



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 9th January 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday with your children.

On Tuesday, we used our assembly slot to provide the children with the opportunity to catch up with their friends following the holiday, 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.

We were all very excited to see heavy snow this morning and the children had a fantastic time playing in the snow at break time.

Literacy Lessons

We began the week by writing a recount of our Christmas holiday, paying close attention to our writing targets alongside our use of punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions. Later in the week, the children wrote instructions for building a snowman, using verbs and adverbs within commands. Children were also assessed on the Year 1 and 2 common exception words, which were sent home over the holiday period; please do continue to practise these.

Maths lessons

The focus of this week's lessons has been place value. Children have been identifying the value of 2-digit numbers and also ordering these. We have 'counted on' in amounts of 10 from a given number e.g. 27, 37, 47. We have also looked at strategies for adding and subtracting 11 from any given number, by applying our knowledge of adding and subtracting 10.

Other lessons and activities

- We have begun our exciting new topic 'Brilliant Buildings' and discussed and recorded what we already know about this.
- We ventured out into the cold to complete observational drawings of the stunning trees in our woodland areas.

Over the weekend:

- Your child will bring home a folder containing a personalised literacy target which they will be encouraged to focus on in written tasks this term. Please take time to read and discuss these with your child.
- New dates for our popular 'show and tell' sessions have been sent home. This term's focus is 'a special place'
- A useful literacy resource has also been provided for you to keep at home. This can be used to support your child's writing at home and outlines the key features of written work in Year 2.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 9th February: Year 2 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 16th 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. If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com

Friday 10th March: Year 2 classes to Blickling Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries