



Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 15th January 2018

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week in Pre Prep, including the important election of new Top Birds, which formed the basis of our Bird Family meetings.

Literacy Lessons

In our literacy lessons this week:

- We practised our spellings of words that begin with 'kn' and 'gn' as well as words that end with 'tion' and 'le'.
- We learnt how to write a list of instructions using the present tense imperative form of verbs. The children wrote a set of instructions which explained 'how to build a snowman'. We also developed this skill further in RE lessons as we wrote about 'how to show respect for the Qu'ran'.
- We also enjoyed reading 'Snow Day' by Richard Curtis which we will be looking at more closely next week.
- The children have enjoyed reading a range of topic-related non-fiction books in guided reading this week. We have discussed how the information is organised using labelled diagrams, contents, a glossary and fact boxes.

Maths lessons

- We have been applying our knowledge of number bonds to solve more complex addition and subtraction problems which 'bridge ten'. We broke this down into two steps by counting on to the next ten and then adding on the remaining units. For example: $26 + 7 = (26 + 4 = 30 + 3 = 33)$.
- The children enjoyed playing a mystery number game when they chose a 2-digit number card and kept it hidden from their partner. They then wrote a clue on their whiteboard such as $? + 2 = 60$ so the mystery number was 58. You might like to take turns playing this at home.

In other lessons

- In RE we have been exploring the theme of 'Special Books' by finding out more about the Islamic Qu'ran and how Muslims show their respect for it.
- We have been investigating the buildings around the school. In science the children looked around The Nest and then explained why certain materials had been used for different parts of the building.
- In history, we created a timeline of Town Close buildings, by sequencing photos of buildings from oldest to newest. We talked about how we know if a building is modern or more historic, just by looking at it.
- In art, the children became more adept at manipulating and modelling with clay as they created some wonderful little snowmen.
- Unfortunately, we were not able to swim this week, due to an engineering problem, which has now been resolved.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2 February: PTA Film Night

Thursday 8 February – 5.00pm - 7.30pm: Parents' evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (in the Pre Prep)

Online booking system: Go to the Parents' Booking System in the Parents' Information Centre on the school website and login using your email address and password. If you have not logged in before, your password will be **townclose**. Make sure you have the appropriate child selected. Click on the Parents' Evening button and click on a purple Available button. To cancel a previous booking click the red cancel button where you previously booked.

Tuesday 27 February – 8.35am: Cherry Tree class assembly in the Read Hall – coffee is available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am.

Thursday 1 March: World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character and author visit.

Tuesday 13 March – 8.35am: Silver Birch class assembly in the Read Hall – coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am.

Tuesday 20 March – 8.35am: Rowan Tree class assembly in the Read Hall – coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am.

We hope you have a lovely restful weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

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