



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents

What a busy and exciting week we have enjoyed in Pre Prep! We enjoyed practical maths activities on World Maths Day on Wednesday and saw a wonderful array of costumes and activities in celebration of World Book Day yesterday. Mrs Alexandre, dressed as Julia Donaldson's witch from *Room on the Broom*, led a special assembly where children thought about their character and showed off their costumes. She read passages from well know storybooks and the children guessed the titles with great success. We look forward to welcoming Chloe Inkpen next Friday, as our visiting author. Reverend Patrick joined us for Shrove Tuesday and led an assembly about the season of Lent and the importance of determination in order to succeed. Bird Family meetings followed this up, focusing on resilience and the importance of not giving up!

### Literacy

In literacy this week, the children enjoyed sharing their world book day costumes. We had fun discussing what they had come as and the children completed a character profile in class literacy lessons.

During group literacy lessons this week:

- Mrs Wilson's literacy group have been learning the 'o-e' (phone home) grapheme and read the story *A hole in my tooth*.
- Mr Fisher's group have learnt the 'a-e' (make a cake) grapheme and have been reading the story *A good cook!*
- Mrs Brown's group have been focusing on the 'or' (shut the door) grapheme. We recorded 'or' words within sentences and read the story *Ken's cap*.

### Maths

This week we have been focusing on finding the missing number in number sentences e.g.  $8 + ? = 13$ . The children used a variety of strategies such as holding the starting number in their heads and counting up to the final number, using a number line to count the jumps e.g. from 8 up to 13 and by using cubes. The children have also been applying their number knowledge to word problems, taking the time to read the question and decide upon the correct mathematical operation.

### Other lessons and activities

- In topic, we learned about the physical geography of India. We located the Ganges and the Himalayas, and discovered more about the climate of India.

- In computing this week, we used our knowledge of code to program the Bluebots and Beebots.
- In games, the children enjoyed being out in the fresh air during cross country in the woods. There was time afterwards to play on the adventure playground areas provided by the PTA.

**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.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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*