



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning 19th September 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked children through our lunchtime routines and the children were keen to contribute their ideas about their favourite vegetables and to help with table setting. Bird Family meetings had a theme of thinking about our playground rules, in order to ensure that everyone has a happy and safe playtime.

Literacy

Children have been introduced to a new sound/phoneme this week and have completed various fun games which focused on their sound and words which contain the grapheme.

- Mr Fereday's group have looked at 'ng' (ng a thing on a string).
- Mr Fisher's group have looked at the 'ee' (ee what can you see) grapheme.
- Mrs Wilson's group have looked at the 'ow' (ow blow the snow) grapheme.

Each class has read a new stimulus book to their partner and as a whole class, learning to read carefully and lead their partner as they read. Children have completed various written tasks surrounding their stimulus grapheme and text, thinking carefully about writing on the line and letter formation.

Numeracy

Year 1 have been working hard in numeracy to double numbers. The children understand that doubling is finding twice as many, or as much, and that you can find this by counting the number twice (e.g. $3+3=$). The children completed lots of hands-on activities, counting carefully to ensure they have the correct number. The children are becoming better at recalling doubling number facts from memory.

Other lessons and activities

In topic this week children have been looking at the skeletons of humans and animals. The children have been investigating the similarities and differences between various skeletons.

In art the children used a skeleton template to make a replica of the human skeleton, thinking about which bone connects to which and how. The children connected each bone, using split pins, to create an articulated skeleton. The children have also been working to create a whole class tree to represent their respective class tree. These beautiful creations will soon be on display in the Pre Prep corridor.

In computing, the children worked on their mouse control by creating a self portrait using painting software. The children were encouraged to use a variety of shapes and colours to create detailed facial features.

In PE, the children extended their gymnastic skills by learning various types of jumps. The children focused on landing in a controlled, balanced manner, considering their landing position and posture as they stand still. Jumps learnt included; star, pike, 90 degree turn and tuck.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Practise doubling numbers using household objects (e.g. marbles or stones from the garden) by placing an amount of the items down for your child to count and then double, using more of the items.
- Have a go at reading the red words sent home in their book bags. They may also like to practise writing them out in their home activity book, either by memory or by copying.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with you and reading the books they have chosen from their classroom.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 6th October – 5.00pm onwards: ‘settling in’ parents’ evening. Parents are able to book an appointment slot – 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.

Thursday 20th October: ‘Wear something purple day’ in aid of our charity, Nelson’s Journey (Please bring in a £1 donation).

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