



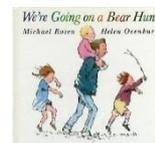
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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 21st November 2016



Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have read lots of stories about bears. We have linked these stories to revisiting 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' linked to our Christmas nativity story. As many of the children are currently part-time in Nursery, we are going to try a new format for the curriculum letter so that parents can easily identify which aspects of each week their child may have been involved in. Please feed back to Mrs Hampsheir if you have any comments about this new format.

- On Monday we introduced our new sound, number and shape for the week. We all shared our weekend news with our Key Person or Mrs Hampsheir. In dance with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hampsheir, we practised stopping and starting in time with the music and the tambourine. After rest time we had a busy afternoon creating gigantic Duplo models on the carpet and talking about the shapes and patterns we were using. We then went for a very rainy day shape hunt around the whole school. We found lots of different 2D shapes inside and outside. We listened to the story 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and talked about the moon, stars and the dark.
- On Tuesday we had a Pre Prep fire practice. We watched a very short film about fire engines in which we saw some real fire fighters. We spoke about '999' and the word 'emergency'. We heard the fire bell at 9am and participated in the fire practice. The children were brilliant and walked sensibly, listened for their names in the register and were quiet and sensible. We spotted lots of fire exit signs around the School and created our own fire engine in the Nursery garden using the crates and tyres. Lots of the children dressed up as fire fighters, climbing short ladders and being very busy on their phones in the garden.
- On Wednesday we practised some of our Christmas songs with Miss Skinner during our music session. Many of the children are really enjoying learning the Christmas songs and are singing beautifully. We played outside on the bikes and trikes and continued to create Christmas stars. We really enjoyed playing in the big sandpits this morning with small cups, spoons and plates. We had a lovely afternoon in the Pre Prep hall. We liked drawing, building models using the wooden blocks, reading stories, jumping and balancing. The children have really enjoyed singing a song about a dinosaur/hexagon this week.
- On Thursday we all went swimming in small groups and have continued to enjoy being in the Nursery garden and the outside play area, rolling cars down ramps, playing in the mud kitchen, using chalks to write numbers and playing

with our percussion instruments. We also had lots of fun watching balloons blow around the garden.

- On Friday we made sandwiches by ourselves, linked to talking about famous bears like Paddington Bear. Some of us created pictures and paintings of our choice with Mrs Bloom. We went for a long walk through the woods and many of us practised writing our names with a grown up.
- We have watched the last Number Time and have talked about the number 10.
- We introduced 'c' for Christmas, Claudia, Camilla, Cameron, cat, cow and camel.
- We talked about the shape 'hexagon' and learnt a fun hexagon song that we really liked.

You may wish to try these activities at home linked to our learning this week:

Enable your child to make their own sandwich, with a filling of their choice, using a plastic knife to spread the butter and the sandwich fillings, and then cut up their sandwich, these are great ways to develop your child's fine motor strength.

Shared drawing is lovely. Get a really big piece of paper and draw a shape or object and then ask your child to draw anything they want to on the same piece of paper. Then introduce a story to the picture, for example "Oh, I love your drawing, it could be a river, I wonder where it is going? What should I draw next?" Try to create a conversation/story linked to your pictures and your child's mark making.

Over the last few weeks, you may have seen some unfamiliar faces around the Pre Prep. We have welcomed Miss Bruce as the Teaching Assistant in Beech Tree class; Miss Garrett in the Nursery (to replace Mrs Wallace who left at half-term) and Miss While who began undertaking supply work with us but now joins us on a permanent basis to support our children in swimming lessons and in the Pre Prep. Finally, we welcomed Mr Walland who has joined our After School Care team. We welcome all our new staff to the Town Close family.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 9th December – 8.30am-9.45am: Nursery coffee morning (8.30am-9.00am) followed by the Nursery Nativity at 9.00am all in the Pre Prep Hall.

Also on Friday 9th December:

- **Christmas jumper day** - Exchange your school jumper for a Christmas one in aid of Nelson's Journey. Please bring in a £1 donation – thank you.
- **Christmas Fayre** - on the Prep playground starting at 4.00pm.

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