



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 20th February 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries told children the Bible story of *The Feeding of the Five Thousand* and what it teaches us about the importance of sharing. Bird Family meetings were replaced in Reception by a year group science activity and experiment about growing beans.

This week we have been exploring the school grounds looking for early signs of spring. We found crocuses, daffodils and snowdrops growing in our woods and frogspawn in the pond. We have heard different versions of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and we have planted our own beans. We plan to write Bean Diaries as we watch them grow. On Wednesday, we experimented with planting beans in a variety of unusual places. The children came up with interesting questions, such as 'will a bean grow if it is planted in a tomato?' Beans were planted in a range of unusual places including sand, mashed banana and even yoghurt! The children will be keeping a close eye on their experiment and we look forward to finding out what might happen to the beans.

Beans were the focus of games lessons, in which we played 'jolly jumping jellybeans'! We also practised jumping in and out of tyres, landing carefully on two feet.

In maths, we have continued to secure our knowledge of numbers to 20. The children enjoyed the challenge of placing numbers to 20 in order and saying which number is one more or one less than a given number. The children have also been learning to solve addition and subtraction problems by counting on or back using loose objects, such as shells and stones.

Literacy groups have resumed and we continue to learn new phonemes. Each group also enjoyed taking part in spelling activities linked to the sounds that they have been learning and many children carried out short creative writing exercises.

We have quite a lot of lost property in the Pre Prep corridor. We do try to return as many items as we can, especially named ones. However, if you think you may be missing an item or two, please do check the blue tubs next to the stairs opposite the Pre Prep hall.

Over the coming weekend you might wish to play oral number games with your child at home: call out a number and ask them to call back the number that is one more/one less; challenge your child to count backwards from 20 to 0; count together to 100 and beyond.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day – children may dress as their favourite book character.

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