



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 16th October 2017

Dear Parents

What a busy and exciting week we have had! Our assembly was led by Reverend Patrick Richmond from Christ Church and he talked about the ten Commandments and the importance of telling the truth. Bird Family meetings focused on the importance of healthy eating. The Carrow Road Fire Service visited Pre Prep and the children in Year 1 learnt about fire safety. The children excitedly climbed into the fire engine cab and asked thought provoking questions about their responsibilities. We were able to look at and touch some of the equipment on board the appliance.

On Friday afternoon we welcomed lots of grandparents into the Read Hall to watch their grandchildren sing songs all about harvest, before visiting their grandchildren's classroom. The children from Reception to Year 2 enjoyed sharing their books with their grandparents and showing them around their classrooms.

Literacy

This week the children have looked at a new sound and story in literacy and they have been working incredibly hard to remember their sentence rules. The children have also been pushing themselves to use their best writing and concentrate on keeping their letters on the line and orientating their letters correctly.

Mrs Wilson's group learnt the 'oo' (poo at the zoo) sound and grapheme this week.

Mr Fisher's group learnt the 'ow' (blow the snow) sound and grapheme this week.

Mrs Alexandre's group learnt the 'ch' sound and grapheme this week.

Mrs Brown's group revised the 'z' sound and grapheme this week and read the story *Dear Zoo*.

Maths

In maths, the children have been learning how to find the 'difference' between two given numbers by counting on to find the answer. They have been learning to 'count on' from a number on a number line. This has allowed them to complete sums which they could not solve mentally.

We have also been focusing our understanding of place value in teen numbers. We have been making teen numbers using a 10 and some 1s with the aid of mathematical equipment.

Other lessons and activities

In topic this week, we learnt about animals without a backbone, also called invertebrates. We learnt that some minibeasts use camouflage and are able to defend themselves and avoid being eaten. We discussed different habitats and ways creatures can gather food

and survive in their environment. The children worked in a team to design and build a home for minibeasts thinking carefully about the materials used.

In art this week, the children have used a range of media and colours to create a pumpkin. We discussed the life cycle of a pumpkin and how they grow. The children thought carefully about the shape and considered the colours they could use.

In computing, the children have been continuing to create their self-portraits using the Colour Magic software. We have been using imaging tools such as flood fill, shapes, and improving our mouse control skills using the paintbrush.

In games, the children were introduced to the cross country course through the woods. We talked about stamina and conserving our energy. The children were able to run many laps of the course, taking a rest when they needed. We finished our games session in the hall with a well needed yoga session to stretch and cool down our muscles.

Over half term, you may like to do some of the following:

- Read and share story books sent home for half-term with your child and practise the red words sent home. Visit your local library and share stories and non-fiction books of interest.
- Try writing the red words in your home activity book, without looking, to improve the spelling and sight recognition of these words.
- Play board games with your child which require them to 'count on', such as a classic game like snakes and ladders where two dice instead of one could be used to add an extra challenge.
- Have a go at the allocated maths games on Active Learn, which looks at ordering numbers from smallest to largest and estimating.

Dates for your diary:

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

Thursday 9th November: Charity day 'Dress as your favourite sports personality' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

Friday 10th November – 6.00pm: PTA Bonfire party at Tacolneston Hall

Monday 13th November: Flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 4

Friday 1st December – 4.00pm: Christmas Fayre

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

Wednesday 13th December: 'Wear a Christmas jumper day' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

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

We hope you have a lovely, well-earned half term break with your children.

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

Melanie Harries