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Year 2 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

In literacy lessons this week, we have read the story, *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. We discussed traditional stories and the different versions we knew of this tale. In readiness for our activity day with the puppet theatre, the children designed their own elves that they would go on to create. They drew wonderful drawings based on the adjectives they used to describe their elf; they also used nouns to name their features and verbs in phrases about their skills.

In spelling lessons, we have generated lists of 'qu' words and put these into sentences. In word building lessons, we have explored words with the suffix 'ful' such as *helpful* and *joyful*. By building lists of words that follow the same pattern, we are enabling children to be able to read and write an ever-widening range of complex words.

In maths lessons this week, we have been building our knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Some groups have also used Venn and Carroll diagrams to sort shapes according to their properties. Later in the week, we have practised telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour on analogue and digital clocks.

In RE lessons this week, we learned about the Qu'ran, continuing our work on special books in religion. The children were able to look at Arabic writing and discuss Muslim beliefs as well as learning more about special objects connected with the Muslim faith.

We were also delighted to welcome the Puppet Theatre this week, and had a wonderful time bringing our designs to life!

Reding Evening

Thank you very much to those parents who were able to attend our Reading Evening on Wednesday. We found it a very worthwhile experience with lots of interesting questions and discussion points raised. We hope you found it to be beneficial and went away with you questions answered and some new ideas and techniques to try when reading with your child. The links to the PowerPoint presentations that we created are below, including the links to games and information about the phonics sounds:

Developing a Love of Reading: <https://bit.ly/2sVML8y>

Phonics Reading Evening: <https://bit.ly/2G2bJvk>

The Joy Of Sharing Books: <https://bit.ly/2SjIGJw>

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

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