



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the Town Close Way, and the central element, that everyone cares for each other and our school. The children had some excellent ideas about ways in which we can follow our school code and understood that they can earn Bird family tokens for doing so! Alongside celebrating the first Wonder Wall work of the term in our celebratory assembly on Friday, Mrs Harries reminded children about moving around the School quietly and sensibly and reminded children that they should not be playing on the playground equipment after school, unless they are at After School Care with Mrs Buck. In Bird Family meetings this week, the topic of discussion was healthy eating.

### **Maths**

Our focus in maths lessons this week has been number bonds to 10. We feel it is important that the children learn these by heart and are able to recall the pairs rapidly, in order to apply them to everyday problems. We have undertaken a range of activities to practise number bonds, including using practical apparatus, such as Unifix cubes, to build pairs of towers to make ten, as well as filling in missing number sentences that equal ten. Some children have used their secure knowledge of number bonds to 10 to think about pairs of numbers totalling 20. We also revised finding doubles, using playdough, dice and Numicon to help find doubles of larger numbers, such as, double 12.

### **English**

We have been very busy in our literacy groups as they have returned to their usual days of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We have recapped the phonic sounds that were learnt before Christmas, and have thought about new sounds and graphemes. Mr Fisher's group have looked at the 'ow' (blow the snow) digraph. Mrs Wilson's groups have been learning the 'ir' (whirl and twirl) sound. Mrs Brown's group have learnt 'ee' (what can you see). We have also had class handwriting sessions to begin learning how to join our letters together; we call this cursive script.

### **Other lessons and activities**

- All children have had their usual library, dance and music lessons.
- In art, children have been learning about Van Gogh. We used his famous 'Starry Night' painting to inspire our own night-time cityscapes.

- In our topic lesson, we looked at the City of Norwich in further detail, trying to recognise features and landmarks on a map of the city.
- We have continued to keep the children active and healthy during PE and games lessons. We started our cross-country sessions, following the trail through our own woods. The children were encouraged to build their stamina rather than speed.
- In RS we commenced our new topic by reading the parable of the lost sheep, in which we learnt that Christians believe God loves everyone equally. We also thought about the groups to which we belong, e.g. Brownies, Town Close, our families.

### **Over the weekend your child may like to:**

- Complete their handwriting and spelling homework which has been set by their literacy teacher. This is in your child's home handwriting books, which you will find in their book bag. More information about how to complete this is provided on the **front inside cover** of your child's handwriting book.
- Play the next game on Active Learn, which is called 'Marching Madness'.
- Read for pleasure. This may be their school reading book(s), library book (reading may be shared or read by an adult), books from home or a book from a public library.
- Complete an activity related to our topic. The home learning sheet was sent home last week in your child's book bag.

### **Arrival and Assembly**

All children should arrive by 8.25am for registration (we understand occasional lateness due to unforeseen circumstances). Children then leave the classroom for assemblies at 8.30am. If children arrive after 8.25am, they need to register at the front desk with Ms McCloy who then ensures they are delivered to the appropriate place.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9.00am - 3.30pm:** Happy Puzzle Company visit – there will be a sale of puzzles for parents to attend from 3.15pm in the Pre Prep

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Maths Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character (please note change of date)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – booking details to follow

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*