



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 25th September 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week we talked about gifts, with the help of some autumn leaves, and talked about how special gifts can be, especially when they involve a person's thought and time. Bird family meetings focused on the subject of playtimes and ways in which to ensure that children have happy and safe breaks.

Literacy

This week we have been reading *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. We made story maps and retold the story with puppets. We have continued to practise accurate letter formation and this week we focused on the letters d, t, i and n.

Maths

The focus in maths was 2D shape. The children have been learning to identify and describe regular 2D shapes using vocabulary such as 'corners' and 'curved'. We made characters from *The Gruffalo* using 2D shapes, went out on a 2D shape hunt around the school grounds and played a variety of shape games.

Other lessons and activities

We have been learning to identify our class trees by locating them in the school woods and looking closely at the leaves and nuts. We made or decorated beech, chestnut and oak leaves using a variety of media including watercolour paints and wax crayons. We talked about woods and forests linked to *The Gruffalo* and in our games session on Wednesday, we worked hard to gather sticks, leaves, pine cones and bark to create a huge mural of the Gruffalo on the playground.

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

Please continue to practise reading with your child over the weekend. You might also like to make an autumn collage by collecting interesting signs of autumn from the garden. We would very much enjoy sharing these in school next week.

Dates for your diary:

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

Online booking system for 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.

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

Wednesday 18th October: Reception Visit to Thetford Forest

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