



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 25th September 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week we talked about gifts, with the help of some autumn leaves, and talked about how special gifts can be, especially when they involve a person's thought and time. Bird family meetings focused on the subject of playtimes and ways in which to ensure that children have happy and safe breaks.

Literacy

Children have been introduced to a new sound/phoneme this week and have completed various fun games which focused on their sound and words which contain the grapheme.

- Mrs Bush and Mrs Brown's literacy group have been consolidating their reading skills by smoothly blending the sounds together. The children have been practising tricky words, which we call 'red words'. We tackle words with irregular spellings separately, so that your child learns to recognise these by sight.
- Mr Fisher's group have focused on the grapheme 'ay' (ay may I play?). Whilst Mrs Wilson's group have focused on the 'ee' grapheme (ee what can I see?). These classes have read a new stimulus book to their partner and as a whole class, learning to read carefully. Children have completed various written tasks surrounding their stimulus grapheme and text, thinking carefully about writing on the line and letter formation.

Maths

Year 1 have been working hard in maths this week to double numbers. The children understand that doubling is finding twice as many, or as much, and that you can find this by counting the number twice (e.g. $3+3=$). The children completed lots of hands-on activities, counting carefully to ensure they have the correct amount. The children are becoming better at recalling doubling number facts from memory.

Other lessons and activities

In topic this week children have been looking at the skeletons of humans and animals. The children have been investigating the similarities and differences between various skeletons.

In computing, the children worked on their mouse control skills using various programmes on Busy Things. The children are improving their word processing skills in order to log-on to the computers using their personal usernames and passwords.

The Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Africa Alive on Thursday. All children participated in a discovery session which focused on skeleton structures of different

animals which linked closely with our topic. We also enjoyed a ride on the road train and listened to various feeding talks. The children behaved extremely well and we thank all the teachers and helpers for organising such an interesting day out.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Practise doubling numbers using household objects (e.g. marbles or stones from the garden) by placing a number of the items down for your child to count and then double, using more of the items.
- Log on to Active Learn and play the maths games allocated by your teacher.
- Have a go at reading the red words sent home in their book bags. They may also like to practise writing them out in their home activity book, either by memory or by copying.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with you and reading the books they have chosen from their classroom.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October – 5.00pm 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in Parents' Evening in the Read Hall

Online booking system for Parents' evening:

Go to the Parents' Booking System in the Parents' Information Centre on the School website and login using your email address and password. If you have not logged in before, your password will be townclose. Make sure you have the appropriate child selected. Click on the Parents' Evening button and click on a purple 'available' button. To cancel a previous booking, click the red 'cancel' button where you previously booked.

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

