



Year 1 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 19 February 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week the children enjoyed being involved in the election for new Top Birds. We enjoyed a fantastic assembly in the Read Hall on Wednesday, led by Mr Chapman and Mrs Rushton, all about pancake science!

Literacy

In literacy this week, the children enjoyed sharing their half term news during circle time and retold their news within their class literacy books. The children focused on punctuation, such as capital letters and full stops, and tried to remember to make their writing more exciting, by including adjectives.

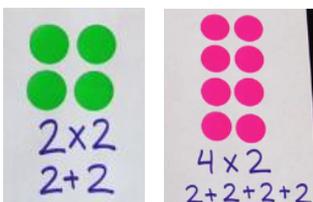
During group literacy lessons:

- Mrs Wilson's literacy class have been learning the 'ear' (hear with your ear) grapheme this week and have completed a comprehension activity related to Shrove Tuesday.
- Mr Fisher's literacy class have learnt the 'ea' (cup of tea) grapheme and have used their comprehension skills to answer questions about Shrove Tuesday.
- Mrs Parker's literacy class have been learning the 'air' (it's not fair) grapheme and have had a go at writing their own riddles relating to a text.
- Mrs Brown's literacy group have been focusing on the 'oo' (look at a book) grapheme and comparing the similarities and differences to their previously learnt grapheme 'oo' (poo at the zoo). The children have been able to distinguish between these words when reading various texts.

Maths

This week we have been focusing on counting up in 2s and 10s and identifying these patterns on a 100 square. The children have been counting much more confidently in 2s, identifying even numbers and noticing that every other number is an odd number.

We have introduced the new concept of multiplication, focusing on the vocabulary 'lots of'. We have introduced this concept by counting up in 2s and demonstrating this through the use of arrays. For example, 2 lots of 2 equals 4. This is presented as a grid using a variety of objects. The children have understood this concept through repeated addition as the pictures below demonstrate.



The children have also learnt that a fraction is part of a whole and that having all of the parts makes one whole ($\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ whole or $\frac{2}{2} = 1$ whole). We have looked at half of shapes and recorded the corresponding fractions. The children have completed a variety of hands on tasks to learn more about this area of learning.

Other lessons and activities

- In topic this week, the children have been introduced to our new topic, India. They have been taught some interesting facts about the country and are learning to spot some of the similarities and differences between the UK and India. The children have learnt about the Indian flag and what it represents and have learnt where the country is located, using a world map.
- In computing this week, the children continued their creation of a digital booklet, 'How to make a jam sandwich'. This project will consolidate the children's sequencing skills but also introduce them to many new skills, as they will create a digital booklet using iPads. This week the children added text to their captured images and also recorded their instructions using the integrated microphones on the iPads.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Complete handwriting and spelling homework tasks set by literacy teachers.
- Log on to Active Learn website and play the interactive game set by your teacher.
- Create an 'array' of your own using Lego bricks or stones. Count each row and how many objects in each row to record the corresponding number sentence. You may like to record any number sentences in your home activity book.
- Have a go at halving and quartering food at home (pizza, fruit, cake) and enjoy sharing meals equally.

Dates for your diary:

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

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

Wishing you a relaxing weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries