



Year 2 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 lessons

In literacy lessons this week, we compiled a list of facts about ourselves and considered what a child in Zambia might like to know about us. We have begun to construct our own letters in preparation for making contact with children at Crown's Hill School in Zambia. In sentence building, we have generated sentences using "why" and applied our knowledge of contractions within these. In spelling lessons, we have looked at 'ough' words and created sentences using these.

Maths lessons

In maths lessons, the focus has been subtraction as difference and finding this by adding to the next multiple of 10 and using bonds to 10.

We have also applied number facts by using doubles and number bonds to add three 1-digit numbers. Forming good habits such as applying a range of strategies will enable children to solve problems more efficiently. For example:

$$\begin{array}{l} 7 + 8 + 7 = \quad \quad \quad \overbrace{7 + 8 + 7} = \quad \quad \quad \overbrace{17 + 12 + 3} = \\ \text{Double 7 is 14} \quad 14 + 8 = 22 \quad \quad \quad 17 + 3 = 20 \quad 20 + 12 = 32 \end{array}$$

Other lessons

In RE lessons, we have read the story of Noah's Ark and discussed being rewarded for doing the right thing. We have referred to the Town Close Way and the ways in which we are rewarded for following this.

In science lessons we have discussed the classification of animals and identified the differences and similarities between animals within the same group. We have also begun to discuss how animals are adapted to their environment.

In art lessons we have begun to look at the work of Rousseau and explored the use of depth in his jungle scenes.

This week you may like to –

Learn a riddle in readiness for our lessons next week!

Sun cream and hats

In anticipation of sunnier weather, please ensure that your child has had 8-hour sun cream applied before coming to school and also brings their sunhat.

Being prepared for all British weather will help your child to enjoy their playtimes, so please do continue to send a raincoat too!

To support your child's learning, you might like to:

- look at the Crownhill School, Zambia website:
<https://www.crownhillschool.com>
- see if you can find Zambia in an atlas or perhaps using Google Earth.
- Look at some paintings by the artist Henri Rousseau in preparation for next week's art lessons.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th May: Whole School Photograph

Thursday 17th May – 9.30 am - 3.00pm: Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park

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

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

Monday 18th June – 2.15 pm: Year 2 Sports Day on the front lawn

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

Thursday 28th June – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with refreshments available in the Read Hall from 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th July – 9.30am - 2.00pm: Year 2 trip to Winterton Beach

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries