



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 13th March 2017

Dear Parents

On Monday, the Pre Prep children were invited to see the Year 7 and 8 dress rehearsal of *Cats*. The children were a fantastic audience and clearly enjoyed the show and the Year 7 and 8 children performed brilliantly.

On Tuesday Mrs Harries led an assembly about ideas, linked to *Cats*. She talked about how T S Eliot had written poems about cats which became the *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, which Andrew Lloyd Webber then made into a stage show. She explained that people had told Andrew that he was crazy to think of turning the poems into a stage show but that he was not put off and was determined to make it work and that 35 years after its first performance, it is still being widely performed! The message was make the most of your ideas, see how far you can take them; you may be amazed at what you can achieve! Bird Family meetings concentrated on understanding the differences between boasting and feeling proud.

As part of our 'Growing' topic the children have enjoyed looking at various life cycles of animals including a frog. The children have been eager to keep an eye on their beanstalks and we have recorded our observations in our bean diaries.

During class literacy, the children have made up their own imaginative stories whilst the adults scribed their ideas. They have represented their own ideas through role-play using a variety of characters and a chosen setting. The children have based their imaginative ideas around some of the stories we have read in class.

We have continued our focus on counting with an emphasis on number doubles and finding half of a number. We have enjoyed many practical activities to help us understand this concept, including rolling dice, finding doubles on dominoes, using the Numicon pieces to complete number sentences, doubling spots on ladybirds and playing games on the Smartboard.

In games, we have made the most of the sunshine and explored a range of carousel activities including throwing, target games, negotiating space whilst running through a slalom.

Over the weekend you may like to:

- Play board games with your child or have a go at making your own version. What special rule could you devise in the event of throwing a double?
- You may like to bring in your favourite story book from home to share with your class.
- Have a look at the attached poster which advertises our Easter bonnet competition. If you feel like being creative either before or during the Easter holidays, we will look forward to seeing your creations straight after the holidays.

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

A message from Kate Evans, PTA Chair:

We have been receiving a lot of questions about the May Ball being held on Saturday 20th May 2017. It's going to be a fantastic night and not to be missed.

The tables seat 10 although special requests to seat 12 can be accommodated. You do not need to make up a whole table to make a booking. You can book individually and we can place you with other Pre Prep parents.

On the booking form there is a section to fill out whether you have organised a table, with a space for the names, or whether you would like to be seated with others from the same year group.

Visit www.townclosepta.co.uk/store to book your tickets. We only have a few tables left, then the marquee is at full capacity!