



Year 2 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.

We have all enjoyed our first show and tell presentations of the year which were wonderfully engaging. Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare them. The 'presenters' certainly enthused their classmates, who seem very excited about their forthcoming talks.

Literacy

We were delighted by the range of 'th' words that children had written in their word building books! This week's word building focus is 'ai' (which consolidates last week's spellings). In spelling sessions, we have practised reading and writing words which contain a 'split e'. Please look out for these when reading with your child. We have continued to explore and compare different versions of *The Little Red Hen* story. In our creative writing lessons, we acted out the story using stick puppets and then thought of some highly imaginative excuses which the animals might have given to avoid helping the Little Red Hen. Our grammar focus has been using the conjunctions 'but' and 'because'.

Maths

We have been exploring number bonds to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and then applying these to solve trickier 2-digit calculations.

For example: $3 + 4 = 7$ so $43 + 4 = 47$, $63 + 4 = 67$

We have also been building our knowledge of doubles, with some of us partitioning 2-digit numbers into tens and units to double 2-digit numbers.

For example: Double 32 = double 30 = 60, double 2 = 4, $60 + 4 = 64$

Other Lessons:

This week we have been 'food detectives' who were amazed to discover just how far our food travels on its journey from 'farm to fork'. We worked in groups to explore a range of food packaging to identify which country the food was grown in. We discussed why some fresh food comes from far away and why it is good to eat locally produced food whenever possible. We looked at maps and a globe to discover that many 'tropical fruits' come from around the middle of the Earth (and had interesting discussions about the Equator). We continued our fruit and vegetable explorations in our science lessons when we sorted the food into groups according to which part of the plant we eat. In our art lessons, we had to look closely at the shapes and texture of the plants as we sketched and shaded them using watercolour pencils. In our RE lessons, we have continued to explore different versions of the Creation Story.

To support your child's learning at home you might like to:

- Explore some food packaging to see what you can learn from it.
- Look at a map of the world or a globe to see where some different continents and countries are.
- Please help your child to use the letter names when practising their spellings.

Request for help, please!

- We plan to explore different breakfast cereals before designing our own healthy versions so any empty cereal boxes would be greatly appreciated.
- We have had several cases of head lice reported to us over the past week so please check through your child's hair carefully and treat thoroughly if needed. Hopefully we can prevent any future outbreaks occurring. Thank you.

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 – 3.30pm - 4.15pm: Year 2 Book and Bake Sale in The Nest

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

Tuesday 6th November – 8.45am - 3.00pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

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

Tuesday 13th November – 8.45am - 3.00pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

Thursday 15th November – 10.00am - 11.55am: Year 2 to Vue Cinema to see Mary and the Witch's Flower (based on *The Little Broomstick* by Mary Stewart)

Friday 16th November – 1.30pm – 3.00pm: Big School Swim (parents welcome to attend)

Thursday 6th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

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.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries