



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 5th December 2016

Dear Parents

We hope you enjoyed our production of 'The Landlord's Cat' yesterday. We are sure you will agree that every child played their part brilliantly and the entire year group worked so well together in order to produce such a polished performance. We would like to extend a big 'thank you' to all parents for supporting children by helping them to learn and deliver their lines and also for those of you who provided parts of a costume. This week, our usual assemblies and bird family meetings were replaced with dress rehearsals and presentations and, as well as enjoying our own performance, we all enjoyed watching Reception in their wonderful production.

Literacy

This week saw the conclusion of literacy groups until the new year. Next week we will be undertaking writing activities within class lessons, including a piece of independent writing, and retelling the Christmas story. Mr Fisher's group looked at both the 'oy' (toy for a boy) and 'ir' (whirl and twirl) sounds while the focus text was 'So Cool'. This provided a stimulus for the group to learn more about when to use bullet points. Mr Fereday's group learnt the 'ar' (start the car) sound and studied the text 'The Web', where the children were required to answer some comprehension questions about the story. Mrs Wilson's group focus grapheme this week was 'oi' (spoil the boy), with their core text being 'Haircuts'. This led to some designing of different hair styles and then writing descriptive sentences to match their pictures.

Numeracy

We have continued exploring number and patterns. This has included lots of work in counting in 2s and recognising these as even numbers. We have also used our knowledge of number bonds to ten to add three numbers together. We did this by spotting two of the numbers in order to make ten, without the need for adding, and then adding the third number on from ten.

Other lessons and activities:

- Our final week of topic carousel saw Willow class visit Mrs Wilson for a waterproofing experiment and Larch class go to Mr Fisher for a floating and sinking lesson. Maple class learnt about magnetism with Mr Fereday.
- During art, each class made a different craft for the Christmas Fayre this afternoon. Willow class decorated biscuits using a Christmas pudding design while Larch class used oranges to make Christingles. Finally, Maple class made spice bags for mulled wine.
- In computing, the children continued to practise their logging on skills using their individual logon cards and then practised directional language, including left and right, by playing the 'helicopter rescue' game on Busy Things.

- Due to our pre-dress rehearsal we were unable to visit Mrs Wootton in the library on Monday. We will, however, be able to go next week for a story and to return our books before the holidays.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Practise their counting in 2s by playing the game at the following link:
<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/BalloonPopSkip.htm>
The children have already played this in class so should be familiar with it.
- Read their class reading books
- Enjoy a restful and enjoyable weekend at home, having had a very busy and exciting week at school!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 13th December – 2.15pm: Christ Church Eaton service for Year 1 and Year 2 children. Parents are welcome to attend.

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