



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the idea of happiness and kindness, with the help of the *Mr Men*, followed by a story from the Bible about Jesus being invited to a party. During our weekly Bird Family meetings, the children thought about their worries and fears and we suggested ways in which these can be solved and shared. We enjoyed meeting the 'Worry Monsters' once again, which are characters from our charity, Nelson's Journey.

### Literacy

The children have all been working extremely hard and we have noticed a large improvement in handwriting this week. Mr Fereday's group have been learning 'air' 'it's not fair' and reading a story about making pizza. Both Mr Fereday and Mrs Wilson's groups have been focusing on using time sequencing words in their writing (first, next, then, finally). Mrs Wilson's group also learned how to spell words with 'a-e' 'make a cake'. Mr Fisher's group have been learning 'ir' 'whirl and twirl' and were writing in the 'first person', portraying different characters.

### Numeracy

The children have been learning how to write 2 and 3-digit numbers on whiteboards. They have used the hundred squares to help with subtraction, and some children have been practising subtracting 10 from any given number up to 100, in their heads. They have also been revising number bonds to 10 and 20 and applying their knowledge to missing number sums, eg  $7 + ? = 17 + ? =$

### Other lessons and activities:

- In art, the children celebrated Chinese New Year. They completed a carousel of different art and craft activities with each of the Year 1 teachers. They have made lanterns, fans and even had a go at some Chinese character writing.
- In topic, we have been learning about the countries that form the United Kingdom. We learned about their flags and traditions and located them on a map.
- The children have learned how to complete various activities to help sustain their level of fitness. They are learning to identify which part of their body they are exercising (trunk, lower body or upper body).

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

- Complete the handwriting and spelling book work.
- Play Rainy Daze, which has been allocated on Active Learn.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 8th February – 8.30am - 9.15am:** Coffee morning and meeting for Pre Prep parents led by Mr Bevington regarding plans to improve the Pre Prep building.

**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 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) Please note that if you have not used the system yet this term, your password has been set as Townclose and you will be asked to change it. 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)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <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*