



Year 2 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 Lessons

In our literacy lessons this week:

- We have been learning to add detail and extend our sentences using connectives (also known as 'conjunctions') such as 'because'.
- We have continued to learn and apply suffixes such as 'ful', 'less' and 'ness' to 'root words' through a variety of different games and activities. This was also the focus of this week's handwriting lessons.
- We had fun writing paragraphs which described our World Book Day costumes and explained why we wanted to dress up as our chosen characters.

Maths lessons

- We completed the multiplication and division activities postponed from last week (which helped us to understand how division is the inverse of multiplication).
- Some children have learnt to interpret data which is presented in a 'scaled pictogram' (where one picture represents 2 items – so single items are represented by 'half pictures' on the chart). Many children find questions such as: 'How many more children liked apples than pears?' a real challenge!
- Some children have continued to explore telling the time to quarter past and quarter to on analogue clocks.

In other lessons

- In science, the children have made a 'flyable kite' which they tested without any tail. Some children selected from a range of materials and designed a tail which should enhance their kite's aerodynamic capabilities. The Pre Prep playground became a beautiful rainbow of colours as Silver Birch class flew their kites to test the different materials and their designs. The other two classes look forward to their kite flying next week.

- We continued with the theme of patterns in our art lessons this week as we decorated shields and kites that were inspired by our visiting African author.
- We introduced the theme of 'religious symbols' (particularly those which relate to Easter) which we will be exploring over the next fortnight in our RE lessons.
- In computing we have been learning how to cut and paste images in order to create some imaginative greetings cards.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries