



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 11th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week, Mrs Harries led an assembly about *The BFG* and Joseph and his coloured coat. She shared with the children the similarities between the stories, and the importance of sharing things where we have plenty with those who do not. In Bird Family meetings, the children enjoyed listening to the Year 2 choir singing in preparation for their Highly Commended performance in the Norfolk Music Festival on Wednesday.

Literacy

In class literacy this week, we looked at instructional writing for how to make a jam sandwich. We used the skills we have learnt in computing about giving clear, simple instructions and wrote our instructions in preparation for following them next week when we will make, test and evaluate them! In group literacy, Mr Fisher's group learnt the split 'i-e' (nice smile) digraph and read the story *My best shirt*. Mrs Brown's group have learnt the 'air' (that's not fair) grapheme and read *Big blob and baby blob*. Mrs Wilson's group have learnt 'ie' as in 'pie' and read a non-fiction book, entitled, *On your bike*.

Maths

We have consolidated our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also thought about adding a teen number to a 2-digit number, for example $23 + 14$. We looked at how this can be done on a number square by adding ten first (by jumping down a square) and then adding on the extra ones. We then checked on the number square by counting on in 1s to ensure that we arrived at the same answer. We also enjoyed completing the following open-ended maths challenge: "Noah saw 12 legs walk by into the ark. How many creatures could he have seen? How many different answers can you find?"

Other lessons and activities:

- In computing, we used the programmable bee-bots to get from one position to another. We then wrote short-hand commands to write our algorithm, such as LT for left turn, RT for right turn and FD3 for forward 3
- In games, we had a carousel of three activities. Mr Fisher led a game of human rock, paper, scissors in the hall, which was enjoyable and taught us how to be a good loser. Mrs Brown practised some hockey skills on the playground and Mrs Wilson used the grass area to work on hand-eye co-ordination with throwing and catching.
- In art, we completed an observational drawing of sunflowers in our sketch books.
- In topic, we thoroughly enjoyed looking at the impressive array of Indian wild animals and comparing them to those found in the UK.

Over the weekend your child may like to:

- Complete the latest Maths game allocated on ActiveLearn.
- Continue with their 'bread and butter' learning.

- Have a go at one of the topic web challenges. We have been very impressed with the decorative mehndi hand patterns and Indian food menu choices that we have seen in some of the children's home activity books!

Dates for your diary:

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