



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 22nd May 2017

Dear Parents

This week, Year 1 enjoyed watching Year 2 perform their assembly, which was all about Kenya! Bird Family meetings focused on thinking about how we learn, and the different forms that this can take.

Literacy

Mr Fisher's group have learnt the 'ow' (a big brown cow) phoneme and tried not to get confused with the corresponding grapheme 'ow' (blow the snow). Mr Fereday's group have been learning the 'are' (care and share) grapheme while writing tasks and have concentrated on having a go independently. Mrs Wilson's group have consolidated their knowledge of 'tion' (pay attention, it's a celebration!) while also writing a story about a child who becomes poorly on a school trip.

Numeracy

Our focus this week has been position and direction. We have recapped associated vocabulary such as in front, behind, left, right, forwards backwards, on top of and below. We moved onto looking at co-ordinates, learning the 'along the corridor and then up the stairs' technique when reading co-ordinates. We placed co-ordinates on treasure maps as well as colouring the correct squares on a grid by reading the co-ordinates given. We have also undertaken a maths 'quiz'.

Other lessons and activities

- Many children thoroughly enjoyed today's design and technology challenge of designing, making, testing and evaluating a watering device. We hope they come in use to look after the children's bean plants that were brought home this week!
- We finished our third and final piece of artwork for this half term, a representation of Monet's water garden. From here we then selected our favourite piece from a choice of this, Kandinsky shapes and Matisse's goldfish bowl and gave our final piece a title. We hope you enjoy admiring our artwork at the exhibition in June!
- We enjoyed the sunny weather during games on Tuesday afternoon. Maple class took part in a game of rounders while Larch class explored our beautiful grounds including having time to use the Prep adventure playground! Willow class were busy practising races including sprinting and the egg and spoon!
- Willow class had some free time on the computers during their session on Wednesday while Larch class put some finishing touches to the peacock go-kart design.
- We are sure that you enjoyed our very creative watering devices that we designed, constructed, tested and evaluated today! Thank you to everybody that brought in junk modelling materials.
- We had our usual dance and library sessions on Monday. Mrs Wotton would kindly like to remind children that they should only have one book out at a time from the library. Please bring back your child's old book when they have finished with them, preferably by the following Monday from when they were issued.

Over the half term holiday week your child might like to:

- Enjoy the forecasted lovely weather by spending time outdoors! The children could estimate the length of their garden in steps and then check their predictions, practise their running, jumping and throwing and catching skills and go on a nature hunt to see what animals and plants they can find. The children may also like to find a nice shady spot to read in or explore the capacity of different containers in a paddling pool!
- Complete the handwriting and spelling homework allocated by their literacy group teacher
- Enjoy exploring and playing the new maths games, 'Balloon Pop' (addition) and 'Marching Madness' (subtracting ten), allocated on Active Learn
- Have a chat with an older family member or friend about what growing up was like when they were a child. Written sentences and copies of old photographs are most welcome in home school books. This will provide a stimulus for our new topic after half term, 'Long, long ago'.

As ever, these activities are all optional.

Request!

As part of our new topic, we would be grateful if the children could bring in any 'old' games that they may have within their family. We are particularly looking for toys that are at least thirty years old! We will ensure that they are well-looked after in school. Thank you in advance for loaning these.

Some children have embraced the new 'Fidget Spinner' craze. We ask that, from after half-term, these are kept at home please. Thank you for your support in this.

We wish Mrs Dewsbury lots of luck for her Norwich 100 bike event next Sunday in aid of Nelson's Journey. If you haven't yet sponsored her and would like to do so, 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 13th June – 'Purple Picnic' in aid of Nelson's Journey – children are invited to come dressed in purple or wearing a purple item and to bring in a donation for Nelson's Journey. We will be having a 'Purple Picnic' for lunch!

Friday 16th June: Year 1 trip to Gressenhall – *more details to follow on the first Friday back after half term*

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 (*more details to follow in due course*)

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 super half-term break with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Wilson, Mr Fisher, Mr Fereday and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries