



Year 1 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 22 January 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week the children discussed their talents! Mrs Harries' assembly was all about getting tied up in knots when we have a problem, and finding ways in which to untie them. The difference between 'knot' and 'not' was discussed, explaining that we sometimes say we 'cannot' do something, and need to change it by adding 'yet' and then progressing to 'I can' and 'I will'! One of the children also helped Mrs Pritchard to untie the laces on Mrs Harries' trainers, which were in quite a muddle! Perseverance and teamwork saved the day!

Literacy

In literacy lessons this week we have been doing lots of work on the 100 high frequency words and finding out which words the children need to practise a little more. The teachers were delighted with the children's literacy homework and very impressed with their handwriting skills at home. In addition to this, Mrs Wilson's group have been learning words containing the grapheme 'ou' (shout it out) and reading and writing sentences associated with the story 'Look Out'. Mr Fisher's group have been learning to read words containing the 'ir' grapheme (whirl and twirl). The children have been reading the story 'Jay's Pot' and thoroughly enjoyed making their own clay pots. Mrs Parker's literacy group have been learning words containing the short vowel sound 'oo' (look at a book) and reading the story 'Stitch the Witch'. Mrs Brown's group have been learning words containing the long vowel sound 'igh' (fly igh) and reading the story 'Tug, Tug'.

Maths

In maths this week, the children have been using money to demonstrate place value and have found different ways of making 6,7 and 10p. We recalled and recorded number facts using coins totalling 10p and 20p. The children have been able to recognise British coins and their values and find totals up to 99p. We have explored money using role-play scenarios by paying for items around the classroom using the exact amount needed.

Other lessons and activities:

- In music, the children have started to look at the opposites of long and short sounds, finding out about the sounds percussion instruments can make and using them in the song 'January Days'.
- In PE lessons, your children have continued to work on developing their core strength through circuit training activities.
- In art lessons, the children have been creating various pieces of artwork inspired by artists such as Matisse and Andy Warhol. The children have used their cutting out skills in order to create collages. We have also used

photographs of the children and they have used bold, bright colours to create their own 'Pop Art'.

Optional activities over the weekend:

- Your child has been given their home learning handwriting and spelling book. These books will contain weekly spellings set by their literacy teacher. The words are a mixture of high frequency words and words containing the grapheme they have been focusing on in their literacy groups. Your child could try writing the word 2-3 times in the book and attempt to learn the words for a spelling quiz on Monday. Please encourage your child to use joined up writing like that modelled in their book and always to write in pencil.
- You may like to log onto Active Learn and use the Money Tool to explore the various coins and make totals by adding the coins together. You may like to use real coins to encourage your child to interact and use role play scenarios such as shopkeepers.
- You may like to visit your local shop and ask your child to buy an item using the correct coins or work out how much change will be given.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2 February – 4pm - 6.30pm: PTA Movie Night (Pre Prep)

Monday 5 February – 8am - 9am: Music Coffee Morning in Pre-Prep Hall

Thursday 8 February – 5pm - 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.

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

Saturday 17 March – 10am - 11.30am: PTA Easter Activity Morning in the Pre-Prep Hall

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

Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Parker, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries