



Year 2 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 lessons

This week we have been developing our dictionary skills as well as extending our knowledge of words which begin with 'th'. We have been writing sentences which include a 'split e' word (such as cake, plane and late).

We have been reading 'The Little Red Hen' and have been thinking of imaginative excuses for why the animals are unable to help. We have also been thinking of interesting adjectives to describe the different characters.

We have been developing our formation of c, a and o and working on using capital letters for the names of people, places and days through rhymes such as 'Solomon Grundy'.

Maths lessons

We have developed our time telling skills so that we can show o'clock and half past times on both analogue and digital clocks. Some of us have also been reading and writing quarter past. You might like to support your child at home by talking about which is the 'hour hand' and the 'minute hand'. We counted in 5s around the clock. We have also been learning to use the 'more than' and 'less than' signs to compare two and three digit numbers.

Other lessons and activities

Perhaps you have been greeted with 'Shana Tovar' following our learning about the Jewish 'New Year' festival of Rosh Hashana on Monday. We enjoyed dipping apples in honey (in the hope of a sweet year ahead) and considered our significant achievements during the past year as well as our hopes for the coming year. We also learnt about significant Jewish objects including the Torah (Holy scroll) and Tallit (prayer shawl).

In science, we have been learning which parts of plants we eat (to include roots, stem, leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds). In our topic lessons we have been looking at the information contained on fresh food packaging, particularly where the food was grown. We considered why we need to import some food items and found out which foods are produced in Norfolk.

We plotted where Norfolk and Norwich are on a map of the United Kingdom, as well as learning where the different countries and capital cities are.

We have started our 'mechanical windmills' D.T. project using cardboard boxes.

Over the weekend:

You might continue to support your child with becoming a 'food detective' by exploring any fresh food packaging that you have at home (or on a trip to the supermarket). You could also look at an atlas or on the Internet to find out where these different countries are in the world.

Look up some pictures of windmills to see how they are designed and consider how they work.

Ask your child to tell you all about the book which they have been studying during this week's guided reading sessions. This will give them a valuable opportunity to retell a story of recall factual information which they have learnt.

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 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 weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries