



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents

On Tuesday, we welcomed Reverend Patrick to Town Close who led an assembly for the Pre Prep. He told the children about his job as vicar at Christchurch before telling the story of *Jonah and the whale*. We enjoyed our celebratory assembly on Wednesday this week, due to our open day today.

### Literacy

Mrs Wilson's group have been reading the story '*So cool*' and learning how to spell and read words containing 'oo' (poo at the zoo). Mr Fisher's group have been learning to read and spell words containing 'igh' (fly high) and have been reading the book '*The Dressing Up Box*'. Mrs Brown's group have been learning the digraph 'th' and reading the Eric Carle story '*Slowly, Slowly Slowly, said the sloth*'. 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 relationships between numbers. We have been ordering numbers from smallest to greatest using number lines and hundred squares to support our learning. The children have also been learning to estimate. We explain this as making a sensible guess. They have been estimating various numbers of objects and counting carefully to see how close they were to their prediction.

### Other lessons and activities

- On Monday afternoon, we talked to the children about our Christmas play for this year. We explained key words such as 'census', 'Bethlehem', 'Nazareth' and 'inn'. The children heard some of the songs and listened to the story. We then asked them to think about the parts that they might like to play.
- In computing lessons, we have continued to practise logging on to the computers independently and locating the correct keys for children's username and password. They have continued to hone their mouse skills using 'Busy things' and Colour Magic to create an homage to Mondrian.
- In topic lessons this week, we were lucky enough to take part in a workshop run by Mini Professors. The topic was the seasons, which is part of the KS1 science curriculum.

### 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 'Excellent Estimating'.
- Talk about what activities they like to do in each season eg winter – build a snowman.

### **Grandparents' afternoon**

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents to the school next Friday.

If you have not returned the form to let us know who will be visiting on this day, please do so by Monday; another copy of the form has been attached for your convenience. Thank you.

### **Staff update**

As many of you will know, Mrs Pritchard has been away from school for some time.

Following a successful operation and recovery, Mrs Pritchard's continued absence is due to family illness. We are sure that you will join us in sending best wishes to her and her family at this time.

### **Request from Miss Bryant**

Please could you ensure that your child brings a full swimming kit to school, including goggles and swimming hats. Thank you.

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

**Thursday 11th October – Thursday 18<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 Christmas 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*