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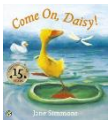

Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 26th September 2016

Dear Parents

This week we have read the story 'Come on Daisy' by Jane Simmons. We have linked this story to talking about staying safe and staying close to grown-ups when we are out and about.

- We have played on the bikes and trikes on the back playground.
- We have learnt a new 's' song with Miss Skinner, had our dance session with Mrs Wilson and enjoyed our swimming session with Miss Bryant.
- The children have really enjoyed spending a morning in the outside classroom. They enjoyed digging underneath the trees, building using our natural blocks, drawing pictures and mark making using the clipboards and also looking for worms underneath the tree stumps.
- Many of the children have played in our garden shed with artificial grass, blocks and animals, and during the rain on Thursday lots of the children spent time both inside and outside in the garden.
- Most of the children have made 'cheesy rectangles' which were very yummy!
- We have used our fine motor skills to place jewels into small pots and bowls using tweezers and small spoons.
- We are encouraging the children to choose two library books each week. *Please ensure that all library books are returned to school after each weekend.*
- We have watched Number Time and have talked about number 4.
- We introduced 't' for triangle and made triangle shaped sails for our boats.
- Some of the children enjoyed practising cutting out shapes.
- We have all spent time with a grown up talking about ourselves and any news in our Home Learning Books.

Suggested weekend activity:

You might like to talk to your child about rectangles and the letter sound 's'. You may wish to ask your child to look for and identify signs when you are out and about. We have talked about many of the signs that we have found at school, especially signs that help keep us safe.

This week we have been reminding the children about the importance of having kind hands, sharing and taking turns. We would be very grateful if you could reinforce these key messages at home.

Please could you ensure that your child's swimming bag has a name on the outside of the bag so that it can be easily identified.

Finally, please find below a link to a parents' information booklet about the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum for your information. We hope you will find this interesting:

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/09/4Children_ParentsGuide_Sept_2015v4WEB1.pdf

Dates for your diary:

Key person and Mrs Hampsheir meetings from 2.30pm-4.00pm:

Monday 3rd October - Mrs Amies

Wednesday 5th October - Mrs Bailey

Friday 7th October - Mrs Coman

Monday 10th October - Mrs Averill

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 are able to book an appointment slot – 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.

Thursday 20th October: 'Wear something purple day' in aid of our charity, Nelson's Journey (Please bring in a £1 donation).
Friday 21st October: Break up for half term
Monday 7th November: Start of second half of term
Friday 9th December – 8.15am-9.45am: Nursery coffee morning followed by the Nursery Nativity in the Pre Prep Hall

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