



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 30th January 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries shared the story of 'Bear's Magic Pencil' by Anthony Brown. Children considered just what can be achieved with a pencil and a little imagination! She also told the children about the artist Paul Klee and how he would 'take a line for a walk'. Some of the Reception children enjoyed trying this out for themselves.

Bird Family meetings focused on the important topic of relaxation... something we could probably all benefit from a little more of! The children talked about what relaxation is and its importance, before learning and practising some techniques.

Literacy

- The children have been working on a new phoneme: Mrs Wilson 'o-e' (phone home), Mr Fereday 'ir' (whirl and twirl) and 'Mr Fisher 'oy' (toy for a boy).
- The children have all read and studied a new story this week and used it as a stimulus for writing; most children have been focusing on how to use adjectives in their writing and some children have even been learning how to use speech marks.
- The children have also been practising their handwriting in discreet handwriting lessons and some have been starting to apply their cursive script to their writing in literacy lessons.

Numeracy

- The children have been learning how to tell the time to the hour and half hour.
- The children have been working out an hour later and an hour before.
- The children gained a greater understanding of time by seeing how many times they could complete different tasks in a minute (e.g. how many times can you write your name).

Other lessons and activities

- In games, the children completed a carousel of three activities. With Mrs Wilson, the children learned how to throw and catch accurately. Mr Fisher led different team relay races and Mr Fereday ran a game of 'four corners football'.
- In computing, the children have begun to debug algorithms, understanding that this is looking for errors in code, and are becoming secure with shorthand commands.
- In topic, we have been learning about London. The children have been learning about the city's greatest attractions and its rich history. If you have any books or

objects about London, we would be delighted if you would be able to bring them into school.

- In art, the children have been completing a collage of the Union Jack using coloured tissue paper.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Complete the handwriting and spelling task which has been set.
- Play the game (Hedgehog Hurry) allocated on Activelearn.

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 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 logged on, your password is set to: townclose). If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com. **Bookings will close at 12.30pm on the 9th February.**

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day – children may dress up as their favourite book character.

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

May we remind you please to collect Pre Prep from their classrooms by 4.00pm at the latest, if they are not attending After School Care. If, for any reason, you are not able to come by 4.00pm, we will sign the children into After School Care at this point.

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