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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 27th November 2017

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been talking about the solar system. Our special story has been *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. We have introduced the phonic sound 'r', for rocket, and have talked about the number 9 and the 2D shape, semi-circle. We have talked about the different planets and their names. We have made planet pizzas and painted planets.

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson and they had fun skipping, jumping, running and stopping. Many of the children practised copying our new pre-handwriting pattern with a grown-up, counting carefully to 9 and sharing their weekend news with a grown-up too.
- On Tuesday, Miss Skinner came to the Nursery and we sang the Christmas songs we are learning. The children learnt many facts about the planets in our solar system and we watched some real space rockets launch. Some children created 2D shaped shiny rockets with Miss Bruce.
- On Wednesday, the children started to paint pictures of their character in the Nursery Nativity with Mrs Bloom. We practised singing our Nativity songs and read our special Nativity story. Many children painted Christmas fir cones with Mrs Bailey. Next week the children will be making magic reindeer food with her. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and Miss Skinner introduced the children to the African drums where they had fun copying simple drumming patterns. It was a very rainy and windy day so we didn't go outside as much as usual.
- On Thursday, we were very excited as it was snowing on the way to school. We made pizzas in the morning (astronauts' favourite food!). The children really enjoyed playing outside and looking for snow. In the afternoon the children went swimming and enjoyed doing some busy jobs in the Nursery. They really enjoyed making bubbles in the water tray using the pipettes.
- On Friday, we talked about opening up the first door on our advent calendars. We talked about December and counting down to Christmas. We went to the sports hall and had fun running, jumping and landing on the crash mats and playing with the balls and hoops. The children really enjoyed mixing seeds and lard together to make bird feeders to take home. Some children painted robins with Mrs Bloom.

Next week we will be reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and practising in preparation for our Nursery Nativity on Wednesday. Thank you so much to all the parents who have let us know whether your child will be accompanying us to The Playhouse on Friday.

This weekend you may like to:

Look for and talk about the number 9 and look for semi-circles, talk about planets and space. Your child may wish to practise drawing r, n and m shapes (our pre-writing pattern this week).

Dates for your diary:

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

Friday 8th December – 12.30pm - 2.30pm: Nursery Visit to Norwich Playhouse to watch The Tiger Who Came to Tea

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