



Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 15th October 2018

Dear Parents

Firstly, we would like to say how proud we were of all of the Year 1 children for the way in which they conducted themselves at Banham Zoo yesterday. They listened well, behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school. We had a fantastic day and we hope that you have heard lots about it!

Science week activities

We have been very busy scientists this week! On Monday, we took part in a special workshop run by 'Mad Science'. We also undertook an investigation in class which involved using Oreo cookies to represent the different phases of the moon (and of course eating them afterwards!). We also read the story '*Man on the Moon*' and wrote a list of items we thought we would need if we were to go to space. On Tuesday we participated in a carousel of activities across Year 1 which focused on the senses. On Wednesday we were visited by 'Animals UK' who brought along some lovely creatures for us to look at and touch. We also enjoyed a design project which involved representing internal body parts. As part of this we discussed various internal body parts and their functions including the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, stomach, small and large intestines and bladder.

Literacy

We have enjoyed reading and writing activities within our own classes this week, some of which have been linked to our science week. Today saw us complete an independent recount of our Banham Zoo trip. We are so impressed with how much the children have developed their writing skills during their first half-term in Year 1.

Maths

We have continued to explore numbers to 100. We have practised counting in 2s and 10s and used number patterns to discuss odd and even. We have been working hard to identify two-digit numbers and talking about what each digit represents. Some children have accessed maths games on the iPads.

Other lessons and activities:

- We have given out parts for the Christmas play. Please see further information below.
- All Year 1 classes have had their usual dance, music and library lessons.
- All Year 1 children have had their swimming lesson. Miss Bryant let some of us have some free time in the pool, as it was the last lesson before half-term!
- On Friday afternoon, we enjoyed welcoming lots of Grandparents into our classes and sharing the work we have been doing with them.

- Last week and this week we have enjoyed some multi-skills PE lessons. We completed circuits which had different stations focusing on balancing, aiming, throwing and catching, hockey dribbling, shuttle runs and agility.

Christmas performance – Friday 7th December 2018

This year our play is called 'The Inn-spectors'. *The inn-spectors are in Bethlehem and they are not pleased. A stable is no place for visitors and their newborn baby, and it really is a health and safety nightmare! Can the inn-spectors be convinced that the stable really is fit for a King?*

Every child in Year One has at least one line to learn and these words will be coming home after the half-term holiday. Some children will be wearing costumes from school. Your child has got a slip of paper in their book bag today which outlines what accessories or outfit they have been asked to provide. We thought it would be useful for you to have this information before half-term in case you wanted to get super organised and source the item(s) early! If you do have any trouble with obtaining the required clothing, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

Over the half term holiday, your child may like to:

- Enjoy a well-earned rest!
- Continue with their 'bread and butter' learning (sharing their library book with an adult, reading their school reading books, practising recent spelling patterns from their literacy groups).
- Complete any of the topic challenges (these can be found in their home activity books).
- Play the additional games which have been allocated on ActiveLearn.
- Practise numeral and letter formation.
- Practise counting physical numbers of objects to 30 and complete the corresponding addition and subtraction calculations within 30. Your child may like to record these in their home activity book.

Dates for your diary:

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 half-term holiday with your children.

Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Parker, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries