



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 18th September 2017

Dear Parents

It has been another lovely week in Nursery. The children have, for the most part, continued to come into Nursery very happily in the mornings and have responded positively to being placed in their Key Worker groups. They have started to use their new water bottles independently too. The bottles each have a child's name on the top, are kept in the Nursery and are accessible to the children throughout the day.

This week in Nursery we have been talking about different sorts of bears. We have read *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. We have introduced the phonic sound "b", for bear. We have looked at a range of different 2D shapes, and begun to sing lots of new number and counting songs.

- On Monday, the children all had Dance with Mrs Wilson. The focus was moving and acting out familiar nursery rhymes. The children followed instructions and copied her actions very well. We read *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* and talked about different bear stories and types of bears. We have read lots of different bear stories this week.
- On Tuesday, Miss Skinner came to the Nursery and we all joined in to sing lots of familiar songs. We had fun exploring many new outside resources (planks, crates, builders' tools etc.) and spent time in the Nursery garden and exploring the Pre-Prep playground. In the afternoon we went for a long walk through the woods.
- On Wednesday, we went to the sports hall where the children had great fun playing a circle game at the end of the session to help them get to know each other's names. In the afternoon we went to the music room and used the tapping sticks to sing action songs with Miss Skinner. We really enjoyed playing on the bikes and trikes on the big playground.
- On Thursday, we read our special story again, *We're Going On a Bear Hunt*, and talked about the name of the day of the week and what we were going to do using pictures as a prompt. I will introduce a visual timetable for the children next week. We watched an animated version of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and enjoyed some inside time playing animal memory games, completing animal jigsaws and talking about "b" for bear. We all visited the swimming pool in readiness for our first swimming lessons next week. **Please ensure that**

your child has their swimming kit in school on Thursdays as this is our swimming day.

- On Friday, we went on a lost teddy bear hunt in the morning. Lots of the children enjoyed painting bears with Mrs Bloom, and really loved playing with porridge oats, the counting bears, bowls and spoons in the texture tray. We read various bear stories and had a lovely time in the afternoon playing in the Pre Prep playground, on the slide, in the sand and using the tyres to make an enormous bridge under the trees.

This weekend you may like to:

- Look for and talk about the number 1. We talked about number 1 this week in terms of 1 nose, 1 mouth, 1 more than. We watched Number Time all about number 1. If your child has a favourite teddy bear, then they are very welcome to bring them into Nursery next week. Your child may wish to order 3 spoons, 3 bowls and 3 bears in relation to their size as we read Goldilocks and the 3 Bears this week.

Useful information

Specialist teaching sessions in Nursery	
Monday	Dance
Tuesday	Music
Wednesday	Music
Thursday	Swimming groups
Friday	

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Read Hall.

Friday 13th October: PTA Quiz Night in the Read Hall

Friday 20th October – 2.00pm-3.15pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

Wednesday 6th December – 9.00am – 9.45am: Nursery Nativity in the Pre Prep Hall

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Harries