



Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 14th May 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a busy week of watching and performing in assembly. On Tuesday, Willow class taught us all about the World Cup! On Wednesday, Maple class taught us all about being unique. After our hymn practice on Thursday morning, we enjoyed our celebratory Friday assembly before beginning our Royal Wedding celebrations. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as part of our celebrations and we would like to thank parents for organising such splendid outfits!

Literacy

The children are continuing to score well in weekly spelling tests and we thank you with your help and support on this. This week, Mrs Parker's group have been learning 'oa' (goat in a boat) and are reading a non-fiction text about horses. Mr Fisher's group are learning how to read and spell words with 'ur' (nurse with a purse) and are reading a story called *My Sort of Horse*. Mrs Brown's group are learning 'ea' (cup of tea) and have read *A bad Fox*. Mrs Wilson's group have been comparing 'oa' (goat in a boat) to 'ow' (blow the snow) and are learning how to spell words with these graphemes. They have been reading a story called *Lost*, about a cat who has disappeared.

Maths

In maths this week, we have been revising how to find halves of shapes. We talked about how half means dividing a shape into two equal parts. We continued with this concept and practised finding out halves of numbers up to 30. We noticed that we can only halve even numbers. To help we made towers of cubes and then split them into two equal towers and practised writing the $\frac{1}{2}$ symbol. Some classes have also been learning about pictograms and others have been using 100 bead bars to find 2-digit numbers by counting in tens and units/ones.

Other lessons and activities

- In art, we have started our sewing project. The children are making a soft toy ladybird using simple stitches.
- In games, we have been practising relay races and getting a good start in preparation for sports day.
- We have enjoyed lots of Royal Wedding related activities this week such as decorating red, white and blue bunting and designing delicious wedding cakes.

Request:

As part of our Topic and DT lessons we will be designing and making a watering device out of junk modelling materials. Please could you discuss with your child which materials they think will be suitable and then could children bring in a variety of

junk modelling materials such as straws, yoghurt pots, tubes, milk bottles etc. by Thursday 24th May. Thank you for your help with this.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Complete their handwriting and spelling books. Perhaps they could extend their learning by writing a sentence using one of their spelling words.
- Enjoy watching the Royal Wedding! The children could then write a news report including details such as what Meghan Markle's wedding dress looked like, what the weather was like, whether they liked the music etc.
- Complete the allocated game 'Nimble Gnome' on Active Learn.

Dates for your diary:

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