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## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents

Reverend Patrick led assembly in Pre Prep this week and talked about Lent and the importance of determination and not giving up. Bird family meetings focused on making mistakes and how this is a natural part of the learning process and nothing to worry about. Larch Class led a very interesting assembly about their favourite school subjects and all that they have been learning about London.

The focus of maths sessions this week was partitioning numbers. The children explored the number bonds of 5 and 10 and it was encouraging to see that many children are now able to write simple number sentences to record their working.

We read the story *Titch* by Pat Hutchins and some of the children wrote wonderful retells of the story, while others wrote sentences to describe how the character Titch feels at various points in the story.

In our Literacy group sessions, all of the children have continued to practise reading and spelling words containing new phonemes. It is wonderful that so many children are gaining confidence in using their phonic knowledge to attempt to spell words in phonetically plausible ways.

As part of our 'growing' topic, the children have continued to record the progress of their beans in their Bean Diaries. We have looked at Van Gogh's 'sunflowers' and the children have enjoyed attempting to paint sunflowers in a similar style.

Over the coming weekend you might like to work with your child on creating a retell of a favourite story. Perhaps read a familiar book and scribe for your child as they recount the story in their own words. Some children might enjoy the challenge of rewriting the story themselves.

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*