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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 16th January 2017



Dear Parents

This week our key text has been 'Don't Wake the Bear, Hare'. We have linked this story to continuing to talk about different sorts of bears around the world and their different habitats and features. We have introduced the phonic sound 'e' and have introduced the words 'endangered' and 'extinct'. We have also talked about rhyming words linked to our story. We have really enjoyed our new outside play time after lunch, playing on the bikes and trikes, cutting and snipping up herbs in the mud kitchen, playing with the dinosaurs in our small cottage garden, using the hoops, balls and bats on the hard playground, chalking numbers and letters and using the diggers and dump trucks in the sand.

- On Monday, we enjoyed our dance session with Mrs Wilson. We read our new story 'Don't Wake the Bear, Hare' and watched a short film about brown, black, panda and polar bears. We practised counting bears carefully and enjoyed playing with small spoons, bowls and porridge oats in the texture tray. We have changed our lunchtime routine due to the fact that many of the children are staying all day now. This week we have revisited numbers to 10 and beyond and talked about lots of different 2D shapes. The children are having an extended outside time after lunch before coming back into Nursery for a quiet story time, afternoon activities and snack.
- On Tuesday, we focused on our new sound 'e'. We have all shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We had lots of fun playing games in the sports hall. In the afternoon we made lots of different models using recycled materials (kindly brought in by parents) glue and tape.
- On Wednesday, lots of us created collage bears with Mrs Bloom. We spent half the morning in the yurt and half the morning in the Nursery. We cooked and tasted porridge. We played outside after lunch and then went to music with Miss Skinner in the music room. We had lots of fun exercising in the Pre Prep hall before we went home.
- On Thursday, we all went swimming in small groups. We sang a phonics song and learnt a new bear counting song. Mrs Bailey continued to ask the children to show her how clever they are at cutting out and identifying letters and numerals. We went for a walk through the woods and noticed how different the woods look this week without any snow or frost.

- On Friday, we enjoyed lots of different activities in the Nursery. Many of the children have shown a real interest in our small world 'Schleich' animals this week and have started to sort and organise the animals into animal groups. We have started a children's yoga activity this term, on a Friday morning in the Pre Prep hall. The children seem to be focusing and trying to copy the different movements very carefully. We really enjoyed making and eating toast for our afternoon snack again today.

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

- Talk about the words 'endangered' and 'extinct' and cut out and collect some pictures of endangered animals.
- Talk about rhyming words linked to our rhyming story this week, read a rhyming book at home and generate some strings of simple rhyming words, e.g. cat, mat, rat, hat.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 1st February – 8.30am - 9.15am: Coffee morning and meeting for Nursery parents led by Mr Bevington regarding plans to improve the Pre Prep building.

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Key Person and Mrs Hampsheir Meetings – 2.00pm - 3.30pm (please note the slightly extended timings from those previously published):

- Monday 6th February: Mrs Amies
- Tuesday 7th February: Mrs Averill
- Wednesday 8th February: Mrs Bailey
- Thursday 9th February: Mrs Coman

Parents can book an appointment slot using the new 'parents' booking system'. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at www.townclose.com Please note that if you have yet to use the system this term, your password will be **townclose**, which you will then be asked to change. If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com

If you are unable to attend your key person meeting, Mrs Hampsheir will be available at the Pre Prep parents' evening on Thursday 9th February. If you would like to book an appointment on that evening, please contact Mrs Stackwood by telephone (01603-599071) or email preprepsec@townclose.com when she will be happy to arrange this for you.

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