



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break with your children.

On Tuesday, we used our assembly time to allow the children to catch up with their friends in readiness for the start of the new term. In Bird Family meetings this week, all the children were involved in voting in the new Top Birds for this half term. The Year 2 children, who had put themselves forward, explained the reasons why they felt they should be chosen and everyone voted for the children of their choice.

This morning we were all very excited when it started snowing heavily and thoroughly enjoyed playing outside in the snow at break time.

### **Literacy**

- This week literacy has been taught in classes.
- All classes have been sharing their Christmas holiday news orally. We enjoyed looking at photos in children's home activity books and showing things from home. They also recorded their holiday news as an independent writing task.
- All children have had many varying opportunities to read, such as with an adult, with a partner, within a group and independently.

### **Numeracy**

- We have been learning how to use a hundred square to help with addition and subtraction of larger numbers up to 100.
- The children played a specially created game of 'reversed' snakes and ladders to familiarise counting up on a 100 square.
- We used the interactive white board to find 2-digit numbers as quickly as possible.
- We filled in the missing numbers on a hundred square.
- We put together a hundred square which had been cut up into a jigsaw puzzle.

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

- We have begun our new topic 'UK and India' this week. This half-term we will be focusing on the UK. The children have been looking at features of their own homes and learning their home address. The children have drawn their home, concentrating on showing the key features, such as the number of windows.
- In preparation for the cold weather, in our art lessons, we created a wax resist wintery picture, using white crayons and a watercolour wash.
- The children have been working hard in PE, discovering different ways to increase their level of fitness. We have begun a variety of circuit training activities including jumping jacks and shuttle runs. In addition to this, Year 1 will be completing a cross country trail through our woodlands over the course of the next three weeks.

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

- Hit the target number on this interactive game:  
<http://www.ictgames.com/100hunt2.html>
- Practise counting up and down in 10s to 100. Make it more challenging by starting at a random number e.g. begin at 30.
- Take a photograph or draw a picture of your house to go in your home/school activity book.

**Dates for your diary:**

- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 1 parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Parents will be able to book a 10-minute appointment slot from 4.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, using the new 'parents' booking system'. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at [www.townclose.com](http://www.townclose.com) If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email [cshone@townclose.com](mailto:cshone@townclose.com)
- **Year 1 coffee mornings in the Pre Prep hall starting at 8.30am followed by class assemblies in the Read Hall as follows:**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Willow class

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Larch class

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Maple class

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*