



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 20th November 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mrs Harries talked about the importance of learning and using the words please, thank you and sorry, and how 'sorry' can often be the most difficult word to say! This was all done through the story of *The Lost Son* and with the help of some photographs of puppies! Bird Family meetings focused on the idea of smiling at people and what a difference this can make to someone's day. In our Bird Family assembly, Top Birds were presented with their badges and certificates and agreed to uphold the 'promises' of being a Top Bird.

Literacy

Literacy groups took place as usual on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It is lovely to hear how the children are beginning to transfer the skills they have learnt in reading into their everyday lives, for example when looking at road signs and in the supermarket. Mr Fisher and Mrs Wilson's groups have both been learning the 'or' (shut the door) sound. Mr Fisher's group have also been reading the 'In the night' story and Mrs Wilson's group have read 'Jam Tarts'. Mrs Parker's group have been reading 'The Web' while the phonetic sound they have been learning is 'igh' (fly high). Mrs Brown's children have been studying the 'nk' (I think I stink) digraph as well as reading 'The Spell'.

Maths

Our focus has been measuring length. While we have discussed standard units of measuring length, such as metre sticks and rulers, we have been practising measuring objects carefully using *non*-standard units of measure, including cubes and paper clips. We have also made a family of snakes from Play-Doh, ordering them from the shortest to the longest and measuring their lengths. We have encouraged the children to use the correct vocabulary when measuring, such as: long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest, tall, taller, tallest.

Some children were challenged to find the difference between the longest snake and the shortest snake. We have also been undertaking some maths assessments with the children to help inform us of their strengths and areas for development.

Topic

The children have continued to take part in a series of simple experiments to enhance their knowledge of materials. The carousel will continue across Year One for two more

weeks, in which the children will have the opportunity to visit different teachers for their topic lessons.

Other lessons and activities:

- In computing, we have continued thinking about algorithms. We worked with a partner to guide a robot to different foods in a maze. We have begun to record our algorithms as written instructions on whiteboards. We have also thought about how we can write short-hand commands in our algorithms, such as FD4 for forward 4 and LT for left turn.
- We have enjoyed our usual swimming, dance, music and library sessions.
- In PE, we have continued to explore gymnastics, with this week's focus being on methods of travel.
- We have been practising for our Christmas production.

Please can you bring in your child's accessories for their costume by NEXT Friday 1st December? If you have any problems with sourcing any of the items requested, please do speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Dewsbury, who will be more than happy to help.

Over the weekend, your child may like to do some of the following:

- Visit <http://www.i2e.com/jit5#turtle> and have a go at directing the robot around one of the mazes, thinking carefully about the commands; forward, left turn and right turn.
- Practise their estimation and measuring skills. This could be anything from finding out how many paces long the garden is, to ordering teddies from the shortest to longest.
- Read their home reading book and enjoy sharing their library book with you
- Practise learning/reciting their words for the Christmas production in a loud, clear voice.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st December – 4.00pm: Christmas Fayre – **Each child in Year 1 will have the opportunity to purchase something they have made in school**

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 super weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries