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Year 2 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 in English 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 celebrating differences.

Literacy

This week's spelling focus has been regular past tense verbs, which end with the suffix 'ed'. Children often misspell words, such as 'looked' (lookt) due to the final 't' sound. Other common errors include; wached (watched), wontid (wanted), 'worct' (walked) and climed (climbed) so we have been practising these and others using the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method, on whiteboards.

We then used some of these and other past tense spellings when we planned our Pensthorpe recounts, which we will complete next week.

We have also been using superlative and comparative adjectives to compare different animals and their habitats.

Maths

'Measurement' has been the focus of this week's maths lessons, which gives us plenty of opportunities to engage in hands-on, practical activities, which help to develop vital skills such as reading a variety of different scales, estimating, comparing and recording the capacity of various containers and learning which units of measurement are appropriate for different tasks. In our starter activities, we have been building confidence and speed when recalling multiplication and related division facts. Please keep supporting your child with reciting their 2x, 5x, 10x, 11x and 3x tables (before moving onto the 4x).

Other lessons and activities

This week's highlight was definitely our trip to Pensthorpe. In spite of the rather unfavourable weather conditions, we had a wonderful time learning more about different creatures, their food chains and their habitats. Thank you for ensuring that your child was fully prepared with all the necessary wet weather clothing.

We have been learning more about life and paintings of the Post-Impressionist French artist, Henri Rousseau. We transformed our classrooms into mini jungles with various tropical plants, which we sketched in preparation for our own Rousseau inspired works of art. In our religious studies lessons we have continued to design our own arks – ensuring that we provide appropriate habitats for the different animals' needs. We have been sprinting and hurdling across the front lawn in PE lessons this week as we begin to prepare for our sports day. In computing sessions, we have continued to type a simple introduction to ourselves in various fonts using Microsoft Word. Our first 'Amazing Animal' show and tell presentations have been fantastic! Many thanks for all your support with preparing them. We look forward to finding out more about different creatures over the coming weeks. Please ask us if you would like any further clarification or have not received a show and tell letter and schedule.

Over the weekend

- You might look closely at the different scales on a range of measuring equipment that you have at home.
- Look out for past tense verbs when reading with your child. Talk about their spelling patterns and think of ways to remember tricky spellings.
- Ask your child to tell you about the trip to Pensthorpe as this will help to prepare them for next week's independent writing activity. You might talk about which adjectives and adverbs they could use to describe their experiences on our trip.
- Do some research about Henri Rousseau and have a look at some of his paintings online. Ask your child 'What do you think of this picture?' and encourage them to explain what they particularly like/dislike about it.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st June – 1.45pm: Year 2 Sports day on the front lawn

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

Thursday 4th July – 2.00pm: Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with light refreshments available from 1.45pm

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day

Wednesday 10th July – 9.00am - 2.00pm: Year 2 trip to Winterton beach

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

