



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents

On Monday, the children had the opportunity to dance around the Maypole, following Mr Bevington's assembly on Friday about the traditions of May Day. We enjoyed celebrating achievements in our Pre Prep assembly on Tuesday and Bird family meetings focused on the importance of tolerance, in all its different forms. Nursery and Reception children had a special assembly this morning, led by some representatives from our builders, Newall Construction, about our Pre Prep building work and safety on a building site.

This week in maths lessons the Reception children have been exploring capacity. They took part in a range of investigative challenges in which they were encouraged to predict which containers had the largest capacity and then check using simple measurements, paying attention to the marks on the sides of measuring jugs. Over the coming weekend, your child might like to continue to explore capacity through playful investigation, helping to measure liquids for a recipe, for example, or filling and emptying containers in the bath.

In Literacy, we have continued to look closely at the features of non-fiction texts and all of the children have made information books in which they have written simple factual sentences, using their phonetic knowledge to attempt to spell unfamiliar vocabulary.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fantastic visit to our local Tesco supermarket in which the children explored the shop floor and the warehouses. We even went inside the giant freezers! The children were given the opportunity to hold a mackerel at the fish counter and they tasted a selection of cheeses from the delicatessen counter. The visit ended with a snack chosen by the children from the biscuit aisle.

Rehearsals are underway for the Reception assembly in which the children will be performing a medley of the songs that they have been learning over the year.

We enjoyed catching up with many parents at our parents' evening on Wednesday.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 8.35am:** Reception class assembly in the Read Hall

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm:** Reception sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Moving up morning

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*