



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 4th September 2017

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to begin getting to know your children and we are very impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity that they have shown during their first three days in Year 1. Alongside getting to know our new class friends and teachers, we have been busy doing the following:

- Writing about our summer holiday news
- Counting to twenty and ordering numbers correctly
- Forming our numerals correctly
- Drawing a self-portrait using a range of media
- Playing circle games and having class discussions
- Enjoying choosing time both in our new classroom and outside
- Making a birthday card. We will put these in a class box and when it is someone's birthday they get to pick a 'lucky dip' card from the box
- Exploring the Year 1 Computer Room

In assembly, we welcomed new pupils and staff and talked about all the changes that have taken place in Pre Prep over the summer holiday. We talked about playground safety and the Town Close Way, thinking about ways in which we celebrate and support each other, as well as looking after ourselves, our friends and our school. We also discussed Bird Families and the fact that we are adding a new family this year, Peregrines, in order to keep our groupings to a size which maximises opportunities for children to share their ideas amongst the group.

Over the weekend, your child may like to:

- Read their school reading book (please make a brief comment about how your child got on with their book in their reading record)
- Practise forming their numerals correctly from 0-10 (they may wish to extend this to 20)
- Record any weekend news in their home/school book which may be in the form of drawn pictures, photographs or writing (comments scribed from your child is fine or they may like to write for themselves)

Request:

As we begin our first topic of 'Humans and Animals' next week, we would be grateful if your child could bring in a photograph of themselves when they were a baby in order to generate discussions about how we change as we grow. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on the back.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming parents to school on Wednesday evening next week when the teachers will give you a guided tour to life in Year 1. There will be plenty of opportunity for parents to ask questions and we very much hope to be able to answer all of your queries.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th September – 6.00pm: 'Introduction to Year 1' meeting in the Pre Prep Hall

Thursday 14th September: Bentley Photographic individual and class photographs

Thursday 28th September: Year 1 trip to Africa Alive

Friday 22nd September – 6.45pm-8.45pm: PTA Bingo Night in the Read Hall

Wednesday 11th October – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Read Hall

Friday 13th October: PTA Quiz Night in the Read Hall

Friday 20th October – 2.00pm-3.00pm: Grandparents afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November (inclusive): Half Term

Friday 8th December – 9.00am-9.45am: Year 1 Winter Production in the Read Hall

Thursday 14th December – 2.00pm-3.00pm: Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries