



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 1st October 2018

Dear Parents

This week, we have enjoyed a whole school hymn practice and a whole school assembly, both in the Read Hall. The children practised singing the song 'He's got the whole world in his hands' in readiness for singing this together at the Headmaster's assembly on Friday. As usual, Headmaster's assembly started with two terrific musical performances by Prep pupils. Mr Bevington then talked about the importance of saying 'thank you' and how much people appreciate receiving a letter of thanks, with the help of a story acted out brilliantly by Nikita, Amelie, Thomas and Henry, from Years 1, 4 & 8. In Bird Family meetings, the focus was on differences; discussing different beliefs, favourite colours and so forth. We have a new set of work on the 'Wonder Wall' in the Pre Prep entrance, which you are warmly invited to view.

Literacy

Mrs Wilson's group have been reading the story '*In the Night*' and learning how to spell and read words containing 'igh' (fly high). Mr Fisher's group have been learning to read and spell words containing 'ee' (What can you see?) and have been reading the book '*In the Sun*'. Mrs Brown's group have been learning the digraph 'sh' and reading the ditty called 'Fish in a dish'. The children have been consolidating their pronunciation of phonemes and blending these sounds together to read words.

Maths

This week, we have been learning about the names and properties of various 2D shapes. The children have been on a shape hunt, recognising the various 2D shapes within their environment. Some children have been creating shapes using the geoboards, as well as making shape pictures with the pattern shape blocks. The children have been making various pictures, such as animals and transport using 2D shapes. We have also been using Venn diagrams to sort shapes according to their properties.

Other lessons and activities

- In games this week, Willow and Lime classes enjoyed playing hockey outside in the sunshine, practising their passing and dribbling skills. Maple class enjoyed playing a variety of team building games with the parachute in the hall.
- In computing lessons, we have continued to practise logging-on to the computers independently and locating the correct keys for their username and password. The children finished creating their self-portraits within a paint program and we began to practise our touch-typing skills.
- In topic lessons this week, we discussed the different animal groups (reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals and invertebrates). We grouped the animal pictures into the correct category according to their features.
- In music, the children have been learning a song called 'The number bus', to help them learn their number bonds. They were also introduced to the 'boomwhackers'.

They investigated and found out that different length boomwhackers produce different pitches.

- On Friday, all the children in Pre Prep enjoyed an exciting visit to the Planetarium in the Pre Prep hall. The children were really engaged during this visual workshop which showed the awe and wonder of astronomy, stars, planets, our solar system and beyond!

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 called 'Reel It In'. This consolidates their learning about 2D shapes and their properties.
- Talk about the different characteristics that make an animal a mammal, a reptile, an amphibian or a bird.

Request for resources

If you have any small plastic bottles which you could donate to the school, we would be most grateful, as we will need enough for one per child as part of our upcoming senses workshop. Thank you in advance.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 11th October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – please book via the online booking system

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

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