



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning Monday 11th February 2019

Dear Parents,

In assembly this week, the theme was love, looking ahead to Valentine's Day! Mrs Harries shared the story *You Can Never Run Out of Love* and the children talked about things and people that they love, how they show it and how they know about love. They also worked out that love is a feeling rather than something you can see or hear! Mrs Brown continued the theme of love in her assembly on Valentine's Day itself, in which she talked about the word 'love' as both a noun and a verb, sharing the story *Guess How Much I Love You*. Bird Family meetings focused on relaxation and mindfulness and children had the opportunity to practise some related techniques.

In literacy lessons this week, we have written instructions for building a snowman. The children used imperative verbs and decided on which information they needed to include to make the instructions clear. In word building lessons, we have explored superlatives and built on our understanding of comparatives from last week. In spellings this week, we have focused on the common exception word list for Year 2. It is the national expectation that all children should be able to read and write these words by the end of the year. Those children who can already write these are also working on more complex spellings in class. A copy of the common exception words has been sent home in your child's spelling folder this week and we will assess these after the holiday.

In maths this week, we have consolidated the learning covered this half term and completed assessments in problem solving and arithmetic. Children have been given Active Learn logins so that they can access the wide range of games and activities, linked to our work in class, at home during the holiday or during evenings and weekends.

In other lessons, we have followed our instructions to build our own snowmen using clay; exploring how we can change materials by manipulating them. We also made the most of a wonderful sunny spring day on Wednesday and held our very own Great Fire of London! The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see how the fire spread, from the safety of the grass, and it was the perfect way to end such an interesting and popular topic.

During the holiday you may like to:

- Practise the common exception words, which will have a positive impact on your child's reading and writing.
- Access the Active Learn website with your child's login.
- We would welcome support in practice with cutlery skills!

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

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

Wednesday 13th March – 9.45 - 11.00am: Year 2 to Norfolk County Music Festival at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

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 half term break with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries