



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 24th April 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mr Stuart Hawkes, from Synergy, came to talk to the children in Years 1-8 about our exciting Pre Prep project. He told the children of his love of Lego as a child and how this developed into him becoming a quantity surveyor; a job which he loves! He talked about how the project began and what it will be like when finished, both in terms of the extended Nursery and the brand new Year 2 classroom block. Alongside this, was the message of staying safe and the dangers of entering a building site. Top Birds were elected in Bird Family meetings for the first half of this term, and they will be counting tokens on Tuesday. On Thursday morning, Reception to Year 8 children raised the roof of the Read Hall with their beautiful voices during hymn practice.

### **Literacy**

All groups have learnt a new grapheme. Mr Fisher's group have been looking at 'are' (care and share) while also connecting sentences using time adjectives such as first, next and then. Mrs Wilson's group have learnt the 'ire' (fire, fire!) trigraph. They have also been using drama as a pre-stimulus for writing activities. Mr Fereday's group have been looking at the u-e (huge brute) split digraph. This group of children have also been busy consolidating their sentence skills as well as a completing a comprehension exercise related to their core text 'Flip Frog and the Bug'.

### **Numeracy**

Our focus has been on capacity and volume. We started the week by recapping our knowledge of non-standard measures. Mr Bevington was impressed with Willow Class' ability to estimate and measure cupfuls of water of various containers during his time with the class on Monday. Later in the week we have moved onto standard measures including millilitres and litres. We had great fun devising a 'mocktail' recipe using various juices and then precisely following the recipe with measuring jugs.

### **Other lessons and activities**

- In computing, we have been impressed with many of the children who have mastered the art of switching and logging on the computer independently at the beginning of each lesson. This week we began creating a 'Growing' poster on Microsoft Word, which we have saved to finish off in subsequent lessons.
- We thought about what might happen if we planted a bean in the dark as part of our topic work. We will still be giving it the same amount of water as our own beans (discussing the elements of fair testing) and monitoring its progress over the next few weeks.

- In art, we completed the second stage of our Henri Matisse pieces. We created the fishbowl, which is the centrepiece of our work, complemented beautifully by the colourful backdrops that we created last week.
- Games and PE lessons have had several different focuses. Willow and Maple classes have been continuing to improve their bat and ball and throwing and catching skills. Mr Bevington joined Larch class on Tuesday afternoon as they made great improvements with their sprinting and relay techniques.

**Over the weekend your child might like to:**

- Complete the handwriting and spellings allocated by their literacy teacher.
- Have a go at following a recipe to make jelly, ensuring the careful measuring of water in millilitres! Your child could then create an electronic poster for the recipe including a border, bold title and even insert photographs! (adult support is likely to be required!)
- Have a go at the 'Beetle Bump' game allocated on ActiveLearn. This game requires the children to add 1 and 10 as well as subtract 1 and 10 from different starting numbers

**Mrs Dewsbury will be taking part in the *Norwich 100* bike event on Sunday 4th June. She will be raising funds for this year's school charity, *Nelson's Journey*. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Dewsbury, please visit her donation page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MrsDewsbury> or you can donate using the sponsor forms available in each of the Year 1 classrooms. Alternatively, you could make a small donation into the purple Nelson's Journey collection pots, also located in each Year 1 classroom.**

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 5.00pm – 7.30pm:** Parents' evening in the Read Hall. Parents are able to book an appointment slot using the new 'parents' booking system'. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at [www.townclose.com](http://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](mailto:cshone@townclose.com)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 1 trip to Fairhaven – *more details to follow shortly*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 1 trip to Gressenhall

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm:** Year 1 sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: 8.15am** Year 1 parents invited to refreshments in the Read Hall followed by a tour of the Prep department

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Year 1 trip (half day) to Norwich Castle

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am:** Year 1 concert in the Read Hall

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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*