



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 15th May 2017

Dear Parents

Bird Family meetings this week focused on 'the same but different', talking about understanding our differences and that whilst we have differences, we also share similarities. On Thursday, we enjoyed a whole school Headmaster's assembly in which a group of children from the Prep Department acted out a story, which focused on the idea of being right and wrong...or sometimes both!

Children have been listening to a variety of stories this week that include repetitive rhyming phrases. We have identified rhyming couplets within poems and discussed how we could write our own. The children have been able to think of onomatopoeic words which convey various sounds, such as the sound of water. It has been very pleasing to see so many of the children confidently using and developing their phonetic knowledge and implementing this during independent writing activities.

Our maths focus this week has been gathering data and representing the information in bar charts. The children have enjoyed answering questions about themselves and sorting the information into categories. We have been able to put this to practical use as we gather and record data from the 'Bananarium'. For example the children have been measuring the indoor and outdoor temperatures and moisture levels in the soil.

Mrs Alexandre's husband, Dr Alexandre, visited us to talk about his job as a gastroenterology doctor. He demonstrated how our bodies digest food and even showed us what the inside of the bowel looks like through an endoscope! He discussed the data we have been gathering from the 'Bananarium' and helped us to understand the importance of fair testing.

During our games and PE sessions, the children have been practising their balancing and running skills for our Reception sports day races!

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:

Tuesday 13th June at 8.35am: Reception class assembly in the Read Hall

Thursday 15th June at 2.15pm: Reception sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th 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