



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 26th June 2017

Dear Parents

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all of the Year 2 children for their fabulous performances in the Year 2 Concert this morning; we are all very proud of them. In Bird Family meetings this week, we discussed how to manage our feelings, such as when we are feeling angry.

Literacy Lessons

Our lessons this week have focused on paintings of beaches. From a selection of famous paintings the children were asked to consider the setting and characters within the picture. Some chose to create conversations between characters, others devised questions about the scene. Hot seating one particular person from a picture gave some children the chance to become the character and to explain events in the painting.

Our spellings this week have been the months of the year. One would not believe that most of these words have been written in our books throughout the year! Other key points to work on have been putting speech marks into work on talking and remembering to put full stops in the correct places within texts.

Maths lessons

In maths, we have been revising all the key concepts and remembering how to employ efficient strategies within calculations. All the four rules have been revised. Telling the time to five minutes has been another focus. This is particularly tricky once we pass the half past mark!

Other lessons and activities

- In science, we have been investigating the food chains of different habitats. The children have completed cut and stick activities to display their knowledge. This led to our popular lesson on dissecting owl pellets kindly donated by Digby Davidson. It was fascinating for the children to discover for themselves exactly what an owl has for its tea.
- In topic, the children have been finishing off their Kenya topic by either designing Kenya Posters or compiling a Kenya tourist leaflet. This has shown off their now comprehensive knowledge of this fascinating country.

- From this we have turned our attentions towards home territory. From a broad selection of information leaflets the classes have begun to create their own Visit Norfolk information leaflets. Using their design skills, they will draw illustrations, write texts and select maps and other information to create a personal and popular viewpoint of our fine county.
- In art, all the classes have now tried their hand at printing African patterned tiles, to be seen displayed in all the classrooms.

Over the weekend, you may like to:

- Think about places that you might like to visit in Norfolk in order to complete your Norfolk brochure.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

Tuesday 4th July: Year 2 pupils' and parents' Prep Department induction, starting at 2.15pm in the Read Hall. Please collect your children from their Year 2 classroom from 2.00pm and then make your way to the Read Hall. After a presentation from the junior teachers, you will then visit your child's new classroom, meet their new teacher and undertake an assignment with your child. You will also have a session with one of the Year 4 teachers. We will provide you with a handy booklet that should answer most of the questions you may have about life in the Prep Department. Afterwards, parents are encouraged to visit the art exhibition with their children and enjoy an ice cream on the playground. We regret that we are unable to offer parking during the afternoon because both playgrounds are in use by children.

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