



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 29th May 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.

English

In English lessons this week, we have been writing character profiles of the main characters from *Esio Trot*. Children have used adjectives and adverbs to describe the characters, based on what we have read. In spelling lessons, we have explored doubling letters before adding 'ed' or 'ing', such as *jogging*, *running*, *planned*, *cropped*. In sentence building lessons, we have used imperative verbs to give commands or instructions.

Maths

In maths lessons, children have been applying their knowledge of number bonds and doubles to solve problems involving 2 and 3-digit numbers and calculations involving 3 numbers. This has also been explored through giving change and subtracting a 2-digit number from a larger number.

"I know 6 and 4 make 10, so $36+24 = 60$ " $30+20= 50$ $6+4 = 10$ $50+10 =60$

"I have 50p, I spend 24p, so I have 26p change"

 $20+6 = 26$

Other lessons and activities

In other lessons this week, we have looked carefully at images of tortoises in art and tried to recreate their shell patterns using oil pastels and paint. The children did an excellent job of creating bold, geometrical images and enjoyed using mixed media. We hope that some of the work may well be on display in the art exhibition, later in the term. In science lessons, we have continued to investigate the features of different habitats and how they differ across the world. The children have matched a range of animals to their habitats and have begun to discuss the adaptations of these. As part of our topic work, children have also begun to identify the features of Norfolk and Lusaka, in Zambia, and compare these.

In RE, we have read the story of *Noah's Ark* and discussed the broad range of animals, in readiness for creating our own arks next week.

Over the weekend

- You may like to discuss some of the features of where you live. What makes your environment different from others that you have visited around the world?

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th May – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe Nature Park

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

Melanie Harries