



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 4th February 2019

Dear Parents

This week in assembly, Mrs Harries told the children the story of The Fox and the Stork, with the emphasis on solving the problems that the two animals faced. The children came up with some excellent ideas! This was linked to our visit from the Happy Puzzle company today, who engaged the children with a range of exciting games and activities, designed to encourage and develop thinking and problem solving skills.

Maths

We have been learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past on an analogue clock. We have discussed elements of time, such as seconds, minutes and hours, and how these are represented via the hands on a clock. We have completed different activities to consolidate our knowledge of telling the time including partner work with mini-clocks, and written activities which required the children to both identify the time on a range clock faces as well as draw the hands on blank clocks, using a ruler. We have also practised counting in 2s and 5s.

Literacy

Group literacy and class handwriting sessions have continued as usual this week. Mrs Wilson's group have been practising the 'a-e' (make a cake) diagraph. They have read a story called *Jellybean* and have considered the virtues of different types of pets. Mr Fisher's group learnt 'ir' (whirl and twirl) and read *I think I want to be a Bee*. Mrs Brown's group have been reading and writing 'oo' (poo at the zoo) and read *The Web*.

Other lessons and activities

- On Friday, we explored the games and puzzles on offer by The Happy Puzzle Company.
- In art lessons, we continued to learn about Van Gogh and children were inspired to create their own sunflower.
- On Monday afternoon, we enjoyed watching a version of Oliver Twist, performed by ArtyFact travelling theatre company.
- All children have had their usual library, dance, music and swimming lessons.
- In topic, the children studied famous London landmarks and are producing interesting fact books about the capital city.
- In computing, the children created their own weather forecast graphics. Some children added the cities of the UK.

Over the weekend, your child may wish to:

- Play this interactive game to practise counting in 2s
<http://www.ictgames.com/fishy2s.html>
- Play the allocated game Clam Collector on Active Learn.

- Share your child's library book together.
- Read their reading book.
- Complete the handwriting and spelling homework sent home in their book bag.

Dates for your diary:

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