



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries showed the children a range of teddy bears, using them as a basis for talking about how we are all different and all special. The children were keen to engage and had lots of super ideas to share. We enjoyed our first hymn practice of the term on Thursday with Miss Skinner. In Bird Family meetings on Wednesday, we elected our first Top Birds of the year.

### **Literacy**

The children have listened to a range of stories this week and they have sequenced these using pictorial clues which have included *The Little Red Hen*, *The Enormous Turnip* and *Sharing a Shell*. We have enjoyed circle-time activities which has helped to develop our speaking and listening skills and the children have shared their interests with their new class friends. The children have been using their phonetic knowledge to read and spell words during their class literacy lessons.

The teachers have enjoyed listening to the children read and we have been impressed with their decoding skills. The children are enjoying choosing their own reading books to read at home and are becoming more familiar with the Year 1 routine.

### **Maths**

We have been exploring numbers around the classroom and identifying numerals up to 20. The children have enjoyed sequencing numbers in and out of order and have been identifying the missing numbers in a sequence. We have been practising our numeral formation, ensuring these are orientated correctly.

### **Other lessons and activities**

You may have heard that we were visited by aliens Pal and Pax from Mars yesterday! This provided an exciting stimulus for us to introduce our new topic, Humans and Animals. Pal and Pax wanted to find out more about life on planet Earth. The children thoroughly enjoyed labelling their body parts, both external and internal, on a large sheet of paper.

In games this week, we have been practising our balancing skills, playing various games such as Dragon's Treasure. The children needed to ensure that each team collaborated effectively in order gain the most points.

During our class computing sessions, the children were introduced to their individual usernames and passwords and we continued to practise logging on to the computers. The children are becoming increasingly aware of the position of the letter keys and are learning to use a steady hand to control the mouse.

**Over the weekend, your child may like to do some of the following:**

- Please refer to the Topic related homework stuck into your child's home-school activity book
- 'Bread and Butter' learning – this is also outlined in the home-school activity book
- Share your child's library book (our library sessions are on a Tuesday for all classes)
- Practise your counting skills using small objects at home – you may like to group objects together into 2's or 10's

### **Pick-up**

Parents picking up by car who do not use our stop and collect service are very welcome to arrive at 3.45pm and use the car park (displaying the orange pass you have been given). Children wait in the entrance area from 3.45pm, accompanied by staff, and we allow plenty of time for remaining children to be picked-up before putting children into After School Care. Therefore, please do not feel pressurised to arrive early in order to secure a parking place on the street. We hope that car drivers will mix using stop and collect some afternoons with walking into school or parking at 3.45pm on others so that we have the chance to interact with all parents on a regular basis.

### **Introduction to Year One Presentation**

Please click [here](#) to view the presentation given to parents on Wednesday evening.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm:** Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – information on how to book appointments to follow

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Pre Prep Science Week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm:** Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30 - 3.00 pm:** Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall – more information to follow

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** Year 1 Winter Production in the Read Hall

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*

