



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 19th June 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Laing, Mrs Alexandre and some of the Reception scientists told us the story of how the Bananarium came to be and showed us how well the banana plants have grown. We discovered that the plants which have grown best are those which were planted in soil, rather than those planted with a mixture of compost and banana skins. All the children in Pre Prep were set a challenge to design a poster all about the project, with a chance of winning one of the banana plants to take home (further information below). This is an optional activity; family members are more than welcome to join in! Bird Family meetings focused on setting personal goals and targets.

In literacy, we have been writing our very own imaginative stories about our class eggs. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas of what could be inside, from chickens to dinosaurs. We also enjoyed reading 'Dinosaurs in my School' by Timothy Knapman and Sarah Warburton and thought about what would happen if a dinosaur visited Town Close School. The children were very creative with their ideas, with one child suggesting that a dinosaur would love to have a bath in the swimming pool, as it would be big enough!

During maths this week we have been taking part in lots of practical activities involving coins; we have been recapping the value of each coin including the new £1 coin, sorting coins in various ways and adding them together.

The children also had a great time participating in a dinosaur relay race, when they had to work in teams to collect the bones scattered around the playground. We also played a variety of games using the parachute, which was great fun!

Over the weekend, you may like to encourage your child to look at various coins, order them and then add some values together. They may like to pay for something at a shop and show their teacher the receipt.

In preparation for our transition activity, you may also like to start discussing and writing down any questions your child may have about moving to Year 1.

If you would like to take part in the banana competition, you might like to look at the banana blog: <https://thebananaprojectblog.wordpress.com/>. The competition is to create the best poster about either the banana project in school or bananas in general. Please use the poster sheet provided and hand it in (with full name and class) to Mrs Laing by Friday 30th June.

Finally, if you find in your laundry basket at home any clothes which have been borrowed from School, please could you return them; we are getting rather low on spare supplies! Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

Thursday 6th July - 4.00pm: End of term – no After School Care

Wednesday 13th September: ‘An introduction to Year 1’ information evening for parents at 6pm in the Pre Prep hall.

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