



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 15th October 2018

Dear Parents

This week we have enjoyed an exciting week of science activities, visitors, and events, including an assembly on Thursday morning by Mr Chapman and Mrs Rushton from the Prep Department, who enthralled us with their 'science versus magic' presentation.

Literacy

This week's spelling focus has been to recap the common exception words we have focused on this half-term. These words have been taken from the Year 1 and Year 2 lists of words that children are not able to sound out but for which the spelling pattern needs to be learnt. After the holiday, we will be testing children on the 24 common exception words that are in their spelling folders.

Our word building focus this week is 'ay'. The children were already familiar with this sound as earlier in the half-term we looked at the use of 'ai' and 'ay', where we often find 'ay' at the end of the words, so they were very quick to think of lots of words in class.

Our writing focus this week has been to write scientific questions, linked to our science week, and to encourage the children to be inquisitive learners. We focused on the use of 'how' and 'why' to begin questions and remembered that all questions must end with a question mark.

Maths

This week, we have recapped our learning from the half-term to prepare for our end of unit assessments. Over the holiday, please take some time to recap number bonds to 10 with your child and to then link them to number bonds to 20 and 100. For example, $2 + 8 = 10$ so $12 + 8 = 20$ and $20 + 80 = 100$. Looking at doubles and halves to 20 would also be beneficial.

Other lessons and activities

We have been very busy focussing on a range of scientific activities this week as part of our science week. We have been very lucky to have lots of visitors who have worked with us to show us different experiments as well as teach us more about the science behind them. In class, we have continued our Farm to Fork topic by thinking about how butter, flour and oil from oil seed rape are made. We also began to look at the sugar content in cereals and were quite surprised by some of them!

Over the half term break you may like to:

- Recap days of the week and months of the year with your child; it is very important that by Year 2 children know the order of these.

Cakes and book thanks!

It has been wonderful to receive so many books and bake donations for today's sale, thank you to everyone who has contributed. The children have been very excited about their first event in the Nest and are hoping to raise lots of money for this year's charity, The Wherry School.

Dates for your diary:

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 - 3.00 pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

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

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 wonderful half term break with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

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