



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 17th June 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Year 2 we have all been very excited to take part in Take One Picture, a countrywide scheme run by the National Gallery. We have been looking closely at George Bellow's painting *Men of the Docks* and all of our lessons have been based around this.

English

In our English lessons, we have looked at using proper nouns (our sentence building homework) in our writing. Proper nouns are nouns (names of things) that require capital letters, such as place names and people's names. We used the painting *Men of the Docks* and focused on the people in the foreground; we then thought about what each of the characters might be thinking or saying and wrote our ideas in speech bubbles. Once we had done that, we wrote a short piece of dialogue in a play script style, thinking about how this was laid out in a different way from the conversations we see in stories and many other fiction books. We also created a whole class poem, thinking about what we could see in the picture.

Maths

In maths, we used the painting in many different ways! On Monday, we thought mainly about shapes and used 2D shapes to represent the different objects in the painting. We created our own versions of the painting, which looked like modern, interpretive art! We used rulers to measure out our own skylines, as seen in the background of the painting. Using the parcels that many children had kindly brought into school, we carried out some weighing and measuring investigations, thinking about how these parcels could have been stored in the boat in the picture.

In other lessons

During our topic lessons, the children took control of what they wanted to find out more about from the picture and led the learning. Some were interested in finding out about other boats from the time the painting was created, such as the Titanic, whilst others wanted to find out more about how horses were used at this time and why they would be found in the docks. In our art lessons, we explored a range of different mediums, such as acrylic paint and watercolour pencils to create some beautiful prints from stencils the children had made. Following on from our focus of 'caring for our world' in RE last week, we thought about how we could care for our oceans in particular and discussed the pollution that we thought we could see in *Men of the Docks*.

Congratulations to the children who took part in our 52 States Challenge, especially those who could name all 52! Your sponsorship money will be greatly received by the Wherry School, along with all of the rest of the money Year 2 have raised throughout the year.

We enjoyed a return visit from Reverend Patrick on Tuesday morning in assembly, and in Bird Family meetings we talked about the NSPCC PANTS campaign. If you would like to know more information about this campaign, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Over the weekend

Following on from our work in English this week, you may like to look at other examples of play scripts with your child, taking it in turns to read characters from the scripts. Please also take time to practise with your child if they are taking part in the upcoming Year 2 concert. If your child would like to take part but has not returned their slip, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Plastic for modelling

Next week, following on from learning about *Men of the Docks*, the children will be designing, making and testing their own boats using a range of materials. If you have any plastic that would be suitable for this, please send it in with your child at your earliest convenience. Thank you very much for your support.

Shoeboxes for DT

Please could we also request that each child brings in a shoe box to create their own habitat diorama to finish our habitats and micro habitats topic?

Staff news

As you know, after an application process, Mrs Laing was appointed as Acting Pre Prep Deputy last year, in Mrs Pritchard's absence. We are delighted to announce, that from September, Mrs Laing's role will be made permanent and she will be the Pre Prep Deputy Head, a role which she will undertake alongside her class teaching.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 24th June: Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear's Picnic (suggested donation of £1 for the School charity)

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 and Year 3 induction

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

Thursday 11th July – End of term for Pre Prep (No After School Care) with Prize-giving on Friday 12th July for Prep pupils only

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries

