



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 25th September 2017

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been talking about owls linked to our special story *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. The children have responded very well to being placed in their Key Person groups and have started to remember to gather in their groups when getting ready for lunch or going to different activities. We have introduced the phonic sound 'm', for mummy. We have played dice counting games and asked the children if they can recognise different numerals.

The children have settled very well into Nursery and are busy making new friends, which is lovely to see. Please remind your child that we always have kind faces, hands and words at Nursery and that if they do not like what another child is doing, they can say 'Stop, I don't like it' or seek help from a nearby grown up.

- On Monday, the children all had dance with Mrs Wilson. The children played a moving and stopping game. We read *Owl Babies* and talked about the fact that owls live in nests and lay eggs. We talked about lots of different animals that are nocturnal like owls. Some of the children created collage owls. We went for a walk looking for 2D shapes and walked through the woods, where we found an owl box at the top of a very tall tree.
- On Tuesday, Miss Skinner came to Nursery and we all joined in to sing lots of familiar songs. We had great fun looking for autumn leaves outside to create leaf crowns. We also made chocolate birds' nests, which we were very proud of and keen to eat! In the afternoon, we really enjoyed playing on the bikes and trikes on the big playground.
- On Wednesday, we went to the sports hall. The children had tremendous fun and used up lots of energy, running and jumping and using the sports hall equipment. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and used a variety of different percussion instruments to sing songs with Miss Skinner. Many of the children painted different animals with Mrs Bloom.
- On Thursday, we read our special story *Owl Babies* and talked about the name of the day of the week and what we were going to do, using pictures as a prompt. We watched an animated version of *Owl Babies* and talked about 'm' for mummy. The children were very excited about going swimming for the first time at Nursery and seemed to have lots of fun in the swimming pool.

- On Friday, we talked about careful counting, and touching each object as we count. Lots of the children practised counting animals carefully.

We filled the texture tray with water and junk modelling objects to build boats independently. The children tested their boats by placing an animal in them and seeing if they floated. We read *Owl Babies* for the last time this week, and had a lovely time in the afternoon playing simple number games, completing puzzles and helping to turn our role-play area into a bakery shop.

Next week we will be reading *The Little Red Hen* and will be tasting and making bread.

This weekend you may like to:

Look for and talk about the number 2, we talked about the number 2 this week at Nursery and have found groups of 2 animals, 2 zebras, 2 lions, 2 giraffes etc. You may wish to practise careful counting with your child, using a small group of objects or toys. We talk about touching each object as we count.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 9th October – 1.30pm-3.00pm Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hampsheir key person meeting

Wednesday 11th October – 1.30pm-3.00pm Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir key person meeting

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

Friday 13th October – 1.30pm-3.00pm Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampshier key person meeting

Monday 16th October – 1.30pm-3.00pm Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir key person meeting

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

Online booking system for key person meetings and parents' evening:

Go to the Parents' Booking System in the Parents' Information Centre on the School website and login using your email address and password. If you have not logged in before, your password will be townclose. Make sure you have the appropriate child selected. Click on the Parents' Evening button and click on a purple 'available' button. To cancel a previous booking, click the red 'cancel' button where you previously booked.

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

Melanie Amies