



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 26th 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 11th 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 10th October.

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

Literacy lessons

This week our spelling rule has been 'i-e'. The children have been taught to recognise that an 'e' at the end of a word will usually cause the 'i' to 'say its name' (become a long vowel sound). This has been covered in grammar lessons and we have been on the look-out for the 'long i' sound words. Our word building challenge has been to find words which contain the 'ar' sound. It is gratifying to see how enthusiastic the children have been to compile their own lists.

Following our enjoyable trip to Easton and Otley College Farm, our classes were asked to write a recount of their day. Within a structure applicable to their ability the children endeavoured to write about their activities in a chronological order. We also introduced different sentence starters to give our work a more mature style.

We are continuing to work hard on the presentation of our writing. In our handwriting lesson we have concentrated on the family of letters beginning with c, a and o.

Maths lessons

Shape and symmetry have been our focus in lessons this week. We began by folding regular and irregular geometric shapes to establish whether they were symmetrical or not. We then composed symmetrical patterns of our own as well as looking for symmetry in nature. The right angle was our next investigation. This opened our eyes to just how many right angles there are in our classroom environment. Finally, we learnt that all 2D shapes with straight sides are called *polygons* and that some polygons can fit together or *tessellate*.

Other lessons and activities

In art, we felt inspired by our trip to paint a landscape picture of fields. Following on from our overlapping letters paint handling work, the children designed and painted fields of different colours to represent different crops growing in our rural landscape.

In geography we thought about the different features of a rural and urban landscape. Natural and man-made features were considered.

In science, we looked closely at the peas we planted last week. Excitingly, the peas have sprouted and we drew the roots and shoots in detail.

In DT our farming/pea theme continued. The children were asked to design and create a packet for peas. They were asked to consider their material for the packet and how best to persuade consumers to buy their peas. Attractive colours, adjectives and persuasive phrases had to be prominent on their product.

Over the weekend

Next week Year 2 will be looking at where our food comes from. We would appreciate it if the children could bring in two items of packaging on which the country or county of origin is clearly marked.

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 1st December – 8.30am-10.00am: Year 2 coffee morning in the Pre Prep Hall, followed by the Year 2 Christmas production in the Read Hall



The Pre Prep will be celebrating Harvest in their assembly on Tuesday 11th 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 10th 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 week end with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries