



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 13th November 2017

Dear Parents

Year 2 enjoyed 4MR's assembly on Wednesday about Remembrance Day and how to remember things, such as telephone numbers and how to spell 'because'! We were thrilled with the fabulous array of bird family and Top Bird 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 Lessons

This week the children have:

- Learnt the spelling rule, that for words ending in **consonant +y**, you replace the **y with ies**.
(for example: baby = babies / lady = ladies).
If a word ends with a **vowel + y**, you just **add s** (for example monkeys)
- Learnt to identify **verbs and adverbs** in sentences.
- Practised using adverbs in their own sentences.
- Learnt how to lay out and write a simple **informal letter** (which will hopefully come in handy with all those 'thank you' letters after Christmas!).
- Continued to practise some of our recently learnt spelling patterns (such as contractions) in their dictation sentences.
- Read and answered questions about Remembrance Day.
- Read and responded to the beautifully illustrated story of 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' by Hilary Robinson.

Maths lessons

This week the children have:

- Learnt to add and subtract multiples of 10 from 2-digit numbers, (for example: $45 + 20 =$). We used a hundred square to help us visualise this moving up or down rows to add/subtract 10s and then counting on or back in 1s.
- Learnt to add and subtract 11 and 12 from 2-digit numbers (some children extending the method of counting on or back in 10s and then units to add or subtract 22, 23, 32 and 32)

Other lessons and activities

We learnt about the significance of poppies and Remembrance Day. We shared our knowledge of the brave soldiers who have helped our country and discussed what else we would like to find out about them.

In science, we have been busy investigating plants. We have planted cress in 5 different locations in our classrooms, in the bananarium and outside. We predicted how well each tray would grow and explained our thinking in terms of light, warmth and moisture.

We also planted hyacinth bulbs, peas, rocket and poppy plants. It will be exciting to observe how the different plants develop over the coming weeks.

In religious studies, we retold the story of *The Good Samaritan* and discussed how we could show people that we care about them.

We have enjoyed some more wonderful show and tell presentations this week. Many thanks for all your efforts in preparing them. The children really enjoy finding out all about their friends' hobbies and always have lots of questions to ask at the end of the presentations.

We are making good progress with learning the songs and practising our lines for our forthcoming Christmas performance. Please check in your child's book bags for a note regarding costumes.

Over the weekend you might like to:

Find out about Edith Cavell, in preparation for our forthcoming research activity about her next week.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wishing you a happy and relaxing weekend.

With best wishes from Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries