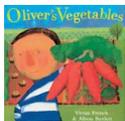




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## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 3rd October 2016



Dear Parents

This week we have read the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French. We have linked this story to talking about the foods we like and lots of different vegetables.

- We have looked at lots of different vegetables and talked about their different shapes, colours and smells.
- We have made and eaten vegetable soup.
- We have planted broad beans.
- We have sung 'one potato, two potatoes etc.' and a cooking pot song with Miss Skinner.
- We 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 creating a camp fire, collecting and counting sticks, collecting leaves and having our snack outside under the trees.
- Lots of the children have enjoyed playing in 'gloop' this week, mixing and moving the coloured gloop using scrapers.
- Most of the children have practised 'careful counting' (placing objects in a line and touching each object as they count it) using potatoes.
- We have used our fine motor skills to peel and chop potatoes and carrots.
- 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 5.
- We introduced 'o' for Oliver, oval and orange.
- We cut different 2D shapes out of potatoes and had lots of fun using a variety of potato shapes and different vegetables to create prints.
- 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 ovals and the letter sound 'o'. You may wish to make vegetable soup with your child. We used 2 sweet potatoes, 2 carrots, 2 parsnips, 1 onion, 2 leeks, 1 tin of tomatoes, 2 vegetable stock cubes and 2 pints of water. We blended the cooked soup and some of the children really enjoyed eating it.

This week we have been reminding the children about the importance of using their words to express how they are feeling, especially if they are feeling upset or cross. Several of the children do seem more tired this week, which is not surprising.

It has been lovely to talk and learn a little more about individual children during our parent meetings this week. Sincere thanks indeed to all the Nursery parents for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet us.

We would be very grateful for any donations of 'junk modelling materials', cardboard boxes and tubes.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm-4.00pm:** Key person meeting with Mrs Averill and Mrs Hampsheir.

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 for the to choose from.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 2.30pm–3.30pm:** Nursery parents' coffee/tea afternoon in the Prep Department Green Room

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** 'Wear something purple day' in aid of our charity, Nelson's Journey (Please bring in a £1 donation)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Break up for half term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Start of second half of term

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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*