



Year 2 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 Lessons

In our literacy lessons this week:

- We practised our spellings of words that begin with 'qu' and words that end with 'ful' and looked further at our common exception words.
- We read 'Snow Day' by Richard Curtis and thought about how Danny, the boy in the story, felt when he was the only child at school with the mean teacher, Mr Trapper.
- We created thought bubbles using pictures from the story. This helped us to write in the first person in readiness for writing a diary entry as Danny.
- 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 continued to use our number bonds to help us with subtraction and working out change, as well as adding 2, two-digit numbers. We thought carefully about partitioning into tens and units, for example
 $26 + 31 = 57$
we would add 2 tens and 3 tens to make 5 tens
and 6 units and 1 unit to make 7 units
- We have also recapped our knowledge of time, working on quarter past, to, o'clock and half past, as well as looking at time to 5 minutes.

In other lessons

- In RS 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.
- In art, we looked at the artist Lowry. We sketched the School's main house and then drew it in a Lowry style, adding matchstick children playing on the front lawn.
- In our topic lessons, we have been looking at buildings in England and the rest of the UK to add to our ongoing picture web.
- In science, we continued our investigations into building different

structures, this time using cocktail sticks and jelly tots! We thought about how different shapes created more strength in our structures.

- Some of us were also lucky enough to watch the dress rehearsal of Year 4's production, which was great fun!

Dates for your diary:

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

Monday 5 February – 8am - 9am: Music Coffee Morning led by Mrs Koczur in the 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.

Tuesday 27 February – 8.35am: Cherry Tree class assembly in the Read Hall - coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8am

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 8am

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

Tuesday 20 March – 8.35am: Rowan Tree class assembly in the Read Hall - coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8am

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

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries