



Year 2 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 Lessons

This week our focus has been on recognising word classes. We have covered this area many times over the year in many different guises. Now we are making the children aware of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in a very direct way. Our creative writing has linked to our topic of Kenya. We asked the children to write a letter to a child of the Maasai tribe using the knowledge they have assimilated during their topic lessons.

Our spelling lists have been revisiting the 'tion' set of words and changing plural nouns from 'y' into 'ies'. Our spelling and grammar work involved underlining different word classes. We have also completed a standardised one word spelling test and we were pleased with the progress the children have made.

In guided reading the children have continued their work on Ronald the Rhino. Finding answers to elements of the poem has been supported by the descriptions they used in creating their riddles last week. Another poem to add to our repertoire has been 'Bringing rain to Kapiti Plain'; with the words handed out, we are now busy preparing to recite it at our Year 2 assembly.

Maths lessons

In maths, we have looked in further detail at adding two 2-digit numbers. There are many methods but the key element is that the children understand the value of the digits they are adding. If one is adding 56 and 23 the tens are combined first, $50+20$, then the units $6+3$. Using this method, the children have made quick work of even the most daunting of problems. We have also begun to investigate the comparison and measuring of weight using standard and non-standard units. Also, we have coloured-in block graphs, where one square represents two units.

Other lessons and activities

Following on from our study of habitats we have narrowed our focus to animal groups. In science, the children have been categorising different families of animals into mammals, reptiles, birds etc. By playing 'animal bingo'; the children built up a set of information cards that informed their method of identifying the characteristics of each animal family.

Our DT animal habitat dioramas are nearing completion and in art each class has been looking at the work of different painters. Rousseau, Klee and Klimt can all offer us inspiration for our own works of art!

Over the weekend:

- Please could you help your child to learn the words of 'Bringing Rain to Kapiti Plain'.
- Ask your child what they enjoyed about their trip to Pensthorpe.
- Look out for habitats near where you live.

We enjoyed catching up with many parents at our Parents' Evening on Wednesday.

Dates for your diary:

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 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: Year 2 parents and children are invited to visit their new Year 3 classrooms and teachers in the afternoon. The art exhibition will be open for viewing too.

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

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