



Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 6th November 2017

Dear Parents

We enjoyed welcoming your children back this week and catching up on all their holiday news! Congratulations to all our Year 2 children for participating in our Big School Swim and our thanks, too, for your kind donations to our charity on Thursday when so many of us dressed up as sports personalities.

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries shared the idea of the importance of feeling needed and belonging, through the story of *Sidney the Spider*. Bird Family meetings focused on thinking about what it means to be a Kingfisher, Peregrine, Barn Owl or Avocet and the qualities that make a good Top Bird, in readiness for the election of new Top Birds for this half term.

Literacy Lessons

This week the children have:

- Written a recount of their holiday including details of where they went, how they got there, who they were with and what they did during their time. Children were encouraged to check that their work contained correct use of capital letters, full stops and a range of adjectives.
- Written lists of words ending in 'y' during word building lessons.
- Developed their knowledge of contractions by adding 'nt' to a range of words (e.g. do not = don't) and creating sentences using these, linked to bonfire night.
- Read books and non-fiction texts about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot as well as answering questions to demonstrate their comprehension of the facts they have read.
- Practised the formation of specific letters that they find challenging, with a focus on proportion of letters and how they ascend and descend, in order to join their writing successfully.

Maths lessons

This week children have:

- Revised their knowledge of ordinal numbers up to and beyond 100.
- Identified the hundreds, tens and units in 2 and 3-digit numbers.
- Developed a greater understanding of place value, through the use of 10p and 1p coins.
- Investigated all the amounts that can be made using a mixture of nine 10p and 1p coins.
- Found 10 more and 10 less than a given number up to and beyond 100.

- Counted on from any given number in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

Other lessons and activities

In music lessons, children have begun to learn a range of songs that will be part of our Christmas production. Children who have chosen to join Year 2 Dance Club will also begin to learn specific moves in readiness for the event, in the next few weeks. In science, the children were invited to explore the school grounds and investigate how different materials are used across the site and consider which properties make these fit for purpose. In humanities, we have located London and Norwich on a map and have begun to explore other cities across the United Kingdom.

Over the weekend you may like to:

Play one of these fun contraction games with your child

<https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/vocabulary-games/contractions/contraction-memory-match.html>

Read through any lines your child may have for the play.

Dates for your diary:

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 Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries