



Year 2 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 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 Lessons

In Literacy lessons this week, we have introduced the children to reading, solving and writing their own riddles. We have had great fun developing our descriptive skills as well as our ability to listen carefully to the clues given to us. Children have written their own riddles about animals using photos and facts they have researched. In sentence building we have focused on including a range of 'fronted adverbials' to enhance our written pieces. Using words such as 'unfortunately', 'luckily' and 'bravely' to begin our sentences has enabled the children to set a tone with the language they choose to use. Spellings this week have included past tense verbs using 'ed' at the end.

Maths lessons

In mathematics, our focus has been: to use doubles and number bonds to add three 1-digit numbers, use number facts to 10 and 20 in number stories, find complements to multiples of 10, understand subtraction as difference and find this by counting up, find small differences either side of a multiple of 10.

We have also continued to practise our times tables alongside other skills found in the Year 2 Maths Booklet.

Other lessons and activities

In science, we have continued to learn about different habitats and explored why particular animals live in certain types of location. Children researched and recorded what the needs of a range of animals were and how their environment suited these

In geography, we have located Kenya on a world map and also labelled a map of Africa. Some children had completed their own research about Kenya and shared this information with their class. Postcards have continued to arrive this week and the children have really enjoyed locating the various holiday destinations on maps.

In R.S we have discussed what a community is and identified the range of communities which children are part of. We talked about shared values within these groups and how it feels to be part of a community, whether in school or in their local area.

In art, we have continued to learn about the works of Cezanne and Rousseau and in D.T our ongoing diorama is progressing well.

Over the weekend:

- Practise times tables 2,5 and 10
- Discuss the communities that you and your family are part of.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 10th May – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Parents' evening in the Read Hall. Parents are able to book an appointment slot using the '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 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 9.00am with coffee

Monday 12th June at 2.15pm: Year 2 sports afternoon on the Prep Department 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

Tuesday 4th July: 2.15pm Year 2 parents and children visit new Year 3 teachers and classrooms.

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

Melanie Harries