



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 23rd 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 Lessons

This week our focus has been on compound words; putting two nouns together to create a whole new word has been an enjoyable 'game' that we have played, not only in class but as an exercise for word building. Our spelling rule has been words containing 'qu'. In creative writing we have been inspired by our topic on brilliant buildings. By re-reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs', we have reminded ourselves of the fate of the buildings that were built using flimsy materials!

In guided reading, the classes have been exploring related topics from a day in the life of a builder to the shapes of buildings.

Maths lessons

Following on from last week's work on complementary numbers and number bonds, we have been looking further at the aspect of *difference*. This is neither addition nor subtraction but *counting on*. Within addition sums with missing numbers and in 2-digit number subtraction sums, it can sometimes be more useful to count on from the lower to the higher number. This skill was found to be handy when using money, to give change. Practical work with money enabled the children to practise their counting on skills.

Other lessons and activities

- In topic, last week's treasure hunt of 'brilliant buildings around the world' gave us a perfect springboard to make a rainbow of important buildings. These have extended in location from buildings around our homes, to buildings in East Anglia, Great Britain, Europe and the World.
- In science, we have continued to investigate the properties and uses of materials in buildings. We have looked at what different aspects of buildings are made from and whether they can be made from anything else. In a practical experiment, the classes investigated which materials were

waterproof/absorbent, which were opaque/translucent/transparent and which were magnetic.

- In R.S. we have looked at the Qur'an as the sacred book of the Muslim religion. Dr Sadiq (Anja's mother) will be visiting the School next Monday to talk to the children about being Muslim. In preparation for this we have prepared some searching questions about what it means to be Muslim and to further understand this fascinating religion.

Over the weekend:

- You and your child might like to find out about the oldest building in your village or town.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7th (group 1), Wednesday 8th (group 2) and Thursday 9th February (group 3): Year 2 children walking to the Apple Store from 9.30am – 11.00am

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 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
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

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