

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 26th March 2010

There will not be any Talk Homework sent home this week as next Friday is Good Friday!

Literacy

This week in Literacy we have been reading and analysing a range of traditional tales (for example, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs). We have been using drama and role play to act out the stories and have been describing how the characters may feel in the story. We have also read The True Story of The Big Bad Wolf (an alternative version of the 3 Little Pigs) and have been investigating 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.

Next week in Literacy the children will be planning and then writing a sequel to a traditional tale (for example they will be writing what happened after Goldilocks ran away from the Three Bears House). They will be using the main features of traditional tales (Once upon a time.....They lived happily ever after, good characters, bad characters, good characters overcoming bad characters). You could ask your child to write a sequel to a different traditional tale making sure that they use the features of these stories - we would love to see any stories which they write at home.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been measuring the length of objects and working out the difference in length. The children have also been using a number line to add and subtract. They have also been 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!

Next week in Maths the children will be collecting data about the children's favourite type of Easter egg (e.g. flake, mars, crème egg). They will be presenting the data in a tally chart and then using the computers to present the data in a bar chart. The children will then write a letter explaining what they have found.

Topic

This week in topic the children have been 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 when it becomes cold, 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. They have also been investigating whether materials change state when they are heated, for example, when chocolate is heated. They have also been investigating whether these changes are reversible or irreversible.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Easter Holidays start next week. Next Friday 2nd April is Good Friday and school is closed on this day. We all hope you have a happy and relaxing break!

PE Kits

We will be sending PE kits home during the Easter holidays to be washed. PLEASE ensure that these are returned on Monday 19th April as both 2NW and 2HB have PE on these days. It makes it very difficult if children do not bring in their PE kits. 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 Lilliot