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Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 16th October 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, we enjoyed celebrating the new work that has been selected for display on the Wonder Wall and on Wednesday we were invited to watch 4W's class assembly, which explored the themes of light and dark and teaching us about Diwali. Bird Family meetings focused on the importance of healthy eating.

Literacy and Maths lessons

- We have continued to enjoy exploring the story of the *Elves and the Shoemaker* with a variety of activities, culminating in an independent writing activity to retell the story.
- The children developed their awareness of how the story was structured by creating some wonderfully detailed story maps. They used these as prompts to retell the story to a partner before they attempted their written versions.
- The children had to punctuate sentences correctly from the story using either a full stop, an exclamation mark or a question mark.
- Our visit from Tongfei's father, Mr Deng, provided the perfect opportunity to practise writing questions (using the correct punctuation) that we could ask him, in order to learn more about how shoes are made. Many deeply thoughtful and highly inquisitive questions were composed!
- The spelling focus was o-e which we practised through bingo, crosswords and written activities.
- In maths this week the children have been learning to use greater than and less than signs. We have been adding and subtracting tens and ones from 2 digit numbers and positioning numbers on blank number lines.

Other lessons and activities

Science: This week saw the exciting conclusion to our investigations into healthy cereals as the children finally combined their choice of ingredients to make their own recipes. Hopefully they enjoyed tasting their creations at home.

Topic: Mr Deng gave a fascinating presentation 'All about shoes' which included discussions about why we wear shoes and the history of shoes. He even demonstrated stitching the sole onto the upper using a double ended needle.

DT: The children developed their cutting, folding and joining skills as they created cereal boxes which had to include details about the contents.

Music: The children have enjoyed learning some harvest songs including 'Cauliflowers fluffy' and 'Mr Scarecrow'.

Over the half term you may like to:

- Ask your child to retell the story of the *Elves and the Shoemaker*. Perhaps visit a local library or bookshop to see if they have any different versions of the story.
- You could also visit the Museum of Norwich which has a wonderful display of shoes from the past two hundred years.
- Look at a variety of food packaging to discover where the foods have originated from and talk about the other information which is shown.
- Talk about firework safety and perhaps find out more about the Gunpowder Plot as we will be learning more about this in our first week back after the half term break.
- Keep on reading! Please continue to talk about how authors make a story fun and exciting to read. You might also talk about how punctuation is used and discuss how different characters and places are described.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday 8th November – 1.30 - 3.00pm: 'Big School Swim' for Year 2 (with donations to Special Olympics Norfolk) – parents are welcome to come and watch!

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

Thursday 7th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

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 break with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries