



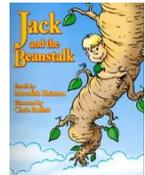
TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 15th May 2017



Dear Parents

This week we have been learning about plants and growing seeds. We have linked this to talking about which plants produce seeds and what different seeds look like. Our key text has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have planted cress and broad beans and practised counting beans and peas in pods carefully.

- On Monday, we all shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We went to dance with Mrs Wilson and enjoyed creating our own number line beanstalks. We have talked about lots of different plants growing around school and visited the Bananarium in the outside classroom to see the banana plants. Mrs Laing has asked us to look after two of the banana plants and compare which plant grows the tallest, the one in the Bananarium or the one outside our Nursery door.
- On Tuesday, we had lots of fun travelling in different ways and playing circle games in the sports hall. We planted cress, and lots of the children practised carefully writing the letters in their names with a grown up.
- On Wednesday, half the children had music with Miss Skinner in the afternoon. We sang number songs and the children were able to add and subtract 1 accurately, which was very clever. We had a lovely time outside despite the rain.
- On Thursday, we all went swimming in our groups and half of the children had music with Miss Skinner in the afternoon. We collected lots of different leaves outside to sort and count. We covered leaves with bricks and counted how many bricks could fit on top of one leaf.
- On Friday, we were very proud of the children during 'Open Morning' as they were very sensible and polite when a number of grown-ups looked around the school. We planted broad beans and created 'Bee' cupcakes to take home, to emphasise to the children the importance of bees and flowers in our world. We had a lovely afternoon reading stories, resting after another busy week and leaf printing using the print rollers and paint.

This weekend you may like to support your child's learning by talking about plants. You may wish to speak about why plants are so important and how a lot of our food comes from plants. You may wish to go outside in your garden and collect and count leaves from one plant or collect leaves from different plants to order and sort depending on size, colour or shape.

We are very happy for the children to wear navy elasticated shorts in the Nursery as we have noticed that some of the boys are unable to undo the metal clip on the grey school shorts themselves and are therefore unable to go to the toilet independently.

We would be most grateful if children could refrain from bringing toys into school. We have had a couple of behaviour incidents this week, caused by children arguing about toys brought in from home. However, a small cuddly or comforter is fine as usual.

Message from Miss Bryant (swimming teacher)

This year seems to be particularly bad for verrucas and, unfortunately, a child will only be able to swim with an untreated verruca if they have a verruca sock. Please see the information link below from the NHS website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Warts/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 22nd June at 2.15pm: Nursery sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

Wednesday 5th July: Nursery trip to Norwich Playhouse to see the morning performance of 'Room on the Broom'

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