



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 12th September 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the importance of our hands and the children thought of many creative and inventive ways in which our hands are used, from clapping and eating, through to waving and sewing! The importance of kind hands was discussed too.

Literacy

Children have met their new literacy teachers this week and have enjoyed getting to know their new group, playing phonic games and sharing story books with one another. Children have also revisited sounds learnt in Reception and completed some writing tasks focused around a stimulus book.

Numeracy

Year 1 children have been practising their number bonds to 10 this week, learning a simple rhyme and exploring the various bonds using a variety of practical and written methods. Children have enjoyed the hands-on nature of many of the tasks and are beginning to become more confident with their number bonds. Each class has also used their new maths books for the first time and have learnt how to lay out their work in a structured, presentable way.

Other lessons and activities:

In topic, the children have been learning about human growth; thinking about the various stages of development from baby through to adulthood. The children have related this to their own families thinking about who in their family is in which age-group. The children recorded their ideas on a timeline showing progress through different stages of life e.g. baby, toddler, child.

We linked our learning in our art and topic lessons this week, looking at the human face and its features. We looked at the works of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, focusing on how he represented different parts of the face using fruit. The children then created their own portrait by arranging pieces of fresh fruit.

We also linked computing to topic this week, playing a 'body part labelling game'. The children had to carefully read each label and then place it on the correct body part. This task required children to refine their mouse control and also practise their reading. The children also had to log on and off their computer.

In PE, the children have done a variety of activities surrounding gymnastics and our ability to control our movement. This week we have focused on rolling. The children have learnt to move safely on the mat, working one child on the mat at a time. Some of the rolls we learnt were; the pencil roll, the teddy bear roll and the egg roll.

The children have also had their class photo taken this week. All the children looked smart and behaved beautifully, moving around the school superbly, so we hope that you like the photos!

Year 1 teachers want to offer some clarification over reading books and home activity books; reading books can be changed on any day of the week and we encourage children to change books as soon as they have completed a book. The red home activity books are for your child to place any homework tasks they have completed or to write in and share what they have done over the weekend ready to hand in on Monday. There is no expectation for work to be done in these books but they are a lovely place for children to record experiences and work to share with their teacher and classmates if you wish.

Finally, a reminder that Year 1 have their library session on Mondays so need to have their library book in the book bags on Monday morning.

Over the weekend your child might like to complete some of these:

- Create their own 'Arcimboldo' inspired artwork using materials from the garden and try to create a face. Take a photograph and stick it in their home activity and bring it to school.
- Using your 'ActiveLearn' Log-in card (found in book bags) have a go at the number bond monster game allocated to your child. First make sure you have only 10 monsters on the screen, then work out how many monsters are each side to discover the bond to 10. Check the answer by revealing the number sentence at the top of the screen.
- Practise number bonds to 10 using the rainbow poster sent home in book bags.
- Collect some photos of your child's own life so far and stick them in the home activity book. Some photos of the children as babies and toddlers will be fascinating to share with their classmates.

Dates for your Diary:

PTA Family Swim Club is moving to Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00.

Learning through play is a fun and effective way to increase your child's skills in the pool and these sessions provide the opportunity to play with the floats and dive for the sinkers under the watchful eye of Miss Bryant who is a fully qualified lifeguard.

All Town Close families are warmly invited to a free trial session on **Wednesday 21st September**. Please meet in the swimming pool foyer at 4:00pm with your swimming things. Full information about how to join for the term or come to sessions on a one-off basis will then be sent to parents next Friday.

Tuesday 27th September: Year 1 trip to Africa Alive

Thursday 6th October – 5.00pm onwards: 'settling in' parents' evening. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot from 4.00pm on Monday 19th September – please see booking instructions below:

Online booking system: Log into the Parents' Area of the School's website using the username: **parents** and the password: **children**. Click on 'Pre Prep Area' (in the right hand column) followed by the link 'Pre Prep Parents' Evening' (in the right hand column). Enter your child's name in the box and press 'submit'. You will see a list of times – please click on one of the 'Book' buttons.

Friday 21st October – 8.30am-10.00am: Grandparents' coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall and visit to the classrooms

Friday 21st October: Break up for half term

Monday 7th November: Start of second half of term

Thursday 8th December – 8.30am-10.00am: Year 1 coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Year 1 Christmas production in the Read Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Wilson, Mr Fisher, Mr Fereday and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries