been learning to round numbers to the nearest multiple of 10. They have been learning that if the unit number is 5 or more then they will need to round up to the nearest multiple of 10 (for example 36 would be rounded to 40 as it is closer to 40 than 30). They have also been learning that if the unit number is 4 or less then they will round down to the nearest multiple for 10 (for example 23 would be rounded to 20 as it is closer to 20 than 30). You could give your child some numbers and see if they can round them to the nearest multiple of 10. You could use money to do this as well, for example if you have 67p what would you need to round that amount to?

The children have also been learning to solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. You could try asking your child to solve questions like the following:

- If there are 38 people on a bus and another 15 people get on, how many will there be altogether ($38+15=53$).
- If I bake 67 cakes and 25 are sold how many are left ($67-25=42$).
- Bananas come in bunches of 5. If I buy 3 bunches how many bananas do I have ($3\times 5=15$).
- If I have 20 sweets and I share them between my 5 friends how many will they get each ($20\div 5=4$).

Use practical resources to help them whenever possible!

Topic

This week in topic the children have been drawing foods in composition using accurate detail. They have used pastels to add colour to their art work. Next week in topic the children will be describing foods thinking about the size, colour and taste of the foods.

Science

This week in Science the children have been sorting materials into natural and man-made materials and have also sorted objects/materials into solids, liquids and gases. Next week in Science the children will begin to learn how different materials change state - for example water is a liquid but can be turned into a solid or a gas.

PE Kits

Some children have still not returned their PE kits after half term. Please could you make sure your child has the full kit in school - thanks!

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