



## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

This week half of the year group were very excited to visit Pizza Express and the Library in the Forum as part of our science topic, 'Farm to Fork', thinking about where our food comes from. The children were wonderfully behaved and had a great morning out. The rest of Year 2 are very much looking forward to their visit next week. In Bird Family meetings, new Top Birds were elected and we also talked about Remembrance in readiness for today, where we observed the two minutes' silence.

### **Literacy**

In our spelling lessons this week, we have thought about how to use apostrophes for omission in contracted words, such as 'didn't, don't, can't'. We noticed that from the original two words that make our contracted word (did not), the first word rarely changes, it is just the second that contracts (didn't). We also noticed that the apostrophe is placed where we have taken letters out to show the omission.

Our word building sound for the week is 'ge', usually found at the end of words. We found that once we thought of the word 'age' there were lots of other words we could think of quickly by just adding other letters to the beginning.

We all wrote about our exciting half term holiday at the beginning of the week and then thought about fireworks to write our own firework poems using our senses. The children thought of excellent adjectives to describe.

### **Maths**

In maths, we have looked at ordinal numbers and thought of different reasons we might need to use them. We also looked closely at place value to think about how to partition a number into tens and units. We used fact families to help us with this, for example: to make 24 we add  $20 + 4 = 24$  so we know  $4 + 20 = 24$  and also two subtraction number sentences,  $24 - 4 = 20$  and  $24 - 20 = 4$ .

### **Other lessons and activities**

In our art lessons, we have continued our fireworks theme by creating beautiful firework drawings using oil pastels, whilst in topic we have made firework safety posters, using the contractions that we practised in our English lessons. We have also spent time thinking about the story of Guy Fawkes and the importance of Remembrance Day, by making our own poppies.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to go and see them after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 4.00pm and 5.00pm, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00am and 5.00pm and between noon and 5.00pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, should you wish to. Further details can be found at: <https://www.christchurch-eaton.org.uk/whats-on/angels>.

**Over the weekend you may like to:**

Explore the changing colours of the leaves in your garden or around your home as we begin to see the autumnal weather draw in.

**Request**

Please could children bring in any wrapping paper or kitchen roll cardboard inner tubes and pine cones to their class teacher, if you have any at home? Thank you very much.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 8.45am - 3.00 pm:** Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 1.30 - 3pm:** Big School Swim (parents welcome to attend)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm:** Year 2 Christmas Production

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas jumper day (exchange your school jumper for a festive one and bring in £1 in support of our charity, The Wherry School)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00pm:** Christmas Fair on the Prep playground

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*