

Literacy Across the Curriculum

This month's literacy focus is:

Colons and semi-colons

Use a colon:

before a list eg: To make this cake I need: eggs, flour, jam and butter.

before a quotation eg: Juliet said: 'Romeo, Romeo wherefore art thou?'

before a clause which explains the previous statement eg: I want one thing: the truth

Use a semi-colon:

to link two closely related sentences
eg: The joint of beef was missing; the dog looked very pleased with himself.

