



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 18th September 2017

Dear Parents

What a busy and exciting week we have had! In our Wednesday assembly we enjoyed a visit from some representatives from our School charity for this year, Special Olympics Norfolk, who came to tell us all about the excellent work they do. The Top Birds were asked to demonstrate a special standing long jump, which they did very well. Bird Family meetings focused on the theme of friendship and our celebratory assembly today included celebrating our first set of work for the 'Wonder Wall'. One piece of work was chosen from each class to be framed and hung in the Pre Prep entrance. Those children also received a certificate. Top Birds were officially presented with their certificate and a badge.

Literacy

We have continued to practise sounding the letters of the alphabet. We have been impressed by the progress your children have already made since we assessed their knowledge last week.

Our key text has been Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson. The children have all decorated a string of paper dolls and, with the support of an adult, given each doll a name beginning with m, a, and s. We have also practised the correct letter formation for each sound. Thank you for the support you have given your child at home; we would encourage you to initial or comment in their reading record if you have practised reading or sounding with them. We will be adding to your child's record book regularly. However, please note that reading records will be kept in school on Thursday evenings.

Maths

We have been assessing the children's knowledge of numbers to 10 or 20 including ordering, naming and writing each numeral. We have also asked the children to demonstrate their knowledge of simple 2D shapes. Our lessons have taken on a practical nature and we have enjoyed a variety of circle and group games.

Other lessons and activities

We have made the most of the good weather this week, playing outside on the Reception lawn and in the outdoor classroom. The children have worked together to clean and prepare the Bananarium for its next adventure. In games, we went on our first cross country run, through the woods and across the lawn. The children did really well as they listened to instructions, followed the leader to learn the route and returned to the 'hugging tree' when they heard the whistle.

Class timetables are available on the parents' information centre part of the School website as are school menus, both of which you may find useful.

Over the weekend, your child may like to do some of the following:

- Play I-spy with you to encourage recognition of initial sounds. Please use 'pure' sounds as you say the sentence "I spy with my little eye, something beginning with mmm....."
- Comment in your child's special book as they talk to you about their photographs and activities.

Note

The children all changed into their PE kit this week. Over the weekend please can you check that your child has their own clothes. Florence, in Oak Class, is missing a grey pinafore dress. Thank you.

Please note:

Arrival at school

Registration is at 8.25am. If you are delayed in arriving at School, please ensure that you enter the Pre Prep via the Pre Prep Office and sign in there, so that we can ensure our fire registers are accurate. Thank you.

Collection

If you collect your child from Pre Prep and wait outside the Dearnaley Building to collect a Prep sibling, please bear in mind that Prep lessons continue until 4.00pm, so Pre Prep children will need to wait or play quietly. Thank you.

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-3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

Thursday 7th December – 9.00am – 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries