



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 12th November 2018

Dear Parents

Our focus in assembly this week has been 'kindness'. Mrs Harries led an assembly on Tuesday morning (which was world kindness day) about the importance of being kind and the way acts of kindness can colour our world and make our school a happy place. Year 2 enjoyed an assembly led by 3S in the Read Hall on Wednesday, all about poetry.

We have been so proud of all the children as we have been out and about this week. Half of the year group enjoyed a lovely walk in the autumn sunshine to the Forum on Tuesday. There was so much to see and talk about on the way – from the different brick patterns on the old hospital buildings to the modern architecture of the Forum. The children asked so many thoughtful questions during the walk and were rewarded by a wonderful pizza making experience. We made the most of the learning opportunities this presented by coming up with at least ten adjectives to describe dough and olives! One of the highlights of the trip was joining in with a choir of people who were over 80 to sing 'If you're happy and you know it' in the library.

On Thursday our visit to the Norwich Schools' Film Festival was equally enjoyable and the children seemed enthralled by the imaginative film 'Mary and the Witch's Flower.' We look forward to seeing how this has inspired them as we embark on a creative writing project next week.

Literacy

This week's spelling focus is 'Past Tense Verbs'. We have identified verbs which have the 'ed' suffix and have also realised that many verbs have irregular past tense forms (which can be quite confusing). We discovered that there are many words which end with 'y' so this week's wordbuilding homework should be fun.

We have been reading non-fiction texts (and websites) to complete factfiles about Edith Cavell. We talked about the features of non-fiction texts such as contents and sub-headings.

Maths

We have been adding and subtracting 10, 11, 12, 20, 21 and 22 to and from different amounts of money. We have also been reciting our 2, 5 and 10 times tables with increasing confidence. This is something which you could practise at home, in the car or when walking out and about. The children should be able to recall

multiplication facts in random order once they can recite them (up to 12x) with confidence. Please come and speak to us if you would like any further information about this.

Other lessons and activities

Science: During our visits to Pizza Express, we discussed how (and why) the dough changes size, shape and texture when it is cooked. We also talked about which ingredients are grown locally and why other ingredients are grown far away.

Topic: We have looked closely at maps of the United Kingdom and labelled England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales (plus their capital cities) as well as Norfolk and Norwich.

We developed our online research skills as we used iPads to discover more about the life and work of Edith Cavell.

We have been continuing to learn songs (in several languages) for our forthcoming Christmas performance. Many thanks for your support with learning lines. We were impressed by how many children already knew their words off by heart this week. Please keep up the good work by having a quick practice every day if possible.

Over the weekend you may like to:

- See how many past tense verbs your child can spot in the text, when you are reading with them.
- To follow on from our recent map work, you might like to share an atlas or look at online maps of Britain. See if your child can find Norwich and identify the capital cities of the various countries. You could also talk about some of the other large cities and natural features of the United Kingdom.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper day in aid of The Wherry School

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.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries