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Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 27th February 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly on Tuesday, Mr Bevington came to talk to the Year 1 and 2 children about good table manners and lunch arrangements for next term. We introduced our new Top Birds this week in our World Book Day assembly on Thursday and we were very impressed with all the costumes and the wide range of characters we met.

Literacy

Mr Fisher's literacy group have learnt the 'a-e' (make a cake) grapheme and have been working on their comprehension skills answering a variety of questions about their focus text 'Too Much!'

Mrs Wilson's literacy group have learnt the 'ur' (nurse with a purse) grapheme and have begun to write in character using the first person. As a stimulus to this work the children read 'The Gingerbread Man'.

Mr Fereday's literacy group have learnt the 'ea' (cup of tea) grapheme and focused on writing independent, descriptive sentences consolidating our sentence building skills while learning to make braver vocabulary choices, using our grapheme knowledge to spell words phonetically.

Numeracy

Year 1 children have been consolidating their 3D object knowledge this week, working on recognising their properties and recalling the object names.

The children have been learning about fractions using 2D shapes as a stimulus, dividing various shapes into halves and quarters. Children have learnt that a fraction is an equal part of a shape or amount and have learnt to write $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$.

The children have learnt that a fraction is part of a whole and that having all of the parts makes one whole ($\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ whole or $\frac{2}{2} = 1$ whole). The children have completed a variety of hands on tasks to learn more about this area of learning.

Other lessons and activities

- This week the children have been introduced to our new topic, India. They have been taught some interesting facts about the country and are learning to spot some of the similarities between the UK and India. The children have learnt about the Indian flag and what it represents and have also learnt where the country is on a world map.

- We are undertaking a project in art, which will be completed over a sequence of weeks. The children will be creating the decorative panels for one of the School's 'Goblin Racers', go-carts built by Year 7 pupils and raced by Year 6. The theme this year for decorations at the racing event is aviation, so we have decided to make the 'Goblin Racer' a peacock design. This week the children have all painted a peacock feather and every single child will have their feather on the go-cart this year.
- In computing, the children have begun a project entitled 'Jam Bot'. This project will consolidate the children's sequencing skills but also introduce them to many new skills, as they will create a digital booklet using iPads. This week the children captured images with the devices which they will have to extract before editing, using an application on the iPad.
- The children watched the amazing Willow Class assembly all about world book day which got all of the Pre Prep in the mood for reading. A huge well done and congratulations to all the children of Willow Class who worked so hard to learn their lines and speak them with expression.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Practise you lines for upcoming class assemblies (Larch and Maple).
- Complete handwriting and spelling homework tasks set by literacy teachers.
- Have a go at halving and quartering food at home (pizza, fruit, cake) and enjoy sharing meals equally.

Dates for your diary:

Year 1 coffee mornings in the Pre Prep hall starting at 8.30am followed by class assemblies in the Read Hall at 9.00am as follows:

Thursday 9 th March:	Larch class
Thursday 23 rd 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