



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 5th June 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 2! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead.

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 Lessons

In literacy this week we have been focusing on subtle points of English grammar. A revision of the difference between the past and present tense was tackled through a quick but challenging cut and stick exercise. From there we investigated different types of sentences, looking at statements, commands, questions and exclamations. We discovered that sentence structure and punctuation were vital clues to their identification.

On Monday, the children sat a SATs style spelling test. Many children did very well; we have sent home a copy of the Year 1 and 2 common exception words to support future progress.

On Tuesday, the children were asked to write a recount of their activities during the half term holiday. This was written under assessment conditions where no support was given. We were looking for writing stamina, correct punctuation, extended sentences and a smattering of adjectives and adverbs.

We have also given the children the experience of trying a SATs style reading comprehension assessment.

Maths lessons

In mathematics the groups were introduced to the format of both SATs arithmetic and reasoning assessment papers. Both papers were scrutinised by the teachers and pupils as to the most efficient method of solving each question. Midweek, we all looked again at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, as well as telling the time in both analogue and digital formats.

Other lessons and activities

In topic lessons, we thought about the similarities and differences between Kenya and Norfolk. Working in pairs, the children sorted photographs of the two locations

into two piles. They discussed why they had made their choices and what evidence they had found for their conclusions. We also watched a video clip about the life of a child in Kenya. We thought about how a child's day in Kenya is similar and different to that of our own. After this, the children recorded their findings. With this knowledge we have started to construct a travel leaflet about Kenya.

In computing the children have been making Father's Day cards.

Another important facet of our week has been to prepare and practise for our Year 2 sports afternoon on Monday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is ready for this event!

We have also designed bunting for the 'Purple Picnic' in aid of Nelson's Journey.

Over the weekend:

- If you have not already done so, please could you let us know if your child will be playing an instrument in our Year 2 concert. Please also provide a copy of the piano accompaniment, if needed.
- Please look through the spelling folder to help your child revise some of our spelling rules.
- Get in training for our sports afternoon on Monday!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 12th June at 2.15pm: Year 2 sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

Tuesday 13 June 'Purple Picnic' in aid of Nelson's Journey – Children may come to school dressed in purple or exchanging a uniform item for something purple. Please bring in a donation for Nelson's Journey. We will be having a purple themed picnic lunch!

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Friday 30th June at 9.00am: Year 2 concert in the Read Hall

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

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

Melanie Harries