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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 16th October 2017

Dear Parents

We enjoyed celebrating some new work for the 'Wonder Wall' in our assembly this morning and congratulated all the Reception children for their excellent behaviour on our trip to Thetford Forest on Wednesday. Bird Family meetings focused on the importance of healthy eating.

Literacy

Our key Julia Donaldson book this week has been *Room on the Broom* and the children have enjoyed completing the rhyming strings as we shared the story. We have also introduced the sounds o, c, k and every child completed a grid, writing each sound they have learnt this year.

Maths

This week in maths we have been counting groups of objects, adding one more to find the new total and practising number formation. The children have also enjoyed adding one more onto a witch's broomstick and recording the addition by completing simple number sentences.

Other lessons and activities

We kicked off the week with a year group assembly on Monday, sharing this week's story *Room on the Broom*. We also created our very own magic potion, by filling a bottle with warm water, yeast and sugar, and attaching a balloon to the top. Throughout the day the children watched in delight as the balloon slowly got bigger and bigger. Later on in the week, we visited High Lodge, Thetford Forest. We began our adventure by following the Gruffalo trail through the deep dark woods. The children were great explorers; finding many clues on the way. They were also thrilled when they saw the characters come to life on the iPads. The children also enjoyed making magic wands with natural objects and Diva lamps during our afternoon sessions.

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

Practise writing their name, using the correct letter formation. Learn the rhymes for correct number formation and have a go at writing them.

Dates for your diary:

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

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

Friday 10th November – 6.00pm: PTA Bonfire Party at Tacolneston hall

Monday 13th November: Flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 4

Friday 1st December – 4.00pm: Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

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

We hope you have a lovely half-term break with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries