



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning Monday 25th February 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked about books with the children, sharing part of one of her favourite stories, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She talked about how we can look forward to events and activities and sometimes feel very excited and sometimes be disappointed. The children thought about how Charlie felt when at first he did not find, and then subsequently did find, a golden ticket! In Bird Family meetings, new Top Birds were elected for the half term.

Literacy

In literacy this week, the children enjoyed sharing their half term news during circle time and retold their news within their class literacy books. The children focused on punctuation, such as capital letters and full stops, and tried to remember to make their writing more exciting, by including adjectives.

During group literacy lessons this week:

- Mrs Wilson's literacy class have been learning the 'i-e' (nice smile) grapheme and have read the story *A box full of light*.
- Mr Fisher's literacy class have learnt the 'ea' (cup of tea) grapheme and have been reading the story *Follow Me!*
- Mrs Brown's literacy group have been focusing on the 'ar' (start the car) grapheme. We recorded 'ar' words within sentences and read the story *Stitch the Witch*.

Maths

This week we have been focusing on counting forwards in 2s and 5s and identifying these patterns on a 100 square. The children have been counting much more confidently in 2s and identified these as even numbers. We also noticed that every other number is an odd number. The children completed an odds and evens investigation. We used our addition skills to find out what type of number you get if you add an even number to another even number and an odd number to another odd number.

Other lessons and activities

- The children have been introduced to our new topic, India. We located India on a world map and discussed how far away it is from the UK. The children enjoyed our Indian dance workshop, as an introduction to the topic, and learnt some facts about Indian culture.

- In computing this week, we revised what an algorithm is. The children worked in pairs to create a model made from building bricks and took a photo recording each step. Having completed this, the children challenged another two children to see if they could re-create the same model using the photos provided.
- In games, the children enjoyed completing an orienteering activity and found out the missing phrase was 'exercise is important and fun.' The children also enjoyed participating in a Yoga activity related to the Wizard of Oz.

Over the weekend, your child might like to:

- Complete handwriting and spelling homework tasks set by literacy teachers.
- Log on to Active Learn website and play the interactive game set by your teacher.
- Complete one of the activities on the new homework web found in your child's home-school activity book.
- Finalise costumes for World Book Day and enjoy reading the book with your character in.
- Remember to read your school reading book and practise reading and spelling 'red' words that have been sent home.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character

Friday 15th March: Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

Thursday 28th March: Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – please book via the online booking system

Online booking system: Click on the parents' booking system in the new Parent Portal. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in, click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

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