



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents

In assembly this week we were treated to performances from the Year 2 dance group! This group meets on a Monday lunchtime and it was lovely to see a good mix of boys and girls working together. The children performed their warm-up dance which they clearly loved and knew well, followed by a performance to 'Roar' by Katy Perry. This was greatly appreciated by the Pre Prep audience, who were keen to share their ideas about elements of the performance that they had enjoyed.

This week's text was '*Meerkat Mail*' by Emily Gravett, in which Sunny the meerkat sets off on an adventure across the desert, sending postcards home to his family along the way. The children were very excited to receive a postcard from Sunny who came to visit us at school. The children thought about their favourite things to do at school and wrote about them in postcards addressed to their families. On Thursday we walked to the local letter box to post them, so please look out for a special delivery over the next few days!

Our focus in maths this week has been to understand the language of 'one more'. The children had opportunities to make number lines using Numicon, to add 1 with Lego Maths and to play simple adding games such as rolling a dice and adding 1 to the number shown.

Physical Education this week included balancing on apparatus, learning how to keep safe on physical equipment and climbing the giant yew tree in the school woods.

In phonics lessons we revised the sounds 'g' and 'o' and the tricky words 'l' and 'to'.

Over the weekend you might like to encourage your child to develop their pencil control by drawing zig-zags, lines, circles and spirals.

### Dates for your diary:

**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 – 8.30am-10.00am:** Grandparents' coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall and visit to the classrooms

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

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

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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*