



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 13th November 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mrs Harries talked to the children about the importance of always being kind and helpful to each other and valuing our differences. We discussed how these make us special and help us to recognise who people are. We also talked about our bird family birds and discussed their notable qualities. We were thrilled with the fabulous array of bird family posters which came into school this week and these were celebrated within Bird Family meetings, alongside electing new Top Birds for this half-term. Thank you for your help and support in creating these posters.

Literacy

Literacy groups have been as busy and productive as ever! All groups have been looking at a new focus grapheme. Mr Fisher's group have been concentrating on 'oo' (look at a book) while Mrs Wilson's group have been studying 'ar' (start the car). Mrs Parker's group's phonic focus has been 'ee' (what can you see?) Mrs Brown's group have been learning to read and write words containing the 'ng' (thing on a string). It is lovely to see many of the children maintain such a positive interest in reading and writing. The children have had additional reading opportunities as we have been practising the song lyrics for 'The King is Born'.

Numeracy

The children have been focusing on position and direction. We have been describing various positions such as above, behind, on top of and underneath. The children have undertaken a range of activities; hiding objects in different places and describing their positions to their partner. We have also been focusing on movements, including half and full turns, and practising our left and right.

Other lessons and activities:

- In topic, we continued to explore a range of materials and began our carousel of activities. Over the next few weeks, the children will begin to undertake the following range of simple experiments: floating and sinking, magnetism, waterproofing and strength of materials.
- We continued to explore algorithms in computing by looking at directional language, such as left and right turns, forwards and backwards, within an allocated amount of space. The children were asked to guide their partners around the playground to reach a specific location.
- Preparations have continued for our production of 'The King is Born'. We have been very impressed with the children's singing and learning of the songs.
- **Your child will be bringing their line(s) home for our Christmas play today.**
- **Your child also may have received a short note in their book bags today with reference to costumes for our Christmas production.**

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Practise their directional language. This might be fun in the garden by guiding a parent/sibling to a desired location using the vocabulary left, right, forward, turn and steps.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with a grown up and/or older sibling and read their home reading books to an adult.
- Practise their lines for the Christmas performance. We have found that practising in the garden helps with voice projection!

Dates for your diary:

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 Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a restful and relaxing weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries