



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about harvest, discussing the machinery used for harvesting the crops and the children made suggestions as to what the crops were used for. We will be having a Harvest celebration in our assembly on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and would be very grateful for food contributions from the list at the end of this letter, which we will be sending to Norwich Food Bank. Please bring donations in on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

The Bird Family meeting theme this week was that of resolving conflicts and appreciating and celebrating the differences between each other.

### **Literacy**

This week children have been working hard on their writing. Year 1 have begun joined writing lessons, working on their leads into letters (or whoosh) this week. The children have learnt both types of lead for low rounded letters and vertical letters. In literacy classes the children have learnt a new sound and its associated grapheme.

Mr Fereday's group have learnt the 'nk' sound ("I think I stink"), Mr Fisher's group has learnt the 'igh' sound ("fly high") and Mrs Wilson's group have learnt the 'oo' sound ("oo, poo at the zoo").

The children have completed various games and written activities focused around these sounds and graphemes and are becoming more secure in these new areas of learning.

### **Numeracy**

In numeracy this week the children have been investigating 2D shapes and their names and properties. Children have played lots of different games, sorting the shapes and are becoming secure in their shape knowledge. The children have looked at the number of sides and corners a shape has and have learnt ways to remember each shape's name. The children have also completed a shape hunt using a tally chart for the first time.

### **Other lessons and activities:**

In topic this week the children have been sorting and categorising animals into wild, farm and pet categories and they were interested to see that many of the animals fell into both categories. The children used their visit to Africa Alive as a stimulus for ideas and conversation in this paired activity.

In computing the children continued their work on mouse control using painting software. They are now using more precise movements and are exploring the variety of tools the software has to offer. Once confident the children will move onto keyboard skills.

In PE we have been using apparatus in gymnastics for the first time; the children have enjoyed combining the skills we have learnt over the past weeks to start to create a small

routine using the apparatus. They have learnt the term 'mount' and 'dismount' and are working on controlling their landing when performing.

In art we used our trip to Africa Alive as inspiration for a collage piece. The children have created a zebra in a savannah scene using coloured paper to create a beautiful textured piece of work.

### **Over the weekend:**

In preparation for our work next week on 'the senses' and to explore our sense of smell we will be creating our own perfumes. It would be lovely if you could collect nice scents to add to perfumes such as flower heads, herbs, spices and anything else with a distinctive pleasant scent. Please send these items in ready for Friday. Thank you in advance from the Year 1 teachers.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> October:** 'Wear something purple day' in aid of our charity, Nelson's Journey (Please bring in a £1 donation)

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

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Break up for half term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Start of second half of term

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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



The Pre Prep will be celebrating Harvest in their assembly on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and would welcome donations of groceries to be passed on to the Norwich Foodbank. If you would like to make a donation, please choose from the list below and bring them into Pre Prep on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Suitable food items for donation: Biscuits, instant coffee, tinned fruit, instant mash, tinned meat (e.g. ham, pies etc.) long-life fruit juice.

Follow these links to find out more:-

<https://www.facebook.com/Norwich.foodbank/> (Facebook)

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*