



Year 2 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

In literacy lessons this week, we have enjoyed reading different versions of the story of the Three Little Pigs. The children thought about what they liked and disliked about each of the versions and whose story they believed the most! We had interesting conversations about the fact that there are two sides to every story and it is important to listen to both of them before making up your mind on who to believe. The children then went on to choose their favourite version of the story from the selection we had read and wrote book reviews, thinking about what they liked and disliked about the books. We looked at our spelling sounds of double consonants in words, which linked very nicely to the wolf huffing and puffing in our stories! In word building, we have looked at 'le' at the end of words and thought about words where we find this sound.

Maths

In maths lessons, we have worked with addition of two-digit numbers, thinking about partitioning to help us solve different questions. We also began to think about how to work out change from a given number, using our knowledge of subtraction and finding the difference.

Other lessons and activities

We have enjoyed continuing our work with the Great Fire of London in our art lessons this week, using marbling to create a fire background and drawing silhouettes of London during the time of the fire, which look very striking. In our topic lessons, we looked at buildings through time and thought about the changes we have seen in building materials and styles of houses. In our RE lessons, we have thought about books that are special to us and will use this to go on to think more about the Bible and Qur'an.

Over the weekend

- You may like to look closely at your child's common exception word card with them in readiness for spelling assessments that will take place soon in order to give them their next set of words.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 30th January – 6.00 - 7.00pm: Reading information evening for parents in the Pre Prep hall – please book a place with Mrs McCloy

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

Thursday 28th February – 9.00am - 12.30 pm: Year 2 visit to the Bridewell Museum

Tuesday 5th March – 2.30pm: Rowan Class assembly with tea and coffee from 2.00pm in the Read Hall

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

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

Tuesday 12th March – 2.30pm: Cherry Class assembly with tea and coffee from 2.00pm in the Read Hall

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

Tuesday 26th March – 8.35am: Silver Birch Class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Thursday 28th March: Parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall from 4.30 pm – booking details to follow

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries