



Year 2 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.

Literacy

This week in literacy, we have continued reading the story of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, retelling the story but adding our own language, thinking about the adjectives and adverbs we have learnt recently. We began by creating a story map to remind us of the main events, adding some key words and vocabulary we would want to use in our independent writing. Children then felt much more confident to retell the whole story. In our word building and spelling lessons, we have looked at adding the suffix 'er'. In word building, we have looked at creating comparative adjectives, adding 'er' to adjectives like 'big' to change into 'bigger'.

Word building rules: The children learnt that if a 'root word' (such as 'big') ends with a vowel followed by a consonant, you must double the last letter = bigger. If a root word (such as 'happy') ends with a 'y' then it must change to an 'i' as in 'happier'.

Whilst in spelling lessons, we have been adding the 'er' suffix to verbs (action words) to create nouns (things), for example 'teach' to 'teacher'. We were reminded of the rule that we have looked at previously when adding the 'ed' and 'ing' suffix- we must double to consonant if a word ends in a vowel then consonant before adding the suffix and if the root word ends in a 'y' we change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding 'er'.

Maths

In our maths lessons this week, the children have continued to extend their time knowledge by looking at time to 5 minutes after working to solidify o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to last week. We have also recapped the use of the inequalities signs < and > and thought about using them in number sentences, as well as rounding to the nearest tens numbers and placing numbers onto a blank number line.

In other lessons

In RE, we have discussed the Qu'ran and have started to create Islamic patterns that are seen in the Muslim culture. In our topic lessons, we enjoyed a buildings hunt in the woods. The children worked in pairs to match the names of world famous buildings or landmarks to their pictures and learnt about where these buildings are found around the world. They were excited to share the visits they had been on to some of these buildings and spent time finding out about others.

In art, we have focused on the artist 'L.S Lowry' and begun to create a year group collage drawing people and buildings from around the school in the style made famous by him. In our science lessons, we enjoyed a building challenge using jelly tots and cocktail sticks!

Over the weekend

You may like to spend some time thinking about how different structures are built and why certain materials are chosen, linking to our science topic.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday 13th March – 9.30am - 11.00am: Year 2 to Norfolk County Music Festival at St Andrew's 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

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