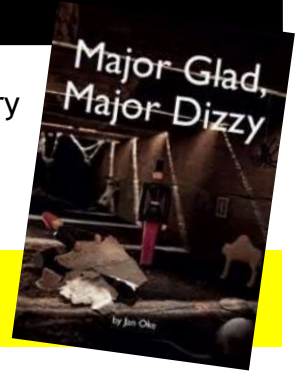


Odessa Infant School

Year 2 Newsletter

This half term, our main book will be *Major Glad, Major Dizzy*, a fantastic story exploring history and the passing of time from the perspective of a toy soldier. Here are some activities based on the work we will be doing in school that you can use to support your child's learning at home.



Literacy...

When sharing books with your child at home, encourage them to make their reading sound more exciting. Help them to change their voice to show scary, sad or dramatic parts of the story, altering their voice for different characters and speaking loudly when words are written in bold or large letters.



Year 2 learning and having fun!

Use the internet to explore the life of children in Victorian times. Search 'children in Victorian times' to find websites full of information. Support your child to write down some of the interesting and shocking facts that they discover. They can bring their work to school.

Maths challenges

Can your child read the time on an analogue clock? Ask them to tell you what the different hands mean. Do they know o'clock, half past, quarter past and to the hour? Can they read the time in 5 minute jumps (eg 1:25, 3:10 etc)?

Practise mental addition by giving a sum such as $25 + 13$ or $32 + 21$. Remind children to think about the tens and ones in each number and add them together separately before joining them together.

Practice 'If I know...' For example, if I know $8 + 2 = 10$, then I **also** know that:
 $80 + 20 = 100$
 $18 + 2 = 20$
 $10 - 8 = 2$

Music...

In music, we will be looking at songs from the various periods in our book, *Major Glad Major Dizzy*. Can your child tell you some of the differences between music from the past and the music we hear today?

History...

Talk to your child about toys you played with when you were a child. How are they different from today's toys? If you still have any toys from your childhood, please feel free to send them into school with your child.

Please continue to check your child's book folder for their homework journals. We are very grateful to parents who have taken the time to comment and sign the journals. We appreciate the time you have taken to support your child's learning.

As you are aware your child brings a new book home twice each week. Enjoy the books with your child, remembering that it can be just as valuable for your child to listen to *you* reading to them. Please make sure that books are returned on the correct day in good condition.