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Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 21st May 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Year 2 we were treated to two Year 1 class assemblies; Lime Tree Class told us about the importance of eating healthily and retold the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables' while Larch Tree Class performed a beautiful re-enactment of 'The Moon Thieves'.

Our Pre Prep assembly was moved to Thursday this week, as children were not in school today, and there were lots of certificates, medals and bird family announcements. Well done to all the children who have had a successful half term as Top Birds and Deputy Top Birds and we look forward to nominating our final set after half term.

Literacy Lessons

In literacy this week, we have continued thinking about the story of *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, focusing on speech marks and interesting adverbs to describe how the people in the story spoke. We then retold the story, independently, trying to use all of the features of writing expected in Year 2. We also wrote recounts of our trip to Pensthorpe last week, making sure we included expanded noun phrases with exciting adjectives along with thinking carefully about punctuation marks.

Maths Lessons

In Maths, we recapped fractions that we covered last week, thinking about how to find a half, quarter, third and two thirds of numbers and shapes, remembering that fractions are equal parts of a whole. We also looked at methods we have used so far this year to work out addition and subtraction, for example partitioning and number lines. We then completed our end-of-unit assessments.

Other Subjects

In topic this week, we thought about our trip to Pensthorpe and discussed the animals and habitats we saw there. We continued to think about habitats and micro-habitats in science too and explored the school grounds, predicting and recording what we might find. In RS, we wrote prayers thanking God for our world and thought about how we should look after it. We remembered to use our features of writing, such as adjectives and adverbs to describe. Our art has been a continuation of our Rousseau inspired pictures; we have continued to add depth and layers, thinking about the small details that Rousseau used in his work and how to show plants overlapping.

Over the half-term break

Please continue to read daily with your child and ensure that they have time to speak about what they have read to improve understanding and comprehension. We will be looking at the suffixes that have been sent home in spelling folders for a spelling test when we return.

After the holiday, we will be completing our Year 2 SATs papers. These assessments are very similar to those that we have been carrying out throughout Year 2 so far and we have looked at practice papers laid out in the same format. The children will be completing two reading papers, two maths papers and a grammar, punctuation and spelling paper. These will be spread out across our first week back. An example of the easier reading paper that we have completed in class has been sent home and a selection of maths questions laid out in the same format.

Request!

Please could you send your child in with a shoe box after half-term in order for them to begin to create an exciting diorama. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

Thursday 28th June – 2pm - 2.30pm: Year 2 Concert Dress Rehearsal in the Read Hall (parents are most welcome to attend if they cannot attend on 3rd July).

Tuesday 3rd July – 8.30am - 9.30am: Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Read Hall from 8.00am

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

With best wishes for a lovely half term break.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries