

Year 2 ~ Weekly News

Friday 27th November 2009

Nativity!

A huge thank you to you all for helping your child to learn their lines for the nativity - they are doing brilliantly - I am sure you will be very proud! We still need some children to bring in costumes - if you are unsure whether your child needs to bring in a costume **PLEASE** speak to Miss Wright or Miss Barnett ASAP. Thanks!

Nativity Performances

Monday 7th December - performance to Key Stage 2 (no parents) (Dress Rehearsal)

Tuesday 8th December - performance to parents

Wednesday 9th December - performance to parents

Thursday 10th December - performance to be recorded for DVD (no audience)

Talk Homework

Due to the fact that we will be rehearsing a lot next week there will be no talk homework sent home this week.

Literacy

This week in Literacy the children have been finishing their stories about The Twits. They have tried exceptionally hard to use capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks in the correct places. The children have also been trying hard to use connectives (but, because, and, then, so) and WOW words in their writing.

Next week in Literacy the children will be starting a new unit of work - Explanation texts. These are non-fiction texts which explain how something works. The children will be looking at a range of books and deciding whether they are fiction (story books) or non-fiction (true, factual information books). The children will then look closely at the non-fiction texts and describe the organizational features which have been used (for example bullet points, headings, captions, pictures, diagrams) and they will start to discuss *why* these features have been used. If you have any non-fiction books at home you could discuss the layout of these texts with your child and try and find bullet points, captions, diagrams etc.

Maths

This week in Maths the children have been learning about fractions. They have learned that a fraction is a part of a whole and have been finding fractions of shapes (halves, thirds, quarters, fifths and tenths). The children have also been finding fractions of numbers. For example if we wanted to find $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16 the children shared 16 objects into 4 EQUAL GROUPS and found that the answer is 4. You could try some more examples at home with your child.

Next week in Maths the children will be learning to divide. We will be teaching the children to divide by using repeated subtraction, sharing and grouping.

Topic

This week in Topic the children have been learning about WHY Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

Next week in Topic the children will be writing a fireworks acrostic poem and will start to present their poem using the computers.

Science

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

Next week in Science the children will be creating circuits and trying to make a bulb light up. They will be thinking about what components they will need and how they need to be put together to make the circuit complete.

Other Information:

- If your child wears earrings to school please make sure that they are studs. Thank you!
- 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