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Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 5th February 2018

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, we were treated to a performance by the Year 1 and 2 Choir who sang 'Many Shades of Blue' beautifully! They are preparing for a performance as part of the Norfolk County Music Festival as well as at the Year 1 and 2 concerts which take place in the summer term. Mrs Harries shared another of her favourite Mr Men stories with the children, Mr Happy, and talked to the children about the author, Roger Hargreaves, along with the importance of sharing smiles and happiness. Details of the Mr Men and Little Miss challenge accompany this curriculum letter for those children who would like to enter. Bird Family meetings focused on the importance of relaxation, what relaxation is and how we do it.

Literacy Lessons

In our literacy lessons this week:

- We have practised spelling words with the superlative suffix 'est' (as in tallest, shortest). We applied this to complete a 'Famous Buildings Quiz'.
- We have been writing dialogue in preparation for writing a recount of September 2nd 1666. We began by completing speech bubbles based on a painting of the Great Fire of London before rewriting this in sentences using speech marks. We discussed using alternatives to 'said' such as 'yelled, shouted, begged, screamed, replied, asked and cried'.
- We practised adding capital letters to texts (at the start of sentences and at the start of proper nouns).
- We imagined waking up on 2nd September 1666 (and had some fun miming our reactions) before we wrote a recount about the sights, sounds, smells and emotions which we might have experienced that morning.

Maths lessons

- We have learnt to 'round numbers' to their nearest 10 based on the rhyme:
1,2,3,4 round it down to the 10 before
5,6,7,8,9 go up to the next 10 on the line.
- We have continued to work on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes on digital and analogue clocks.
- We have been assessing the children's understanding of the concepts and skills that we have covered so far this year.

In other lessons

- In topic lessons we have explored different sources of evidence that inform us about various aspects of the Great Fire of London. You might like to look at this informative website with your child at home:
<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

- The children enjoyed writing short newspaper articles which summarised the key facts about the Great Fire of London.
- In art, we completed our Tudor houses which were then used to dramatic effect in our own Great Fire on the playground. We ensured that the children's efforts were not destroyed as we set fire to photocopies of their original creations!
- In science, we ranked different materials from those that we thought would burn easily (highly flammable) to those which were least likely to burn (less flammable). We discussed different ways that we can prevent fires from happening at school.
- Thank you for all your support with the research activity about famous buildings. The children were all justifiably proud of their efforts and the activity certainly helped to stir their enthusiasm for our 'Brilliant Buildings' topic. We have also enjoyed some fascinating Show and Tell presentations and look forward to exploring more 'Special Places' after the half term break.
- 'A SIGNIFICANT PERSON' Research Activity:
We are sending home another sheet which we would like the children to complete and return by the end of February. This time we would like the children to choose a 'Significant Person' to find out about. This person be either someone who is alive today or they may choose to find out about an interesting historical figure. They may be a famous scientist, inventor, writer, architect, artist, musician, monarch, politician, actor, explorer or sports person.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 22 February – 8.00am - 9.00am: Official opening of 'Little Acorns' Nursery and 'The Nest'

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

Saturday 17 March – 10.00am - 11.30am: PTA Easter activity morning in the Pre-Prep hall

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

We hope you have a lovely half-term break with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries