



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries introduced the children to a Quentin Blake character, Mrs Armitage, from the story *Mrs Armitage on Wheels*. The children were keen to join in with Mrs Armitage's voice at key points and discussed all the different ideas that she had along the way. We noted that she was happy to have a go at things, even though she could not always be sure of a positive outcome, and talked about the importance of perseverance and how well she demonstrated this. In Bird Family meetings, children considered the importance of careful listening and the need to hear both sides of a story, taking care not to make rash judgements.

### **Literacy**

In literacy we have been talking about harvest. We started the week by looking at various crops and produce, kindly provided by the Smith family. The children came up with some amazing ideas about what harvest time means and we soon agreed that harvest applied to things grown on the land and in the sea. In preparation for this weekend's Norfolk HarFest, we kicked the week off by reading *The Scarecrow's Wedding* by Julia Donaldson, a perfect book to ignite the children's excitement about making our own lavender scarecrow for the festival. The children have been cutting wheat, straw and lavender to fill the sacks and clothing for our scarecrow. We have also made butterflies and decorative lavender items. We hope that some of you will go and see our beautiful lavender lady in the Norfolk scarecrow competition at this Saturday's Norfolk HarFest, which is being held at Norwich Cathedral.

### **Maths**

In maths this week we have continued our scarecrow theme and the children have enjoyed making repeating bean patterns. We have looked at patterns around the School and have participated in various practical activities related to pattern making when playing e.g. making necklaces.

### **Other lessons and activities**

In our games session this week, we split into our classes and enjoyed taking part in a circuit course, which comprised of three activities. The first was a game called 'dingle dangle scarecrow'. The children had to listen carefully to various directions, including skipping, hopping, jumping and stopping. They also practised jumping over hurdles and they enjoyed developing their arm movements using our new 'lightsabres' in the hall.

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

You might like to play a few simple word games with your children e.g. making nonsense words using our taught sounds, or playing noughts and crosses with simple words. You might also like to spot patterns in your local area. What can you see? Can you make your own pattern using objects from home?

**Swimming Groups**

Please find attached a revised swimming groups list, which have been slightly reshuffled following the children's first few swimming lessons with Miss Bryant.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 5.00pm 7.30pm:** Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep – please note the change of venue.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> October:** PTA Quiz Night in the Pre Prep Hall

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am:** PTA AGM and Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Reception visit to Thetford Forest

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm-3.00pm:** Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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*