



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 29th April 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the traditions of May Day, from May Queen, to Maypole and Morris dancing. The Maypole has been set up outside and Mrs Averill guided those children keen to try through some maypole dances! Bird Family meetings considered the differences between 'needs' and 'wants', with each group's discussion developing in a different way.

Literacy.

Our group literacy sessions have taken place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Mrs Wilson's group have been learning the di-graph 'ur' (nurse with a purse) and read the story 'Rex to the Rescue', making a poster about what dogs need. Mr Fisher's group have been learning 'er' (a better letter) and compared it to 'ur' (nurse with a purse). Mrs Brown's group have been learning the sound 'oi' (spoil the boy) and read the book, 'What am I?'. They used this as a stimulus to write a riddle.

Maths

In maths, we have been recapping number facts such as doubles and number bonds to ten and using them to add together 3 numbers mentally. We have also enjoyed using the Lego maths kits as the basis of a lesson. We used the Lego to practise finding 'more' and 'less' and to find the difference.

Other lessons and activities

- We have continued our topic for this half term, 'growing'. We have set up an experiment to see what happens to a bean plant when it is deprived of light. We made predictions, labelled a diagram and wrote our method. We will return in a few weeks to write up our findings.
- Before Easter, the children enjoyed making jam sandwiches and took a photograph of each step, thinking carefully about each instruction, using the iPads. This week we completed this activity, using an iPad App to create a photo story of their instructions – 'How to make a jam sandwich'. They have really enjoyed editing their stories and adding text. We also used the website 'Busy Things' to improve mouse skills by dragging and dropping labels to complete a diagram of a plant.
- The children have practised their joined up writing during our discreet handwriting lessons.

- In RS, we talked about what the word 'religion' means. The children were taught the names of some religions and found out a little bit about various places of worship.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Play the Active Learn maths game allocated by your teacher – Balloon Pop.
- Complete the spellings or writing task allocated by their literacy teacher.
- Choose an activity from the homework web related to our new topic. You will find these stuck in your child's home-school activity book.

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 2.00 pm

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