



Year 2 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 Lessons

This week the children have:

- Learnt the spelling rule that to change verbs ending in **consonant +y** to the past tense, you replace the **y with ied**, but not if a verb ends in **vowel + y**. We learnt a song to help us remember.
(for example: cry = cried but annoyed = annoyed).
- Continued to identify **verbs and adverbs** in sentences.
- Learnt how to add **ing** to a verb in the present tense, and the spelling rules involved. If the verb ends in an **e** you take away the **e** and then add **ing** and if the verb ends in a **vowel then a consonant**, you have to **double the last letter** then add **ing**.
- Wrote an informal letter, pretending that they were soldiers in World War One who had just received a 'care box' from their parents. We thought about what we would see, smell and hear in the trenches and how it would feel to receive a care box.
- Read non-fiction texts and answered questions, during our guided reading sessions.

Maths lessons

This week the children have:

- Learnt directional and positional language to describe movement and position of objects.

- Learnt how to carefully and successfully measure, using both standardised and non-standardised units.
- Used rulers to measure objects and estimate their length, using cms.

Other lessons and activities

In our topic lessons this week, we have focused on care boxes received in World War One and what we would send soldiers now in a care box. We all wrote about things we would put into a care box for a current soldier, thinking carefully about things that would 'travel well' and things they would be missing from home.

In science, we continued to monitor our plants' growth and discussed the changes we had seen. We also looked further at materials and linked it to our topic of World War One by investigating the best material that would keep the soldiers' bread dry in the damp trenches. We all enjoyed working practically to test different materials and their suitability.

In religious studies, we continued to think about the story of The Good Samaritan and thought about our own good Samaritans and people who help us. We made a poster explaining who our good Samaritans were and why.

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 continue to practise your child's lines with them at home to ensure they feel confident during rehearsals.

Over the weekend:

- You might like to carry out some further research about life in the trenches in World War One.
- If possible, please could the children bring in any glass jars of all shapes and sizes and cardboard tubes in preparation for Christmas crafts. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

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