



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 8th May 2017

Dear Parents

On Monday, the children had the opportunity to dance around the Maypole, following Mr Bevington's assembly on Friday about the traditions of May Day. We enjoyed celebrating achievements in our Pre Prep assembly on Tuesday and Bird Family meetings focused on the importance of tolerance, in all its different forms. Mrs Harries led an assembly in the Read Hall for Years 1-7 this morning and, alongside presenting various awards, gave a presentation on 'the power of words' and how they can both harm and heal.

Literacy

Mr Fereday's group have been learning the 'aw' (yawn at dawn) grapheme while Mrs Wilson's group have been studying 'ure' (sure it's pure). Mr Fisher's literacy children have been looking at the third way of spelling the same phoneme, this time with the grapheme 'er' (a better letter). All children have been working hard with their reading and writing skills and we hope you enjoyed hearing about the progress they have been making at parents' evening on Wednesday.

Numeracy

We have been adding together a two-digit number with a teen number (e.g. $23 + 14 = 37$). Lots of the children have completed this by using a number square to aid their calculations whilst some children have tried to adopt mental strategies. We have also followed on from last week's work of using three addends by doing the inverse of this, subtracting three numbers (e.g. $19 - 5 - 3 = 12$).

Other lessons and activities

- In art, we have continued our study of Kandinsky and used his abstract style to inspire us to complete our own creative art pieces. This is the second of three options that the children will have to choose from to display for the art exhibition at the end of term.
- In computing, we have continued to work on our 'growing' posters, including how to change the size and style of the font.
- The children thoroughly enjoyed our topic lesson this week which was based on the parts of a plant you can eat. They were amazed to discover that we do indeed eat the roots, stem, leaves and fruits of different plants! As a challenge, ask your children if they can remember which vegetables/fruit they ate and which part of a plant this is.
- Physical activities continued with a throwing and catching focus. Willow class also enjoyed using the front lawn to practise running techniques, including sprinting, relay and hurdles, while Maple class practised these skills on the Pre Prep grass. Larch class have been working on accurate throwing techniques.

Fairhaven school trip request

Please may we ask the girls in Year 1 to come dressed in their winter dresses and blue polo shirts on Tuesday. The reason for this is so they can take off their dresses when they come to school and put their tracksuits on to wear with their blue polo shirt. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Go shopping to buy some fruit/vegetables. They may need support to count out the money in order to pay. When they get home they could taste the food and think about what part of the plant they are eating.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and record this in their home school book. They could extend themselves by writing other number patterns such as counting in 2s but using odd numbers, or counting in 3s.
- Complete the handwriting and spelling homework allocated by their literacy group teacher.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with you and read their school books to you.

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 in to the purple Nelson's Journey collection pots, also located in each Year 1 classroom.

Dates for your diary:

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

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 parents invited to tour the Prep department (am)

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