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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 20th November 2017

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about different sorts of penguins and where in the world they come from. Our special story has been *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. We have introduced the phonic sound 'f', for fish and friend, and have talked about the number 8 and the 2D shape, oval. We have made up our own penguin counting song and practised counting penguins carefully. We were very surprised to find a lost penguin in Nursery this week!

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson. The children waddled like penguins, crept like polar bears and jumped and 'swam' like dolphins. We read *Lost and Found* and talked about being lost and lonely like the little penguin, and being a good friend, like the little boy. We talked about penguins and looked at our new Nursery map of the world to find out where penguins live. The children had some quiet time in the afternoon drawing, playing a penguin number game and completing puzzles in Nursery.
- On Tuesday, Miss Skinner came to the Nursery and we sang the Christmas songs we are learning. The children spent a long time exploring ice, different sorts of penguins, snow and polar bears in both texture trays this week. One tray has been the North Pole and one tray has been the South Pole. Lots of children painted penguins, and enjoyed practising drawing ovals. We made and played with blue sparkly playdough and mini penguins.
- On Wednesday, we spent most of the morning outside as it was such a beautiful autumn day. There were leaves falling off the trees and the children had great fun trying to catch them. We collected leaves in our wheelbarrows and made leaf crowns. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and played on the adventure playground in the middle of the woods. Many children painted penguins with Mrs Bloom.
- On Thursday, we were very sad to find that our new penguin had disappeared! We made posters and asked lots of grown-ups if they had seen a lost penguin. We talked about where he might be and how to find him. We decided to go to the school's 'Lost and Found' office where we found our lost penguin! We carefully cut out pictures of different penguins. In the afternoon, the children went swimming and played in the garden.

- On Friday, we went to the sports hall and practised jumping and landing on the crash mats and playing with the hoops and balls. We read *Lost and Found* for the last time this week. In the morning, we practised singing some of the Christmas songs we are learning and enjoyed doing busy jobs in the Nursery. The children had fun being in the Pre Prep hall this afternoon, drawing on huge pieces of paper and playing with a range of construction toys on big mats on the floor.

This weekend you may like to:

- Look for and talk about the number 8.
- Talk about penguins and other animals that live in very cold places. We have found out lots of interesting facts about Emperor penguins this week.
- Your child may wish to practise drawing ovals and c shapes (our pre-writing pattern this week).

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