



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 27th November 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked with the children about Advent being a time we wait for Christmas to arrive. She talked about advent calendars and candles as well as the advent wreath used in churches and the preparations we make in getting ready for Christmas and special events. Some of the children came out to draw pictures they thought might be behind the doors of an advent calendar. Bird Family meetings focused on emotions; understanding them and talking about how to handle them.

Literacy

Literacy groups took place as usual on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Mrs Wilson's group have both been learning the 'air' (it's not fair) sound and read a story all about different haircuts. Mr Fisher's group have also been learning 'ar' (start the car) and have been reading a story about snow. Mrs Parker's group have been learning 'ow' (blow the snow). Mrs Brown's children have been studying the 'ay' (may I play?) and read the story *Six Fish*.

Maths

Our focus has been adding 3, single-digit numbers ($6 + 4 + 3 =$). We have looked at a variety of strategies such as starting with the biggest number, trying to spot number bonds ($7 + 3 + 1 =$), or doubles ($5 + 5 + 2 =$). We have also been orally practising counting in tens.

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 one more week, 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 on the computer to write an algorithm. We recorded 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.
- We have been making things to sell at the Christmas Fayre to raise money for our charity.

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.
- Read their home reading book and enjoy sharing their library book with you.
- Complete the active learn games allocated by your class teacher.
- Have a go at this worded problem: If there is one dog, one child and one octopus at a tea party, how many legs are there altogether?

Dates for your diary:

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 weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries