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Year 1 Curriculum information Week beginning: 30th April 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a mixed bag of weather this week! As ever, we try to provide outside time for the children whenever possible, so please do ensure that both waterproof coats and sunhats are always in school!

Our Bird Family meetings looked at the subject of tolerance of others, whilst Mrs Brown led an assembly on Sidney the spider, which taught children that everything has its own special value and importance in the world.

Literacy

We have had our usual literacy group lessons this week alongside discrete class handwriting sessions. We are so impressed with the ever-growing number of children now choosing to join their handwriting on a regular basis, and to an excellent standard too! Mrs Brown's group have consolidated the ou (shout it out) sound this week as well as using the story 'What am I?' as inspiration to plan and write their own riddles. Mrs Parker's group have learnt the alternative spelling 'ai' (snail in the rain) while reading 'So Cool' and thinking about what they might like to have in their own house one day. Mr Fisher's group have studied the alternative grapheme aw (yawn at dawn) as well as reading 'A good cook?' This story has provided for a stimulus for writing about favourite foods and drinks as well as thinking about the purpose of a question mark. Last but not least, Mrs Wilson's group have looked at the split digraph o-e (phone home) and have read 'Off Sick'. These children were very excited to make their own 'Keep out/Come in!' door hangers and to take them home.

Maths

This week we have looked at weight. We have used balance scales to estimate and compare the weight of different classroom objects, using cubes as our unit of measurement. We recorded our findings in a table and then transferred this information into a bar chart. Later in the week we looked at the standard units of measure: grams and kilograms. We hunted for different classroom objects that weighed about a gram and a kilogram. We have also started looking at capacity and will continue to do this next week. Thank you to those of you who brought empty containers in for us to use.

Other lessons and activities:

- We have continued to work on our growing posters on the computers. We have learnt how to retrieve our saved work and have continued to insert pictures as well as manipulate text by changing colour, style and size. Some children have now printed their posters and are very proud of their efforts.

- In art, we studied the work of Seurat and looked at the style of pointillism. We designed our own patterned butterfly using this technique.
- In topic, we learnt that the various fruit and vegetables we eat come from different parts of the plant. We enjoyed tasting beetroot, spinach, radishes and strawberries.
- All classes have begun rehearsing for our upcoming class assemblies. Please see the dates below for each class assembly.

A big thank you to Mrs Marshall for coming in to teach Larch Tree Class and Willow Tree Class Cross Fit for Kids this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and were proud to receive their certificates. Maple Tree Class and Lime Tree Class will be enjoying a session each with Mrs Marshall next Tuesday.

Please note the extra school trip date on the list below.

Over the weekend, your child may like to:

- Play the latest game, 'Seaside scuffle', allocated on ActiveLearn.
- Undertake some baking/follow a recipe where measuring in grams and kilograms is required.
- Practise their words for their class assembly (Maple and Willow classes).
- Share their library books and read their home reading books to an adult. Please note that due to the Bank Holiday it is unlikely that we will visit the library next week.

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

Friday 18th May – Pre Prep Royal Wedding Celebrations

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

Monday 4th June – 9:30am - 3:00pm: All Year 1 classes to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

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