



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 1! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and are ready to enjoy the coming summer weeks.

We started our week with a whole school assembly, led by Mr Bevington and some of the Prep pupils, all about the general election. The pupils spoke about their chosen party with clarity and passion! Bird Family meetings explored this topic further, talking about the election and voting in new leaders.

### **Literacy**

On Monday, the children enjoyed sharing their home-school books with their classes and hearing all about the lovely activities they did during the half term holiday. Mr Fisher's group have been learning 'ai' (snail in the rain) and have been enhancing their understanding of their story 'Off Sick' by answering comprehension questions. Mr Fereday's group have looked at 'ur' (nurse with a purse) and have been reading 'Scruffy Ted', using this as a stimulus to describe characters in detail. Mrs Wilson's group practised reading 'tious' and 'cious' (scrumptious, delicious). They read 'A very dangerous dinosaur' and created and described a new dinosaur.

### **Numeracy**

This week the children were introduced to multiplication by learning the array method. They enjoyed creating a multiplication city and arranged the windows in arrays. The children have been looking at the link between counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### **Other lessons and activities:**

#### **Religious studies**

The children listened to the Christian 'Creation' story and discussed how some Christians believe that we are stewards of the earth. We talked about how the world is being polluted and the children came up with excellent suggestions as to how to help the earth, such as; riding a bike or walking to school, recycling and not wasting paper.

#### **Computing**

The children learnt about staying safe on the internet with the help of the story 'Chicken Clicken'.

#### **Topic**

We commenced our new topic and enjoyed sharing stories from children's family history. Thank you to those parents who sent in toys and games for the children to explore. The

children have been comparing toys from the past with their current favourite toys. They have also enjoyed making their own old-fashioned 'cup and ball' toy to play with.

### Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Play the interactive game below so that they can practise multiplication:

[http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/me3us/flash/lessonLauncher.html?lesson=lessons/08/m3\\_08\\_00\\_x.swf](http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/me3us/flash/lessonLauncher.html?lesson=lessons/08/m3_08_00_x.swf)

- Complete the spelling and handwriting homework allocated by their literacy teacher.
- Enjoy playing a traditional board game together as a family.
- Go on a purple scavenger hunt!
- Bring in a photo or drawing of your house. Can you find out when it was built? Is it old or new? How can you tell?

### Update!

As many of you know, last Sunday I took part in the Norwich 100 in order to raise money for Nelson's Journey. I completed it in 7 hours and 35 minutes, which was 30 minutes quicker than when I did my previous 100 miles last year!

To date, we have raised £558.00, which equates to £648.00 with gift aid! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me in order to raise such an amazing amount of money.

Louise Dewsbury

### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 1 trip to Gressenhall

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm:** Year 1 sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn. **Please note that there will be no parking available on the school site during this event.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Year 1 parents invited to tour the Prep Department (am)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Year 1 trip (half day) to Norwich Castle (*more details to follow in due course*)

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am:** Year 1 concert in the Read Hall

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Moving up morning

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – 4.00pm: End of Term – No After School Care**

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