



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 9th October 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you to all the parents who have attended parent meetings so far. It has been lovely to talk about your children with you as they become increasingly settled into Nursery.

This week in Nursery we have been talking about lots of different fruits and African animals linked to our special story *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. We have introduced the phonic sound 'a', for apple, and have talked about number 4 and circles.

- On Monday, the children all had dance with Mrs Wilson. They enjoyed playing musical statues and playing a jumping game. We read *Handa's Surprise* and talked about our favourite fruits. We talked about lots of different animals that live in Africa. Some of the children practised drawing circles, ovals and semi-circles. We talked about the difference between curved and straight lines. In the afternoon, we all went for a walk through the woods.
- On Tuesday, Miss Skinner came to Nursery and taught us a new song about different fruits. At snack time we tasted pomegranate, melon and pineapple and talked about various fruits and healthy foods. Some of the children used potatoes to print. In the afternoon many of the children played outside in the garden and on the Pre Prep playground.
- On Wednesday, we went to the sports hall, where the children had great fun using large and small balls, and playing running and racing games. In the afternoon we went to the music room and used the tapping sticks to sing songs with Miss Skinner. Lots of the children painted fruit and animals with Mrs Bloom. The children really enjoyed using the parachute in the garden with Mrs Amies.
- On Thursday, we watched an animated version of *Handa's Surprise* and talked about 'a' for apple and Africa. We made and tasted fruit smoothies with Mrs Coman. The children explored Numicon, played in the water tray, and had a busy morning in our fruit and vegetable shop. The children went swimming in the afternoon and had fun in the swimming pool.
- On Friday, we explored various fruits in the water tray and talked about which fruits floated and which fruits sank. We read *Handa's Surprise* and went for a walk looking for circles. In the afternoon, we had a lovely time painting pictures and watching Number Time. Lots of the children practised writing number 4s and drawing circles.

Next week we will be reading *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper and exploring, tasting and chopping up pumpkins. We will be making and eating pumpkin soup.

Over the weekend you may like to:

Look for and talk about the number 4. Look at and talk about the different sorts of fruits that you have at home. Your child may wish to sort or count or talk about the different colours, sizes and shapes of different fruits.

News flash!

Next Friday afternoon, 20th October, Zoo Lab will be visiting the Nursery at 1.00pm. The children will be able to look at and handle a range of different animals, linked to our topic this half term. If Friday is not a day that your child normally attends, they are very welcome to come into Nursery for the day, or the afternoon if they would like to.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 16th October – 9.00am: PTA AGM and Coffee Morning in the Pre Prep Hall – all parents welcome!

Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November (inclusive): Half Term

Tuesday 7th November – 8.15am - 9.15am: Coffee morning for Nursery parents in the Pre Prep Hall

Thursday 9th November: Charity Day – Dress as your favourite sports personality (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

Friday 10th November – 6pm: PTA Bonfire Night at Tacolneston Hall

Friday 1st December – 4pm: Christmas Fayre

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

Wednesday 13th December: Wear a Christmas Jumper day (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

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

Melanie Harries