



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 4th 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

Sentence Building

This week we have moved from 'Word Building' homework to 'Sentence Building'. This helps extend children's writing confidence and fluency. Please encourage your child to think of the sentences, but support them to say the whole sentence a couple of times before they write and remind them to use the appropriate punctuation. This week's focus is 'sentences which contain the conjunction because', which we have practised at school.

Spelling

We have been looking at adjectives which end with the suffix 'less' such as 'careless', 'helpless', 'useless' and 'fearless'. On Thursday, the children wrote descriptions of their chosen World Book Day characters. These included details of their costumes, why they chose their characters and a summary of their character's qualities and actions.

Guided Reading

We read a biography of Beatrix Potter and answered some questions about her life.

Maths

This week, our focus has been the 2x, 5x and 10x tables (and 3x for some). We have learnt how multiplication and division belong to the same 'family' and have applied these facts to solve a range of contextualised worded problems. Please support your child to recite these tables so that they can recall their related multiplication and division facts in random order at speed. Make sure that they know one confidently before moving onto another one. The following website has a range of simple games and quizzes, which are most helpful: www.timestables.co.uk On Wednesday, we celebrated World Maths Day. The children enjoyed playing a range of games to develop their calculation skills and revised their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes using Polydron and pattern blocks.

Other Lessons

As we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, our 'People Awards' focus this week has been Amazing Authors. We have enjoyed reading some of Beatrix Potter's animal tales

and finding out more about her life and conservation work. We played 'guess the mystery character' by describing some of the animals which feature in her books. In our art lessons, we have finished our spring flower watercolour paintings and we considered the work of Georgia O'Keefe. We noticed how she often outlined her flowers using contrasting colours, which made them look bright and bold. In science, we have monitored and recorded the growth of the different seeds and bulbs which we planted last year. We have been so impressed by the children's enthusiasm for singing this year. They have been working hard in readiness for next Wednesday's performance at St. Andrews Hall, which we are certainly looking forward to.

Over the weekend you make like to:

- Talk about the characters you meet in the books you are reading. Do you like them? Why or why not?
- Have a look at any tales by Beatrix Potter that you may have. Ask your child to tell you what they have discovered about her and her books.
- Support your child with their sentence building and spelling homework.
- Support your child with their 'Significant Person mini research project' if you have not yet had the chance to complete it.
- Practise skipping using the rope your child brought home after this week's PE lesson.
- Keep learning the 2x, 10x, 5x (and possibly 3x) tables so that your children can recite and recall the facts confidently.
- Identify some of the spring flowers that are beginning to appear outside.

Dates for your diary:

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 – 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.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

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