



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning 6th March 2017

Dear Parents

Reverend Patrick led assembly in Pre Prep this week and talked about Lent and the importance of determination and not giving up. Bird family meetings focused on making mistakes and how this is a natural part of the learning process and nothing to worry about. Larch Class led a very interesting assembly about their favourite school subjects and all that they have been learning about London.

Literacy

- Mrs Wilson's literacy class have been learning the 'ow' (brown cow) grapheme this week and have focused their writing around the story of Robin Hood, describing Little John in detail in an extended writing piece.
- Mr Fisher's literacy class have learnt the 'i-e' (nice smile) grapheme and have been focusing on up-levelling their writing by using adjectives in their sentences.
- Mr Fereday's literacy class have been learning the 'oi' (spoil the boy) grapheme and comparing it to the 'oy' grapheme of the same phoneme family, recognising that 'oi' is usually found in the middle of a word. Mr Fereday's class have been writing independent sentences and had a go at joining their letters.

Numeracy

- In maths this week the children have been consolidating their knowledge of doubling and halving numbers. The children used their understanding of how these operations are opposite to recognise the relationships between various numbers (e.g. $2+2=4$ / half of 4 is 2).
- The children have begun to tackle worded problems based around doubling and halving, recognising synonyms for these operations and extracting the relevant data from each question.

Other lessons and activities

- In art Year 1 children have continued working on their peacock project for the 'Goblin Racer Go Kart' looking to add detail and colour to this and aiming to create a very bold and colourful design.
- In topic the children have compared modes of transport in the UK to those in India and learnt about the various similarities and differences between the two countries' means of travel. The children were fascinated by the numerous ways of travel that India had available.

- In computing the children continued their creation of a digital booklet, adding audio to their work this week. The children focused on recording good quality clear audio and learnt where the microphone was located on the iPad, recognising that the closer you were to the microphone the better the quality was and the less background noise could be heard.
- Larch class performed their class assembly in a very different setting in the Read Hall this week, surrounded by the set for 'Cats'. The children dealt with the change, all remembered their lines and spoke very well to a large audience. Well done Larch class for your brilliant London assembly!

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Try doubling and halving numbers by using their favourite toys, such as building blocks which are particularly effective.
- Complete the handwriting and spelling tasks assigned by each literacy teacher.
- Read your favourite story and recognise the main character, the setting and if it takes place in the past, present or future. Try to record your findings in your home activity book.

A message for Willow class parents

Mrs Yvonne Harbord, one of our excellent teaching assistants in Year 1, is retiring at Easter. She will be greatly missed, especially for her artistic talents and guided reading sessions and we wish her every happiness in all she does. Mrs Lesley Harris, who has previously worked in Year 1 as a teaching assistant and continues to do supply cover for the school, will take over from Mrs Harbord. Mrs Harris is particularly well-known for her culinary skills which she shares with the children. Mrs Harris will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of this academic year.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 23rd March: Maple class coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall starting at 8.30am followed by their class assembly in the Read Hall.

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

