



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 24th September 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Families this week we talked about how to have a happy playtime! This included talking about playground rules, safety and kind playing together. In assembly, Mrs Harries shared the story of Mr Brave and talked about different situations in which we may show courage, from falling off a bike, to playing an instrument in front of an audience.

Literacy

We have continued getting to know each other in our literacy groups and practising being a 'perfect partner' when reading. Mrs Brown's group have been practising letter formation and blending CVC words. They also read and retold the story of *Jack and the beanstalk*. Mr Fisher's group have been focusing on the 'ay' (May I play?) grapheme as well as looking at the story text, *Tab the cat*, relating it to the children's own pets. Mrs Wilson's group have been looking at the 'ee' (What can you see?) digraph as well as completing reading and writing activities relating to *The Greedy Gremlin* storybook. In class literacy, Willow and Lime classes used their imaginations again, this time looking at the story of *Not a box* (Maple class will read this story next week). Maple class looked at the story *Billy's bucket* (Willow and Maple classes will look at this story next week). All classes have also been practising their letter formation.

Maths

We have been looking at the core operations of addition and subtraction. We started by looking at adding one by using a number square. Some children felt confident in adding on two or three to given numbers and some children enjoyed the challenge of doing this mentally. We then talked about the inverse of addition as subtraction, and took away one, two and three using a number line. We have also looked at doubling this week, firstly by relating doubles to everyday life and then applying it within a numeral context.

Other lessons and activities

- On Monday, Willow and Maple classes enjoyed the autumn sunshine while improving their passing and dribbling skills in hockey. Lime class had great fun playing an array of team building games with the parachute in the hall.
- On Tuesday, all Year 1 children enjoyed their usual carousel of library, music and dance lessons in the afternoon.
- On Wednesday, we were unable to use the swimming pool, due to a technical fault. However, Miss Bryant took each class for an active session using the parachute and playing other games in the Pre Prep hall.
- On Thursday, we continued our 'Humans and Animals' topic by looking at the timeline of a human from birth to becoming elderly. We played a 'guess the baby' game too, so many thanks for providing a photograph of your child as a baby.

- In computing lessons, we have continued to work on logging onto a computer independently and it is wonderful to see the children becoming more confident in doing so. Once logged on, we carried creating our self-portraits.

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

- Continue with their 'bread and butter' learning (read their reading book, share their library book, practise the sound they have been learning in literacy groups).
- Play the latest game that has been allocated on ActiveLearn. This is called 'Pesky Pests' and consolidates the work we have been doing on subtracting one.
- Talk to an adult about milestones in their life so far, for example what age they were when they learnt how to walk, talk, feed themselves, first went to school, write their name, ride a bicycle etc

Reminders

Please could we remind you that jewellery, temporary tattoos and nail varnish should not be worn at school.

Please could we also request that no food is brought into school by the children.

Thank you

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 11th October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall

Online booking system: Go to the Town Close website and visit the Parents' Information Centre on the left. Click on the parents' booking system. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

Thursday 11th October – Thursday 18th October: Pre Prep Science Week

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

Thursday 18th October – 9.30 - 3.00 pm: Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo – details to follow

Friday 19th October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Read Hall – more information to follow

Monday 12th November: Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

Friday 7th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Year 1 Christmas Production in the Read Hall

Thursday 13th 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

