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Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 7th May 2018

Dear Parents

On Wednesday, Reverend Patrick led an assembly for Reception and Year 1 children about the ascension of Jesus into Heaven, whilst the Year 2 children went to the Read Hall to watch 4W's class assembly in which they learnt about Aboriginal culture. On Friday morning, we enjoyed welcoming visitors into our classrooms and school for our Open Morning.

Literacy

Literacy groups took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Mrs Wilson's group consolidated their understanding of the split 'u-e' (huge brute) grapheme and completed a comprehension activities associated with foxes. Mr Fisher's literacy group have been learning the grapheme 'are' (care and share) and reading the text 'Come on Margo'. This group has also been learning the main components that make up a story. Mrs Parker's group has been learning the 'aw' (yawn at dawn) grapheme and read the text 'My sort of Horse'. Mrs Brown's group has learnt the oy (toy for a boy) sound and recorded corresponding words. This group has also used their focus text 'Ken's Cap' to improve upon their reading skills and phoneme to grapheme correspondence.

Maths

Our maths focus this week has been on capacity and volume. The children have revised their knowledge of non-standard measure and also discussed standard measurements when measuring a liquid: millilitres and litres. The teachers were very impressed with the children's ability to estimate and measure how many cups of water were needed to fill a variety of different sized containers. We had great fun devising a 'mocktail' recipe using various juices and then following the recipe precisely, using measuring jugs. The children were very eager to taste their 'mocktails' after their careful measurements.

Other lessons and activities

- In computing, we have continued to work on our 'growing' posters, including how to change the size and style of the font.
- In topic, we have continued observing our bean plants and recording their growth in our bean diaries.
- In art, the children have designed a front cover for an invitation to the Royal Wedding. We have discussed what a wedding is and researched royal emblems that the children may like to include on their invitations.
- During Open Morning, the Year 1 children have experienced and participated in a range of topic based activities such as dissecting flowers and Lego maths. These activities will be continued over the forthcoming weeks.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Continue to practise counting up and back in 2s, 5s and 10s and record this in their home school book. They could extend themselves by writing other number patterns such as counting in 2s but using odd numbers (e.g. 1, 3, 5, 7) or counting in 3s.
- Have a go at following a recipe to make jelly, ensuring the careful measuring of water in millilitres! Your child could then create an electronic poster for the recipe using a word processing document. This could include a title and measurements; you could even have a go at inserting photographs (adult support is likely to be required!)
- Complete the handwriting and spelling homework allocated by their literacy group teacher.

Dates for your diary:

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

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