



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Pre Prep children celebrated harvest by singing lots of new songs they have learnt, including Mr Scarecrow and Big, Red Combine Harvester. Some of the Year 2 children (including our top birds) told a story of harvest, spelling out many relevant words, using the letters in 'harvest'. We considered how lucky we are to have such varied and plentiful food supplies and that it is important to help those who are not as lucky as we are. We marvelled at the fabulous donations that our Town Close families generously provided. Thank you all so very much for these donations which have been delivered to Norwich Foodbank.

Bird Family meetings focused on 'germs' and how to stop them from spreading, by remembering to wash our hands thoroughly. Children were reminded about how to wash their hands effectively.

### **Literacy**

The children have worked very hard in literacy, working on their sentence building skills and remembering their capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and spellings. The children's writing has focused around a story stimulus in each class. Classes have also learnt a new sound and grapheme this week.

Mr Fereday's group have learnt the 'ay' (may I play) sound and grapheme.

Mr Fisher's group have learnt the 'oo' (poo at the zoo) sound and grapheme.

While Mrs Wilson's group have learnt the 'ar' (start the car) sound and grapheme.

The children have also worked very hard in handwriting this week learning the letter 't' (whoosh, down the tower across the turret). They have worked very hard to continue to practise their leads and flourishes on this letter, joining it to other letters learnt.

### **Numeracy**

This week the children have been learning about place value. The children have used a variety of resources to explore how many tens and how many units make up a teen number. Some children have extended themselves even further and looked at higher value two digit numbers. The children have also looked at ordinal numbers and learnt to organise these correctly from first to tenth.

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

The children have continued their work in gymnastics this week, looking to complete their routine by travelling across the bench in different ways. The children can now mount and dismount in a controlled manner and travel across the bench safely in various ways.

In art the children have learnt about Mondrian and have created their own pieces inspired by his works. The children have used a ruler to divide their pages into sections before using thin black strips of paper to complete these divisions before colouring each shape using oil pastels.

In computing the children have used colour magic and tried to create a Mondrian inspired piece of work. They have looked to use shapes to create spaces which can be filled with a variety of colours.

As part of circle time we looked at the parable of 'The Lost Sheep'. We learnt that the shepherd loved and cared for all of his one hundred sheep, much like Christians believe that God loves and cares for each of us equally.

**Over the weekend your child might like to:**

- Practise ordinal numbers with you by playing a game (this could be a running race, board game etc.) and working out who came in which position.
- Complete the ordinal number sorting activity and stick it into their home activity book.
- Author James Mayhew is visiting Pre Prep next week and it would be lovely if you could share one of his books with your child.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** 'Wear something purple day' in aid of our charity, Nelson's Journey (Pre Prep children only - 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

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*

