



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning Monday 6th May 2019

Dear Parents

Mrs Harries led an assembly about St Julian of Norwich. Children learnt that she is the first woman we know about to have written a book and they shared names of other female authors. The children learnt St Julian's body prayer and linked it to the three traffic light colours, in terms of thinking about taking time to stop and reflect and to help others. Bird Family meetings focused on us being the same, but different, through the story *Something Else*. We enjoyed a whole school hymn practice in the Read Hall on Thursday and a whole school assembly, led by Mr Bevington on Friday, which linked in with our Bird Family meetings, as it focused on what we have in common and on celebrating differences.

Literacy

Mr Fisher's literacy group have been learning the 'ow' (brown cow) digraph and comparing it with the same spelling but different sound of 'ow' (blow the snow). Mr Fisher's group have also read the traditional story of *Tom Thumb*. Mrs Brown's group have been focusing on the split a-e (make a cake) sound and have had great fun reading the non-fiction text *Popcorn*, as well as making and eating their own popcorn! Mrs Wilson's group have been introduced to the 'er' (better letter) grapheme and have compared this with different spellings of this previously learnt sound. They have also used the non-fiction text, *Looking after a Hamster* as a stimulus for various reading and writing activities. All of the teachers have been very impressed with the children's ability to join-up their handwriting. While we recognise that not every child is ready to do so just yet, we would be grateful if you could encourage your child to join-up their handwriting when completing any writing activities at home.

Maths

Our focus has been data handling. We first thought about how to collect data by using a tally chart. We then collected data about a range of things in our classes, such as our favourite colours and fruit. Following that, we represented our findings in various ways including pictograms and bar charts.

Other lessons and activities

- In topic, this morning, we looked at a range of vegetables and from which part of a plant they come. We also enjoyed tasting vegetables and trying to work out which part they grew on, including celery, lettuce and beetroot.

- We have enjoyed music with Miss Skinner, dance with Mrs Wilson and library with Mrs Wootton and swimming with Miss Bryant.
- We have been practising hard for our forthcoming assemblies – please see below for dates.

Over the weekend, your child may like to:

- Continue with their bread and butter learning
- Collect some data about something of interest in their family in a tally chart and then display their findings in a bar chart or pictogram
- Practise writing out the alphabet in lower case letters and then capital letters
- Practise saying the lines for their upcoming class assembly in a loud, clear and expressive voice. It may help with voice projection to practise in the garden!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14th May – 8.35am: Willow Tree Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

Thursday 16th May – 2.30pm: Lime Tree Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Read Hall from 2.00pm

Tuesday 21st May – 8.35am: Maple Tree Class assembly in the Read Hall, with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 22nd May – 9.00am - 3.00pm: Year 1 trip to BeWILDerwood

Monday 3rd June – 9.00am - 3.00pm: Year 1 trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Thursday 20th June – 2.00pm: Year 1 Sports Day on the front lawn

Wednesday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day – School closed

Tuesday 2nd July – 8.35am: Year 1 Concert in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep Hall from 8.00am

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day

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