



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 28th January 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries shared the stories of two Mr Men; Mr Lazy and Mr Rush and the children talked about their lives and discovered that they both end up missing out on things due to getting up in the afternoon or rushing around so fast! She shared the idea of learning a little from each character and that it is important to stop and notice things, enjoying 'the moment', as well as thinking about past events and planning for the future. The children tried a short mindfulness exercise at the end of the assembly. Mr Fisher also led an assembly this week about Chinese New Year and all the traditions that accompany it. In Bird Family Meetings, the children talked about worries and fears, identifying types and sources of worry and how to overcome them.

Literacy

On Monday morning, the children completed their weekly spelling quiz. They have all been working hard to practise their spelling patterns and handwriting and we have been impressed with the standard of work handed in. Mrs Wilson's literacy group have been learning how to read and write 'oy' (toy for a boy) and have read the story 'The jar of oil'. Mrs Brown's group have been learning how to read and write 'ow' (blow the snow) and read a story called 'Chips' which inspired their writing. They also enjoyed making chip cones and tasting chips! Mr Fisher's group have been looking at 'ir' (whirl and twirl), read the story 'Playday' and wrote some descriptive sentences.

Maths

In maths this week, the children have been learning about 3D shapes. They have revised the names of the shapes and have been spotting them around the classroom. They have also been exploring the properties of these shapes, for example experimenting to see which shapes slide or roll. They have learned about faces, vertices and edges and some children have made 3D cubes using nets, Geostix, playdough and cocktail sticks. We have also enjoyed singing the days of the week song and reminding ourselves which days come before and after a given day (eg today is Monday, what day was yesterday?).

Other lessons and activities:

- In games lessons, the children practised their throwing and catching skills. We practised an underarm throw and used our hand-eye coordination skills to catch a piece of equipment. We also played some team building games and challenges.
- The children have continued to finish their Starry Night painting inspired by van Gogh. This week we have been looking at van Gogh's famous painting 'Sunflowers' and the children used a variety of media to create a sunflower collage.
- In topic, the children have been comparing the features of the city and of the countryside. They learned which countries form the UK and designed a tourism poster for Norwich.

- In computing this week, the children used algorithms to program a robot on the computers. The children were learning to give specific instructions and to debug the algorithms if any mistakes were made.
- We would like to say a big 'thank you' to our visitors Mr Chris Bell, a lecturer of Meteorology at the UEA, and Mrs Alex Dolan, a Town Close parent and weather presenter on Look East, for visiting Year 1 to discuss weather patterns and instruments for the children to look at. This linked in with our Topic 'Where we live' as we discussed seasons and weather patterns within the UK.

Over the weekend your children may like to:

- Complete their handwriting and spelling book, which contains weekly spellings set by their literacy teacher. The words are a mixture of high frequency words and words containing the grapheme they have been focusing on in their literacy groups. We would like your child to try writing the word 2-3 times in the book and attempt to learn the words for a spelling quiz on Monday. Please encourage your child to use joined up writing like that modelled in their book and always to write in pencil.
- Log onto Active Learn and play the allocated game 'Reel it in'.
- Support your child to make a personalised timetable of the week. They should practise writing the days of the week in the correct order and they may wish to draw a picture of something they do on each day.
- Complete one of the topic activities in their home-school activity book. Many children have been keen to share their activities and we are very impressed with their work so far.
- **Please remember the most important 'bread and butter' learning; to read your reading book and practise reading and spelling tricky words (red words).**

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