



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 17th April 2017

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to the summer term! We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing break with your children and are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

We had our first Pre Prep assembly in the Read Hall this week which focused on celebrating all the wonderful entries for our Easter Bonnet competition and awarding prizes and certificates! Thank you to all those who entered for their wonderful effort and creativity. If you have not brought in your £2 entry fee, for Nelson's Journey, please do so on Monday. We also enjoyed hymn practice in the Read Hall for all pupils from Reception to Year 8 and a whole school Headmaster's assembly today about Simon de Montfort and the first British parliament.

Literacy

Literacy groups took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. All groups completed an informal spelling quiz which covered the words that were sent home over Easter. Mr Fereday's group learnt the split o-e (phone home) phoneme and thought of words that contained this grapheme. Mr Fereday's group also retold the story 'Rosie's Walk', trying to incorporate sequencing words. Mr Fisher's group have been revising all set 2 sounds and the set 3 sounds that have been covered so far. Mr Fisher's group have also been revising how to write in full sentences, including the use of capital letters for proper nouns. Mrs Wilson's group used the non-fiction text 'Grow your own radishes' as a stimulus to sample an array of exciting foods including olives and rocket. The group were then asked to write an appetising menu using descriptive language.

Numeracy

We have been revising number facts this week. We have partitioned 2-digit numbers and looked at various number patterns, including odd and even. We have also consolidated our ability to add and subtract ten from a given number.

Other lessons and activities

- The children have been introduced to our topic for this half term, 'growing'. Today the children planted their own bean plant and will keep a bean diary to track growing progress.
- In computing the children completed a drag and drop plant labelling activity, including parts such as root hairs, buds, fruits and bulbs.
- All classes have taken part in games lessons outside, with the primary focuses being team work as well as being a good winner and loser. In PE, the children have been throwing and catching with bean bags.
- In art this half term we will be taking inspiration from famous artists to create our own pieces. The children will be completing three pieces before the May half term. They will then choose and name their favourite piece to use for the Art Exhibition which will be taking place towards the end of term. This week we looked at Henri Matisse's 'Goldfish Bowl' and created our own backgrounds using paints.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Have a walk around the garden or local area (with an adult!) to identify and draw/photograph some flowers to record in their home school book.
- Complete the spellings or writing task allocated by their literacy teacher.

If you are bringing a snack for your child to eat after school, can we ask that you please refrain from bringing it into school and wait until off site or in the car before they consume it. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 10th May – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Parents' evening in the Read Hall. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot using the new 'parents' booking system' from **4.00pm next Monday 24th April**. 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 any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com

Tuesday 16th May: Year 1 trip to Fairhaven

Friday 16th June: Year 1 trip to Gressenhall

Tuesday 20th June at 2.15pm: Year 1 sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

Thursday 22nd June: Year 1 trip (half day) to Norwich Castle

Tuesday 27th June at 9.00am: Year 1 concert in the Read Hall

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

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