

Week Beginning 27.4.15

Highlights of the week:

• This week we have been learning about the General Election. We have continued with finding out about the different political parties and their leaders. We have also talked about what we think is important e.g. education, families, health, transport, culture. This led onto an interesting discussion about paying taxes and where all the money comes from. We then split into groups and made our own political parties. We had to decide what would be in our manifesto and make posters and leaflets to persuade people to vote for us. This is involving lots of group skills as well as learning about our culture and values. This has been our main focus in Literacy lessons and in our afternoon lessons. We have also watched lots of short videos to learn more about democracy and voting.

- In Maths we have continued our work on measuring length and have looked at how to convert different measurements, e.g mm into cm and cm into m. We have also been using rulers to try and measure items exactly. We have also learnt how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 and looked at how the decimal point moves position
- Thank you for all the political leaflets that have been brought in. We are using these to help us design our own posters and linking it to our persuasive writing.
- On Wednesday we had a visit from 'Olly's Road Safety Magic Show'. We learnt about how to cross the road safely and how to ride our bikes safely. It was great fun and we liked his magic tricks to help illustrate how to keep safe.

Talk about:

To talk about issues like the health service and education and how this is paid for and what is seen as important. We are trying to show the children that everybody has different views and it is good to listen to other points of view and to discuss these.
You might want to show your child your ballot paper and take them with you to vote (but we have told them it is a secret ballot!!)
Look at <http://www.parliamentgames.co.uk/> there are some games to play especially 'Get the Houses in Order'

Maths Homework: Please continue to work on times tables regularly as this really helps with a lot of the Maths Curriculum especially the work on measurement we are focusing on in class.
To use a ruler or tape measure and measure some items around the house. The measurements need to be accurate and using millimetres. Maybe compare heights of siblings as well?

New Vocabulary

Manifesto, Polling Station, Ballot Box, Ballot paper, Coalition Government

Parent/Carer comment:

Reading comment: