



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents

Reverend Patrick from Christ Church Eaton joined us in assembly on Tuesday. He talked to us about the importance of following rules through the story of Noah's Ark. Bird Family meetings focused on the idea of giving each other compliments, and we hope that children will continue to do this in the coming weeks!

This week we shared the story of Pinocchio. We have discussed the importance of telling the truth and the implication of telling lies. We have talked about the difference between untruths, and make believe in stories or play.

In class literacy lessons we thought about why Pinocchio wanted to be a real boy and have a real family. We drew pictures of our own families and said what makes them special to us.

Group literacy lessons have continued to focus on phoneme recognition and handwriting. Some of the children have been practising blending to read and others have been matching initial sounds to objects.

In maths we have had a lot of fun measuring all sorts of things in our classrooms and around the School. All the children enjoyed a 'Lego maths' lesson building poppies and trees, and measuring the height of each in Lego studs. Our focus in maths next week will be exploring 3D shapes. Over the weekend you may wish to challenge your child to find objects in your home which are cubes, cuboids, pyramids, cones or spheres.

The dances for our Christmas production were practised in our games lesson and we have also spent time outside developing our physical skills: climbing, balancing, spinning and swinging on our outdoor apparatus.

We are looking forward to our trip to the Norwich Playhouse next Friday to see a production of 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We will be travelling to the theatre by coach at 9.30am and we will be back in school in time for our lunch. Please ensure your child is wearing their blazer that day and has a coat in school.

### Dates for your diary:

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Reception classes outing to the Norwich Playhouse to see 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am-10.00am:** Reception coffee morning - 8.30-9.00am in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Reception Christmas production in the Read Hall at 9.00am

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*