



Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning 5th March 2018

Dear Parents

We have had a very exciting week in Pre Prep! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children dressed up for our postponed World Book Day on Tuesday and sharing these in assembly. Mrs Harries explained that she had around 80 entries for the Mr Men and Little Miss competition and that she had really enjoyed all the stories; prizes will be awarded on Monday. On Thursday, we welcomed our author Ifeoma Onyefulu, who shared some of her books including 'A is for Africa' with the children, as well as talking about life in Africa. On Friday, we continued the theme and enjoyed an African dance and music workshop.

Literacy

Literacy groups have taken place on Monday and Wednesday this week. Mrs Parker's group consolidated the 'ir' (whirl and twirl) sound whilst also reading 'Tab the cat'. Mrs Brown's group looked at 'or' (shut the door) and read 'The web' story as well as learning and writing facts about spiders. Mr Fisher's group learnt the split a-e (make a cake) trigraph. This group pretended that the a and e letters were 'chatty' so the teacher had to split them up with a letter in-between! Mr Fisher's group also read the fiction text 'I think I want to be a bee' and wrote sentences about what animal they would like to be and why. Mrs Wilson's group consolidated the ure (sure it's pure) trigraph and wrote newspaper articles about a naughty dog who saves the day by alerting a family to burglars. In class literacy on Tuesday we wrote riddles and character descriptions about our World Book Day characters. We have also had a class literacy session about plurals, learning when to add 's' and 'es'.

Maths

We have continued looking at different number patterns, including doubles and halves and odd and even, and number facts to 9, 10 and 20. We thought about recording these as neat and accurate number sentences while also thinking about how it is perfectly acceptable to also write number sentences in reverse, for example $6+6=12$ can also be written $12=6+6$. We spoke about how the equals (=) symbol means the same as. We have also practised counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Other lessons and activities:

- On Thursday, all Year One children participated in a storytelling workshop led by Ifeoma Onyefulu, the author of 'A is for Africa'. This visit provided a lovely stimulus for us to complete a range of African art activities in class including African animal sunset colour mixing pictures and basket weaving.

- On Friday, all Year One children took part in an African dance workshop, led by Lorraine Theobald.
- The children had their usual music, dance, swimming and library sessions.
- The Year One and Two choir had some extra rehearsals ready for their performance at St. Andrews Hall on Tuesday 13th March.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Play the allocated maths games on ActiveLearn, Nimble gnome, which focuses on halving.
- Complete the spelling and handwriting task allocated by their group literacy teacher. Some groups have two different pages to complete to catch up from the snow days last week.
- Practise counting out loud in 2s, 5s and 10s. Your child may wish to record some of these number patterns in their home school books.

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

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

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