



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 5th November 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week we elected new Top Birds for this half term and talked about Remembrance in readiness for observing the two minutes' silence today.

Literacy

Literacy groups commenced on Tuesday this week and the children have been busy practising previously learnt graphemes and tricky word spellings. Mrs Wilson's group have been concentrating on 'oo' (look at a book) while Mr Fisher's group have been focusing on 'ow' (ow blow the snow). Mrs Brown's group have been learning to read and write words containing 'ch' and read the story *On the bus*. It is lovely to see many of the children maintain such a positive interest in reading and writing. The children have had additional reading opportunities as we have been practising the song lyrics for our Christmas Production, 'The Inn-Spector's'.

Numeracy

The focus this week in maths has been partitioning. The children have been partitioning 2-digit numbers, focusing on teen numbers, into tens and ones (units). All children should be able to understand the concept of partitioning a teen number into 1 ten and some ones. To support the children, we have been using Base 10 apparatus which represents each digit separately. The children have also been ordering numbers up to 20 or 50 and saying a number in-between 2 numbers.

Other lessons and activities:

- We have introduced our new topic for the half term – materials. We have identified and named a variety of everyday materials and described their simple physical properties. The children compared and grouped various objects together depending on their properties.
- In computing, we used a paint software on Busy Things to create our own fireworks display. The children practised controlling the mouse to select the correct icon.
- In art, the children have created their own Diwali diyas (candle holders) in celebration of the Hindu Festival. A very big thank you to Mrs Gunnesh and Dr Karania for visiting Year 1 this week to talk about Diwali and for providing the classes with paper diyas for the children to decorate.
- Preparations have continued for our production of 'The Inn-spectors'. We have been very impressed with the children's singing and learning of the songs.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Complete one of the activities related to our new topic which are listed on the homework web. These can be found in your child's home-school activity books.

- Log-on to your Active Learn account and play the game Clam Collector.
- Use a ten pence coin and several pennies to consolidate their learning of partitioning teen numbers. For example, 1 ten pence and 2 pennies would represent the number 12.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with a grown up and/or older sibling and read their home reading books to an adult.
- Practise their lines for our Christmas performance which are in your child's book bag. We have found that practising in the garden helps with voice projection! Please keep their words in their book bags.

Festival of Angels

We are delighted to be participating in Christ Church's forthcoming Festival of Angels. The festival will be officially opened and blessed by the Bishop of Norwich at 10.30am on the 24th November. All Pre Prep pupils will be contributing to our displays – which will include collages, paintings and models. The angels will be displayed at Christ Church Eaton (our local parish church off Christchurch Road) alongside many other entries on the weekend of 24th and 25th November. You will be able to go and see them after school on Friday 23rd November between 4.00pm and 5.00pm, on Saturday 24th November between 10.00am and 5.00pm and between noon and 5.00pm on Sunday 25th November, should you wish to. Further details can be found at: <https://www.christchurch-eaton.org.uk/whats-on/angels>.

Dates for your diary:

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

Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day (wear a festive jumper instead of your school one and bring in £1 in support of our charity, The Wherry School)

Friday 7th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Year 1 Christmas Production in the Read Hall

Friday 7th December – 4.00pm: Christmas Fair in the Prep playground

Thursday 13th December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Carol Service at Christ Church 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