



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 23rd April 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week, the topic focus was to think about things we need and things that we want; both interesting areas of discussion. On Wednesday, the Year 2 children went to the Read Hall to watch 3V's class assembly and the Reception and Year 1 children had an assembly led by Mrs Harries, all about Elmer and celebrating our differences, being ourselves and the best we can be. Top Birds were presented with their badges and new Wonder Wall work was celebrated. Do come and see them hanging up in the Pre Prep entrance.

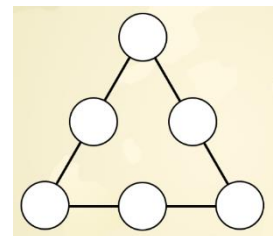
Literacy

This week, our literacy groups have continued with weekly spelling quizzes and the children have been reading a new text and learning a new sound.

Mr Fisher's group have been introduced to the split diagraph 'u-e' (huge brute) and read the story Too Much. Mrs Wilson's group have been learning the split diagraph 'i-e' (nice smile) and wrote a descriptive passage about Little John from Robin Hood. Mrs Parker's group have been comparing the sounds 'ee' (what can I see?) and 'ea' (cup of tea) and read a non-fiction text about bats. Mrs Brown's group have been learning the sound 'ir' (whirl and twirl) and read a story called What am I?

Maths

The children have been learning how to add 3 small numbers using various strategies. These strategies should help the children to add up small numbers accurately and speedily without the need for a 100 square. The strategies included spotting pairs to 10 ($5 + 6 + 4 = 14$) and doubles ($2 + 2 + 4 = 8$). We have also played a number of logic games such as arranging the numbers 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3 in a triangle shape so that each side adds up to 6.



Other lessons and activities

In computing, the children have continued to utilise their word processing skills by creating a poster in Textease. Over the next few weeks the children will learn how to type with two hands, use the shift, space and enter key properly, and edit work by using the backspace, delete and arrow keys. Children will then go on to learn how to use undo and redo and to select and format text.

In music with Miss Skinner, the children have been learning about Vivaldi and listening to his famous piece *The Four Seasons*. Miss Skinner played extracts on her violin and also invited children to hold and bow a violin.

Throughout the week the children have been checking on their bean plants. We have introduced the word 'germination' and have noticed that some of their plants have

grown small white roots. The children completed the first page of their bean diaries. We have also planted another class bean this week and have put it into a dark room to find out what effect this has.

In art, the children have been practising their imaginative drawing. They have drawn a house with lots of detail. The drawings have been painted with watercolour paints and vegetable patches have been added to the gardens using oil pastels.

Request

To help with our capacity lessons next week, it would be helpful if your child could bring in any empty containers, i.e. plastic bottles, yoghurt pots etc. Thank you.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Have a go at 'Marching Madness' which has been allocated on Active Learn.
- Work with a parent to complete the 'Mastery Checkpoint' logic puzzles allocated on Active Learn.
- Complete the spellings or writing task allocated by their literacy teacher.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th May: Whole School Photograph

Tuesday 15th May – 8.35am: Willow Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 16th May – 8.35am: Maple Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Tuesday 22nd May – 8.35am: Lime Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Tuesday 22nd May – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Willow Tree and Maple Tree class to Fairhaven Water Gardens

Wednesday 23rd May – 8.35am: Larch Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 23rd May – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Lime Tree and Larch Tree class to Fairhaven Water Gardens

Thursday 24th May: End of the first half of term

Friday 25th May: School closed – INSET staff training day

Tuesday 19th June – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 1 Sports Day

Tuesday 26th June – 8.35am - 9.35am: Year 1 Concert in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

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

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

Melanie Harries