



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 15th May 2017

Dear Parents

On Thursday, we enjoyed a whole school Headmaster's assembly in which a group of children from the Prep Department acted out a story, which focused on the idea of being right and wrong...or sometimes both!

Literacy

We had literacy group sessions just on Monday this week, during which time all groups revised their knowledge of known graphemes. Therefore, there will be no handwriting book homework this weekend and no spelling 'quiz' on Monday. On Wednesday, the children all undertook a piece of independent writing in order to recount their trip to 'Fairhaven' from the day before. We are pleased with all of the children's efforts to write independently, with many showing amazing progress since September.

Numeracy

Each class have used balancing scales in order to estimate and measure the weight of different classroom objects using the non-standard measure of unifix cubes. The children then used the data they collected and represented it in various graphs, including bar charts and pictograms. We have also continued consolidating our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in preparation for transferring this to times tables and division questions after half term. We enjoyed seeing the number patterns that the children wrote in their home school books.

Other lessons and activities

- We enjoyed our usual music, library and dance sessions on Monday. We are beginning to learn a special dance that will open our sports afternoon next month, while in music we are busy learning lots of songs in preparation for our Year 1 singing concert, which also takes place next month.
- In computing, we have been finishing off our 'growing' posters, including learning the steps of how to save and print our work.
- Monet's 'Water Lillies' was the inspiration for our artwork this week. Masking tape was used for an effective outline of a bridge while colour mixing paint provided interesting shades of blue and green for a watery effect.
- In RS, we have thought about different sorts of light all around us. We learnt that Christians believe that God is the light of the world who guides people through life. We finished by making our own flames from concertinaing strips of paper together.
- We have now potted our bean plants in soil and recorded another entry in our bean diaries. The children will be bringing their pots home next week.

- In PE, we have continued to look at underarm throwing and catching skills. Some classes have also looked at an over-arm throwing technique with the focus being on distance throwing.

We will be undertaking a design and technology project next week in order to create, construct and evaluate a watering device. If you have any clean containers, bottles etc. we would be grateful if you could bring these in after the weekend.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Have a go at writing some weekend news in their home-school books. Please try to encourage your child to write two or three sentences **independently** this week, using their phonics knowledge to assist their spellings.
- Collect some data from their family/friends and record it in a tally chart in their home school books e.g. favourite fruit, favourite sport etc.

Tour of the Prep department

You will see from the dates list below, that later in the term there will be an opportunity for Year 1 parents to explore the Prep Department and find out more about how children's learning develops as they progress up the School. Further information about this will follow shortly and we hope you will be able to join us on this occasion.

Message from Miss Bryant (swimming teacher)

This year seems to be particularly bad for verrucas and, unfortunately, a child will only be able to swim with an untreated verruca if they have a verruca sock. Please see the information link below from the NHS website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Warts/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th June: Year 1 trip to Gressenhall

Tuesday 20th June at 2.15pm: Year 1 sports afternoon on 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