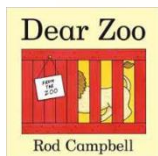




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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 12th September 2016



Dear Parents

Today you will receive an email that carries a letter regarding your child's key person. There is also a photograph attached, along with details of parent meetings.

This week we have read the story 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. We have linked this story to talking about our families and pets and who we love. We have also begun to talk about our own pets, and continued to explore the school environment, meet lots of the grown-ups who work at our school and start to make new friendships in the Nursery.

- We have continued to reinforce some of our most important Nursery rules to the children, including using the big slide safely.
- We have played on the bikes and trikes on the back playground.
- We have learnt a new apple counting song with Miss Skinner (our music teacher), had our first dance session with Mrs Wilson (our dance teacher) and visited the swimming pool and learnt all about swimming with Miss Bryant (our swimming teacher).
- Next week (Thursday) the children will have their first swimming session at school.
- The children have really enjoyed hunting for numbers outside, exploring the woods and talking about the word 'shade' underneath the trees.
- Lots of the children have spent a long time using our mud kitchen to create soups and stews using water, pasta and mint leaves.
- We have continued to spend lots of time playing in water outside in order to ensure that the children are kept cool and comfortable.
- We used our fine motor skills to shell pea pods.
- We loved watching Number Time and have talked about number 2.
- We introduced 'a' for apple, picked apples from our school apple trees and used them for counting and printing.
- Some of the children enjoyed creating a builder's shed and carrying out repairs in the garden.
- On Wednesday we all had our school photograph taken; the children listened to the photographer's instructions very well indeed.
- We have all spent time with a grown up talking about ourselves as part of a small group.

Suggested weekend activity:

You might like to talk to your child about squares and the letter sound 'a'. You may wish to cut an apple in half horizontally and collect and count apple seeds. We have talked about half and quarters and the star shape inside apples. We will be cooking apples next week, postponed from this week due to the heat!

Children are very welcome to wear shorts/school summer dresses next week with more sunny weather forecast, albeit with much more normal temperatures, and please could the children have a named sun hat in school.

Please ensure that your children do not wear any jewellery in school. This is part of our uniform requirement. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Key person and Mrs Hampsheir meetings from 2.30pm-4.00pm (as per today's email/letters):

Monday 3rd October - Mrs Amies

Wednesday 5th October - Mrs Bailey

Friday 7th October - Mrs Coman

Monday 10th October - Mrs Averill

PTA Family Swim Club is moving to Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00.

Learning through play is a fun and effective way to increase your child's skills in the pool and these sessions provide the opportunity to play with the floats and dive for the sinkers under the watchful eye of Miss Bryant who is a fully qualified lifeguard.

All Town Close families are warmly invited to a free trial session on **Wednesday 21st September**. Please meet in the swimming pool foyer at 4:00pm with your swimming things. Full information about how to join for the term or come to sessions on a one-off basis will then be sent to parents next Friday.

Thursday 6th October – 5.00pm onwards: 'settling in' parents' evening: This is a reserve date for Nursery for any parents who are unable to attend their 'key person' afternoon sessions or who have further queries for Mrs Hampsheir only. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot from 4.00pm on Monday 19th September – please see full booking instructions below:

Online booking system: Log into the Parents' Area of the School's website using the username: **parents** and the password: **children**. Click on 'Pre Prep Area' (in the right hand column) followed by the link 'Pre Prep Parents' Evening' (in the right hand column). Enter your child's name in the box and press 'submit'. You will see a list of times – please click on one of the 'Book' buttons.

Friday 21st October: Break up for half term

Monday 7th November: Start of second half of term

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Harries