



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 3rd June 2019

Dear Parents

We started the second half of term on Monday with a fantastic trip to Gressenhall, to provide a stimulus for our new topic, 'long, long ago'. We enjoyed participating in a range of activities to provide an insight into what life was like in the Victorian era, including washing, cleaning the farmhouse, cooking on the range, looking around the old-fashioned village shop and school room and visiting the museum, which is situated in the old workhouse. The children once again represented Town Close fantastically and were rewarded with a visit to the fabulous park at Gressenhall! On Tuesday, we looked at photos of our trip and then wrote a recount of our trip during class literacy.

In Bird Family meetings this week, we talked about democracy and voted in our final Top Birds for the year. Mrs Laing led an assembly on Thursday in which she introduced the children to this year's six science books, from the Royal Society, that we have been asked to help judge.

Literacy groups

Mrs Brown's group have been learning the split u-e (huge brute) digraph as well as reading *The Greedy Green Gremlin*. Mr Fisher's group have been studying the 'ew' (chew the stew) grapheme and have read the traditional tale of *Robin Hood*. Mrs Wilson's group have been looking at 'ire' (fire, fire!). Their focus text has been *Dear Vampire*.

Maths

Our focus this week has been capacity. We have been using associated vocabulary including full, empty and half-full to describe how much water is in a container. We have looked at standard units of measure involved with measuring liquids, including litres and millilitres. We enjoyed tasting different fruit juices in groups before deciding which flavours were our favourites and writing a recipe for a 'mocktail'. We then carefully measured each fruit juice into a jug and tried our creations! We have also consolidated our knowledge of times tables this week by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and writing out the corresponding number sentences.

Other lessons and activities

- In games, we have been practising our throwing and catching skills as well as high jump and distance throwing. We have also been practising sprint races in preparation for sports day.
- In computing, Lime and Maple classes have been finishing their growing posters. Willow class played an animation game, which involved giving a robot the correct algorithms to reach the desired locations.
- In art, we created some pop art, which will soon be on display in the Year One area.
- We had our usual dance lesson with Mrs Wilson. We are practising a special nature dance, with which we look forward to opening our sports day.

- We have had our usual music lessons with Miss Skinner and we all had a swimming lesson on Wednesday.

Over the weekend, you and your child may like to:

- Look at the new and final topic web for this half term, which lists some suggested activities that you may wish to complete in the next few weeks.
- Practise writing out your 2, 5 and 10 x tables.
- Speak to an elderly relative/friend about what life was like when they were young. What was their school like? What toys did they have? What did they do for entertainment? How did they travel?

Dates for your diary:

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

Monday 24th June: Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear's Picnic with donations to our School charity

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

Thursday 11th July: Term ends for Pre Prep

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