



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

Reverend Patrick joined us this week, leading an assembly about angels to tie in with The Festival of Angels taking place at Christ Church, Eaton. Whilst Year 2 enjoyed watching 3H's class assembly about books on Wednesday morning, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Laing led a joint bird family meeting in the Pre Prep hall all about smiles!

### **Literacy**

Mrs Wilson's group have been learning the 'or' (shut the door) grapheme. The children have been reading the text 'Tom Thumb' and unscrambling muddled sentences from the story. Mr Fisher's group have been learning the grapheme 'oo' (look at a book). The children have been reading the text 'The greedy green gremlin'. Mrs Brown's group have been studying the 'nk' (I think I stink) digraph as well as reading the story 'My Dog Ned'.

### **Maths**

Our focus has been on measuring length. While we have discussed standard units of measuring length, such as metre sticks and rulers, we have been practising measuring objects carefully using non-standard units of measure, including cubes and paper clips. We have also made a family of snakes from Play-Doh, ordering them from the shortest to the longest and measuring their lengths. We have encouraged the children to use the correct vocabulary when measuring, such as: long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest, tall, taller, tallest.

### **Other lessons and activities**

- In topic, we continued to explore a range of materials and began our carousel of activities. Over the next few weeks the children will begin to undertake simple experiments on the following themes: floating and sinking, magnetism and waterproofing.
- We have enjoyed our usual swimming, dance, music and library sessions.
- We continued to explore algorithms in computing, by looking at directional language, such as left and right turns, forwards and backwards, within an allocated amount of space. The children guided their partners around the playground to reach a specific location.
- 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:**

- Practise their directional language. This might be fun in the garden by guiding a parent/sibling to a desired location using the vocabulary left, right, forward, turn and steps.
- 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 the Christmas performance and projecting their voice.
- Choose an activity from the homework web and record this in their homework activity books.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day – exchange your school jumper for a festive one in exchange for a £1 donation to our school charity

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** Year 1 Christmas Production in the Read Hall

**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.

With very best wishes from Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*