



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 16th January 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mrs Harries talked about New Year choices. She checked back with those children who had shared their resolutions to see how they were getting on and discussed top resolutions amongst adults and how difficult it can be to keep them. Children then considered opposite behaviours such as 'kind/unkind, persevere/give up and helpful/unhelpful and the fact that we can make a choice about how we want to behave, play or work. The children chose 'kind', 'persevere' and 'helpful' as the good choices and agreed that they would like to achieve these. Bird Family meetings looked at what makes each of us unique or special.

Literacy

Literacy groups have resumed this week. We have been doing lots of work on the 100 high frequency words and finding out which words the children need to practise a little more. In addition to this, Mrs Wilson's group has been sorting statements from questions and learning how to use a question mark accurately. Mr Fisher's group has been learning to read and write words containing 'ou' 'shout it out'. Mr Fereday's group is learning how to read and write words containing 'or' as in 'shut the door'.

Numeracy

We have been continuing to gain familiarity with 100 squares this week. The children have revised how to add 10 to a 2-digit number and recorded their work as number sentences in their exercise books. We have also looked at how to add 1 and 2-digit numbers to 2-digit numbers by breaking down the 2-digit number into tens and units. (We do not teach the column method at this stage).

Other lessons and activities:

- In music, the children have started to look at the opposites of long and short sounds, finding out about the sounds percussion instruments can make and using them in the song 'January Days'.
- In PE lessons, your children have continued to work on developing their core strength through circuit training activities.
- In art lessons, the children have been working in pairs to create a collage of the union flag using tissue paper.

Over the weekend:

- Every child has been given a home learning handwriting and spelling book which can be found in their book bag. These books will contain weekly spellings set by the teachers. The words are a mixture of high frequency words and words containing the grapheme they have been focusing on in their literacy groups. We would like your

child to try writing the word 2-3 times in the book and attempt to learn the words for a spelling quiz on Monday. Please encourage your child to use joined up writing like that modelled in their book and always to write in pencil.

- Have a go at the following online game. This will help your child to add 10 using a 100 square. <http://www.ictgames.com/100huntplus10.html>

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 9th 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 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 If you have not yet used the system this term, your password has been set to **townclose** which you will then be asked to change. If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com
- **Thursday 2nd March:** World Book Day
- **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 st March:	Willow class
Thursday 9 th March:	Larch class
Thursday 23 rd 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