



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 28th November 2016

Dear Parents

This week we have read lots of stories about Christmas. We have linked these stories to talking about Christmas, numbers and letters.

- 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, we practised stopping and starting. We read a story about a postman bear and enjoyed making marks on Christmas cards in the post office. After rest time we had a quiet afternoon reading stories as some of the children were feeling very tired and a bit poorly.
- On Tuesday, we had lots of fun in the sports hall, when the children really enjoyed chasing Mr Woods around the hall – he was using a balance skate! We also spent lots of time outside exploring the frost and collecting frozen leaves.
- On Wednesday, we practised some of our Christmas songs with Miss Skinner during our music session. The children are continuing to enjoy learning the Christmas songs and are singing beautifully. We watched the Year 2 Christmas performance - the children behaved beautifully. We played outside on the bikes and trikes and continued to create Christmas cards, pictures and paintings. We had a lovely afternoon in the Pre Prep hall. We liked playing with the 'after school care' toys and vehicles and the children have really enjoyed exploring ice and frost this week outside.
- On Thursday, we all went swimming in small groups. We have continued to enjoy being in the Nursery garden and the outside Pre Prep play area. We had lots of fun watching the CBeebies advent calendar and having a Christmas disco dancing competition. We continued to create lots of different Christmas crafts.
- On Friday, some of us created pictures and paintings of our choice with Mrs Bloom. We went for a walk through the woods and looked for winter birds. Lots of us practised writing our names with a grown up.
- We have watched a variety of Christmas songs and programmes.
- We introduced 'c' for Christmas, Claudia, Cameron and Camilla. We talked about the fact that Charlotte begins with 'c' but sounds different.
- We talked about the shape star and the number 11. We talked about 11 being 10 and 1, and 11 being one more than 10.

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

Using a big yellow felt pen, draw 2d shapes, zig-zags, spirals, curved lines and straight lines and ask your child to copy over the top of them as carefully as they can. Some of the children are starting to write/draw some letters and numbers correctly, some children are starting to snip up paper and cut shapes out carefully and some children are starting to make marks during their imaginative play and drawing activities.

We would just like to remind parents to bring their child's costumes into school in preparation for Friday's Nativity.

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. There will be craft items to buy (made by children in the school) a café, pizza, mince pies and Santa's grotto to enjoy. Parking will be available in the City College staff car park opposite the Pre Prep, with our thanks to City College for their help.

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