



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 14th November 2016

Dear Parents

Reverend Patrick from Christ Church Eaton joined us in assembly on Tuesday. He talked to us about the importance of following rules through the story of Noah's Ark. Bird Family meetings focused on the idea of giving each other compliments, and we hope that children will continue to do this in the coming weeks!

Literacy

Literacy groups have been as busy and productive as ever. All groups have been looking at a new focus grapheme. Mr Fisher's group have been concentrating on 'or' (shut the door) while Mrs Wilson's group have been studying 'ir' (whirl and twirl). Mr Fereday's phonic focus has been 'ow' (blow the snow). It is lovely to see many of the children maintaining such a positive interest in reading and writing. The children have had additional reading opportunities as we have been practising the song lyrics for 'The Innkeeper's Cat'.

Numeracy

Following on from last week's subtraction focus, we have been looking at worded problems. These problems have covered both addition and subtraction calculations and required the children to think carefully about what the question was asking them to do. The children were exposed to a range of addition and subtraction strategies such as counting on or back on a number line and physical objects such as counters. We also encouraged the children to apply mental strategies by putting the starting number in their heads and counting on (addition) or back (subtraction) – a trickier skill to master!

Other lessons and activities:

- In art this week, we looked at the history of Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot. We then produced some lovely colourful firework pictures through string printing.
- In topic we continued to explore a range of materials. This week's practical focus was exploring which materials could and could not be bent, squashed and stretched.
- We continued to explore algorithms in computing by looking at directional language such as left and right turn and forward an allocated distance. The children were asked to guide a bear through a maze using this language.
- During circle time sessions, we discussed the importance of keeping the personal parts of our body private.

- Preparations have continued for our production of 'The Landlord's Cat'. We have been very impressed with the many children who have already learnt or begun to learn their words by heart.
- **If your child is a narrator, star or a selected country, they will have received a short note in their book bags today to request one or two costume items.**

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Complete the home activity task allocated by their literacy teacher.
- Practise their directional language. This might be fun in the garden by guiding a parent/sibling to a desired location using the vocabulary left, right, forward, turn and steps.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with a grown up and/or older sibling.
- Read their home reading books to an adult.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 8th December – 8.30am-10.00am: Year 1 coffee morning - 8.30-9.00am in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Year 1 Christmas production in the Read Hall at 9.00am

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