



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 20th March 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked about the origins of Mothering Sunday and talked with the children about how special our mothers are and how important it is to remember to thank them, with the help of the Little Miss characters. Bird Family meetings focused on the important theme of safety, both indoors and out.

Literacy

In literacy lessons this week we have created poems using adverbs and adjectives. Some classes used the seasonal changes as inspiration and described the many features of spring, whilst others were inspired to write about their mothers. The quality of writing has been very pleasing this week and it has been wonderful to see the children begin to apply some of the grammar and punctuation we have covered so far this term. In sentence building work, we have focused on using superlatives within sentences. We also explored how to change the spelling of a word to make it superlative such as 'happy' becoming 'happiest' by removing the 'y' and adding 'iest'. In spelling, we have explored words ending with the suffix 'ful', following the rule of using only one 'l' before the suffix. For example, 'skill' becomes 'skillful'.

Maths

In maths lessons, we have practised making specific amounts of money using a variety of coins. We have also begun to combine the prices of two or more items and worked out the total amount of money we will need to pay for these. We have also reviewed our recent experience of division and the relationship this has with multiplication, recognising that $3 \times 5 = 15$ so $15 \div 3 = 5$. Regular practice of times tables and the other facts contained in the Year 2 maths booklet would be much appreciated and will help to build confidence.

In other lessons

We have continued to discuss significant people from history and have explored and compared the achievements of Beatrix Potter and Neil Armstrong. It has been wonderful to hear what the children already know about these people and witness their enthusiasm to learn more. In our art/design technology lessons we have continued to develop our sewing designs and made significant progress as we near completion. In science lessons, we have further developed our understanding of how materials can change and the effects of liquids on different materials. Children made predictions, carefully observed changes and recorded their observations.

Over the weekend:

- Please review the facts contained in the Year 2 maths booklet.
- Ask your child to describe characters in their reading book using words containing the suffix 'ful'.
- Discuss some of the ways people recognise the festival of Easter.

We are gathering quite a lot of lost property in Pre Prep! This will be displayed on benches outside the Pre Prep on Monday. We try to return named items but we have a lot of un-named items still with us. If you think you may be missing an item of clothing, do please come and have a look.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries