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Year 2 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 Lessons

In literacy this week, we have been looking at recording ideas successfully. Our spelling lists have been based on words that have been misspelt in the past and on learning words to support our current and future learning. In 'sentence building' the challenge has been to change irregular verbs into the past tense. Naturally, we asked the children to write an account of what they did in the Easter holidays; structuring their own ideas is a key skill at this stage of their learning. We are now hoping to see ideas written in chronological order with interesting adjectives and adverbs and embellished with correct punctuation. These skills are also supported by our weekly dictation exercises.

Maths lessons

In mathematics, our focus has been to locate, order and compare 2-digit numbers on a 0-100 landmarked line and on a 1-100 square. We also placed 2-digit numbers on an empty 1-100 line. We have introduced numbers from 101 to 200 and counted in 100s to 1000. We have looked again at adding 2-digit numbers by counting on in 10s and 1s. More challenging have been our attempts to subtract 2-digit numbers by counting back in 10s and 1s.

Other lessons and activities

In science our new topic is 'habitats'. We have talked about habitats being places that support life. We have studied many different types of 'macro' habitat. We have

discussed and described what they are like and identified which animals would live there.

In geography, we have enjoyed looking at all the postcards sent by the children over the Easter break. We have discussed the different locations and found them on a map. At the same time, we have introduced our new topic about Kenya. In the coming weeks we will be studying this fascinating country in detail and comparing it with Great Britain.

In RS we thought it would be interesting to investigate how people in other countries celebrate Easter. Please ask your child which country was most memorable. In art, we have begun to explore the work of the famous artists Cezanne and Rousseau. We are planning to produce pictures in the style of, or influenced by, these painters. In DT, over the coming weeks, we will be using our science topic of habitats to explore, design and create a diorama of a chosen type of landscape/habitat.

Over the weekend:

- Please continue to support your child with their reading
- You might like to find out about Kenya
- You could explore the pictures of Cezanne and Rousseau

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

Friday 12th May: Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe

Tuesday 23rd May: Year 2 assembly in the Read Hall at **8.35am (please note slightly earlier time than previously published)**

Monday 12th June at 2.15pm: Year 2 sports afternoon on the Front Lawn

Friday 30th June at 9.00am: Year 2 concert in the Read Hall

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

Wednesday 5th July: Year 2 trip to Winterton Beach

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

