



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 16th October 2017

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been talking about lots of different animals and pumpkins linked to our Zoo Lab visit and our special story *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper. We have introduced the phonic sound 'p', for pumpkin and pentagon, and have talked about number 5 and pentagons.

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson. They enjoyed moving in different ways linked to the story, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. We read *Pumpkin Soup* and talked about being kind friends linked to the story. Lots of the children practised counting different vegetables carefully in the role play area. In the afternoon the children really enjoyed exploring chopped up pumpkins and pumpkin seeds, outside in the mud kitchen.
- On Tuesday, Miss Skinner came to Nursery and taught us a new song about pumpkins. The children really enjoyed exploring orange and yellow rice, using funnels and scoops in the texture tray, playing with orange play dough and pumpkin seeds and painting their own giant pumpkins. In the afternoon, many played outside in the mud kitchen with chopped up pumpkins, pumpkin seeds and orange water.
- On Wednesday we talked about Diwali. The children created Diwali lamp paper plates and watched a very short CBeebies film about a family celebrating Diwali. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and enjoyed singing some of our favourite animal songs with Miss Skinner. Lots of the children painted pictures of their choice with Mrs Bloom. The children loved eating pumpkin soup and fresh bread at snack time.
- On Thursday, we watched an animated version of *Pumpkin Soup* and talked about 'p' for pumpkin and pentagon. We tried cutting out pentagons and went for a walk around the Prep School, looking at all the different classrooms and work that the big children were busy doing. The children went swimming in the afternoon and had great fun in the swimming pool.
- On Friday, we were very excited about our Zoo Lab visit. The children made animal hat bands in the morning and we read *Pumpkin Soup* for the last time this week. We had lots of fun in the sports hall (next half-term we will be going to the sports hall every Friday morning). In the afternoon, the children behaved beautifully with our visitor. They listened carefully and asked some very interesting questions about the animals. Lots of the children touched and held the animals too.

This half term you may like to:

Look for and talk about the number 5. Look at and talk about the different letters, numbers and shapes that we have talked about at Nursery. Read lots of stories together and have a super half term.

We would be very grateful if you could check your child's rucksack during half term and refill it with spare clothes as required. As the weather worsens it would be really helpful if all the children could bring their school winter coat in every day and keep a pair of wellies at school please.

Dates for your diary:

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 – 6.00pm: PTA Bonfire Night at Tacolneston Hall

Friday 1st December – 4.00pm: 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 Hampshire and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Harries