



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 3rd October 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week we were treated to performances from the Year 2 dance group! This group meets on a Monday lunchtime and it was lovely to see a good mix of boys and girls working together. The children performed their warm-up dance which they clearly loved and knew well, followed by a performance to 'Roar' by Katy Perry. This was greatly appreciated by the Pre Prep audience, who were keen to share their ideas about elements of the performance that they had enjoyed.

Literacy

All groups have had a new focus text which has been the stimulus for a range of reading and writing activities. Mr Fisher's group have been learning the 'ow' (blow the snow) grapheme and trying not to get confused with its 'ow' (brown cow) alternative sound! Mrs Wilson's group have looked at the 'oo' (look at a book) grapheme. Mr Fereday's group have been revising digraphs including th, sh, ng, nk and qu.

Numeracy

We have been exploring numbers in different ways. At the beginning of the week we looked at how to write numbers in word form. We have also been looking at ways of ordering numbers from smallest to largest up to 30, thinking about the value of each digit within 2-digit numbers. Another focus has been adding one more to any given number up to 100 and taking one away, through the use of a number square.

Other lessons and activities:

- Today we had a special 'senses' morning as part of our topic. All the Year 1 children were mixed up into five groups and undertook practical activities exploring their sense of taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.
- In art we made shadow faces which involved using our imaginations as well as requiring careful cutting skills.
- We created simple sequences in our gymnastics lessons, building upon the balances, jumps and rolls that we have been working on. We also performed these in front of our peers who were able to comment upon good aspects as well as areas of improvement.
- In class handwriting sessions we have been practising the correct way of forming and joining the letters i, l and t.
- In computing we are all getting better at logging onto the computers independently. This week's focus was practising our letter recognition on the keyboard. We used a game on 'Busy Things' to aid us.
- *We recommend the 'Busy Things' website as an excellent education tool to purchase for use at home. It covers all areas of the curriculum and is very child friendly as well as being lots of fun!*

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Have a go at the 'roll it, write it, count it' laminated activity that is in their book bag. This can be used with 2 or 3 dice. Please ensure that this sheet is kept in your child's book bag when it isn't being used so it can be used at school.
- Log onto ActiveLearn and have a go at playing 'clam collector'.
- Read their home reading books to you and share their library book with you.

Dates for your diary:

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



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 weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries