



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 21st January 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about our hands and the story of Albert and Albrecht Durer, and his famous 'Praying Hands' painting. The children were encouraged to think about all the ways in which they can use their hands to help others. Bird Family meetings focused on celebrating our own talents, as well as those of our peers.

Literacy

Mrs Harries has visited all literacy groups this week to see what wonderful work has been going on. Mrs Brown's group have been learning the 'igh' (fly high) and reading 'Black Hay Bob'. Mr Fisher's group have looked at the 'air' (that's not fair) trigraph and read 'So Cool'. Mrs Wilson's group have learnt 'ou' (shout it out) and read the book 'Our House'. In class literacy we have carried on with our joined-handwriting. The children are learning to remember their tall, short and tail letters and size them appropriately when writing.

Maths

We have been adding two-digit numbers to one-digit numbers this week. We have talked about always starting with the biggest number and adding on the smaller number as this method is easier. Some children have used practical apparatus such as a number line or cubes to add numbers together while other children have managed to hold the bigger number in their head and count on using their fingers.

Other lessons and activities

- In topic, we discussed what the term 'fieldwork' means. We then enjoyed completing a traffic survey of the different types of transport that use Ipswich Road and also used our senses to see what we could observe around the School. We then drew the Pre Prep from a bird's eye view, by using a ruler and labelling the buildings carefully.
- In games, we did cross-country for the second time, attempting to beat our lap record from last week. We talked about pacing ourselves, continuously being on the move and it not being like a normal sprint race.
- In computing, we carried on looking at algorithms and giving simple instructions. We used an internet-based game called 'Rapid Router' to keep our instructions concise, giving the shortest number of commands possible.
- We had our usual carousel of music, dance and library lessons on Tuesday afternoon and swimming with Miss Bryant on Wednesday.
- We thoroughly enjoyed watching The Year 4 production, 'Rock Bottom' on Tuesday morning. We particularly enjoyed seeing our siblings in action and we all loved the catchy songs and funny jokes!
- In art, we continued our work based on Van Gogh's 'Starry Night', by using paint for the background and cutting out silhouettes from black sugar paper for the foreground.

- On Thursday, Lime Tree class undertook their DT project of designing, making, eating and evaluating a fruit or vegetable kebab with Mrs Harries.

Over the weekend, your child may like to:

- Complete their handwriting and spelling task allocated by their literacy group teacher
- Have a go at the latest ActiveLearn Maths game, 'Balloon Pop'
- Share their library book with an older sibling, parent or family member
- Read their reading book to a parent

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5th February – 8.30am: Music coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall

Friday 8th 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 27th February – 9.15 am - 12.00 noon: Indian Dance workshop

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

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

Friday 15th March: Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

Thursday 28th 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