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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 26th September 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mrs Harries talked to the children about harvest, discussing the machinery used for harvesting the crops and the children made suggestions as to what the crops were used for. We will be having a Harvest celebration in our assembly on Tuesday 11th October and would be very grateful for food contributions from the list at the end of this letter, which we will be sending to Norwich Food Bank. Please bring donations in on Monday 10th October.

The Bird Family meeting theme this week was that of resolving conflicts and appreciating and celebrating the differences between each other.

This week we have continued our focus on Journeys. We read John Burningham's 'The Magic Bed' and discussed where we would travel if we had our own magic bed! We listened to the story 'The Swallow's Tale' and plotted the bird's route of migration as well as the animals it met along the way in different countries.

In our daily phonics sessions, we have revised phonemes taught so far and introduced 'i', 'n' and 'p'. We have enjoyed some fun games and creative activities linked to these sounds. Next week we will be introducing children to their first tricky words (red words) which the children will have to learn by sight.

In maths, we have used our knowledge of 2D shapes to create repeating patterns and a variety of other patterns using different resources. The children particularly enjoyed creating a Lego snake with a repeating pattern during our Lego math's lessons.

In PE the children enjoying playing a game incorporating the initial sound of their name. We followed the cross country trail through the woods and ended with an exciting bear hunt!

Over the weekend please encourage your child to look for patterns around the home or perhaps create a repeating pattern using objects found in the garden. You may also enjoy hearing about their first swimming experience in Reception.

Please can we remind you to ensure your child has a named and looped fleece, jogging bottoms and water proof coat in school at all times.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th October – 5.00pm onwards: ‘Settling in’ parents’ evening. 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 – 8.30am-10.00am: Grandparents’ coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall and visit to the classrooms.

Friday 21st October: Break up for half term

Monday 7th November: Start of second half of term

Tuesday 6th December – 8.30am-10.00am: Reception coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Reception Christmas production in the Read Hall



The Pre Prep will be celebrating Harvest in their assembly on Tuesday 11th October and would welcome donations of groceries to be passed on to the Norwich Foodbank. If you would like to make a donation, please choose from the list below and bring them into Pre Prep on Monday 10th October. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Suitable food items for donation:

Biscuits, instant coffee, tinned fruit, instant mash, tinned meat (e.g. ham, pies etc.) long-life fruit juice.

Follow these links to find out more:

- <https://www.facebook.com/Norwich.foodbank/> (Facebook)

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Brown and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries