



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 11th September 2017

Dear Parents

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our 'Introduction to Year 1' evening on Wednesday evening; we hope that you found it informative and useful. Please click the link [here](#) to view the PowerPoint presentation given on the evening.

In assembly this week, we talked about new starts, new beginnings and trying new things! We talked about turning over a new leaf and things we could do to be even better, as well as thinking of something new that we could try, whether it be a new food, hobby or attitude. Top Birds were elected in Bird Family meetings and our new Top Birds proudly announced their token totals!

Literacy

The children have listened to a range of stories this week and sequenced the traditional tale of The Little Red Hen. We have been using our phonic knowledge to read and spell words, making lists of words beginning with the same sound. The teachers have enjoyed listening to the children read and we have been impressed with their decoding skills.

Maths

We have been exploring numbers around the classroom and identifying numerals up to 20. The children have enjoyed sequencing numbers in and out of order and identifying the missing numbers in a sequence. We have been practising our numeral formation using a range of materials, including playdough.

Other lessons and activities

You may have heard that we were visited by aliens Pal and Pax from Mars this week! This provided an exciting stimulus for us to introduce our new topic, Humans and Animals. Pal and Pax wanted to find out more about life on planet Earth! The children thoroughly enjoyed labelling their body parts, both external and internal, on a large sheet of paper.

In games this week, some classes have been practising their hockey skills whilst the other classes have enjoyed using their team skills, playing various games with the parachute.

During our computing session, the first half of each class were introduced to their individual usernames and passwords and practised logging in on the computers. The children used a software program called Colour Magic in which they produced a topic cover inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian.

In art, we practised our painting skills and cursive writing using fine brushes and black paint. The children painted over their names in cursive script and they were very excited

to create some magic! They folded the paper over and printed their names onto the other side; some children described this as a reflection.

Over the weekend, your child may like to do some of the following:

- Read their school reading book
- Share their library book (our library sessions are on a Monday for all classes)
- Practise their counting skills using small objects at home. You may like to group objects together into 2's or 10's
- Continue practising numeral formation from 0-20
- 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)

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 28th September: Year 1 trip to Africa Alive

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 Christmas 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