



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 2nd October 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries introduced the children to a Quentin Blake character, Mrs Armitage, from the story *Mrs Armitage on Wheels*. The children were keen to join in with Mrs Armitage's voice at key points and discussed all the different ideas that she had along the way. We noted that she was happy to have a go at things, even though she could not always be sure of a positive outcome, and talked about the importance of perseverance and how well she demonstrated this. In Bird Family meetings, children considered the importance of careful listening and the need to hear both sides of a story, taking care not to make rash judgements.

Literacy

Mrs Wilson's group have been reading the story *A Bad Fright* and learning how to spell and read words containing 'igh' (fly high). Mrs Bush's group have been learning how to read and spell words containing 'ng' (thing on a string) and have read the story called '*Six Fish*'. Mr Fisher's class have been learning to read and spell words containing 'ee' (what can you see?), Mrs Brown's class have been learning 'sh' (fish in a dish). 'Red' word lists will be sent home shortly; these are for children to use and gradually learn over the course of the year. The idea is that children will be exposed to them, so that they begin to recognise and read them. All children will learn these at different paces, so please don't feel any pressure to learn them all immediately!

Maths

This week we have been learning about the names and properties of various 2D shapes. The children have been on a shape hunt, recording the number of shapes found using a tally chart. Some children have been creating shapes using the geoboards and geosticks as well as making shape pictures with the pattern shape blocks. The children learned about repeating patterns through the medium of Lego! They created a Lego train and used either 2, 3 or 4 colours to make a repeating pattern for the carriages. We have also been using Venn diagrams to sort shapes according to their properties.

Other lessons and activities

This week in topic sessions, the children completed a carousel of different activities around the senses of hearing, taste, touch and sight. We will be covering smell next week – please read the information below.

In games lessons the children have been learning how to follow rules by being introduced to a game called *Dragon's Treasure*. They also played hats and bowls and cat and mouse – both energetic games to get the children running around in a quick and agile way.

In music the children have been learning a song called 'The number bus', to help them learn their number bonds. They were also introduced to the boomwhackers. They investigated and found out that different length boomwhackers produce different pitches.

In art lessons the children have been designing an advert or label for the perfume which they are creating next week (more information below) and thinking of a suitable name.

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

- Complete the ActiveLearn maths games allocated online.
- Perfume making - we are planning to have a perfume making session next week. Please could your child bring anything that they would like to include in their fragrance in a named bag. Please send in on Monday if possible.

We suggest: Herbs-fresh or dried

Spices

Flowers for colour and fragrance

Citrus fruits

Lemons or lemon juice

Pink, blue and yellow food colouring (for colour)

Essential oils

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep – please notice the change of venue.

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 Pre Prep Hall

Monday 16th October – 9.00am: PTA AGM and Coffee Morning

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