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Year 2 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 lessons

- This week the children have been developing their use of conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs so that their writing is more detailed and interesting to read.
- We have been so impressed by the children's fantastic word building suggestions and their efforts at home too. It certainly seems to be fostering a valuable fascination for words.
- The children have applied these skills when writing stories about 'A sad snowman'.

Maths lessons

- The children have been applying their knowledge of number bonds and 'near bonds' quickly to solve addition and subtraction calculations (and have enjoyed playing Bonds Bingo and Mystery Numbers to reinforce these skills).
- The children have also been learning to add and subtract 9 at speed.

Other lessons and activities

- On Friday, building challenge sessions got off to a wonderful start as Mr Stammers (Nicholas's father) shared some of his expertise and experience as an architect. The classrooms then became offices for six teams of architects as all the children became members of either the client liaison team, the design team or the visualisation team. Their brief was to design new houses for Mrs Bush, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Hayes. We were astounded by the incredible residences which were presented to us! It was an inspirational morning which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mr Stammers for his time and support.
- We embarked on a fascinating journey around the world (aka our school woods) to discover a trail of famous buildings. We had to match the numbered

photos which were hanging from the trees to those on our clipboards. We then returned to the classroom where we used a key to find out more about the buildings.

- In religious studies we have been finding out about 'sacred books' beginning with the Islamic Qur'an. This provided the inspiration for our exploration of geometric patterns in art. The children created their own stunning patterns using 2D shapes and stencils.

Over the weekend:

- Use the research sheet which we sent home to find out a few facts about a favourite building for our class scrapbooks.
- Decide which 'special place' your child would like to talk about for their show and tell presentation.
- We have all added some more games onto each child's Active Learn maths accounts so you might like to have a go at some of these. They are a fun way for your child to revisit and reinforce their learning in our recent maths lessons.
- Ask your child about their role in Friday's Architect Challenge.

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 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

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