



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 9th January 2018

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to welcome all the Little Acorns back after the Christmas holiday and the children seemed very excited to see all their friends too! We have also welcomed some new children to Nursery this week, who have settled into our daily routines very well. The older children have been very kind, helping and supporting the younger children who have joined us.

Our key text has been Peepo by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and our topic this half-term is 'A Long Time Ago'. We have talked about different phonic sounds, numbers and 2D shapes. The children have enjoyed lots of different activities linked to 'a long time ago', including playing with the volcano and dinosaurs in the texture tray, dressing up as knights and princesses and meeting Isla's woolly mammoth on Thursday!

- On Tuesday, we had a quiet morning inside Nursery to enable the new children to begin to familiarise themselves with their new environment. We talked about our Nursery rules and all the different ways we stay safe when we are at Nursery. We reinforced our routines and rules and talked about having inside voices, kind hands, sharing toys and how to say "Stop, I don't like it". We talked about saying 'please' and 'thank you' at lunchtime.
- On Wednesday, the children spent a long time outside in the Pre Prep playground and in the Nursery garden making porridge in our mud kitchen, posting balls down long tubes and travelling on a train made out of crates and tyres. We spent the rest of the morning involved in a range of busy jobs in the Nursery. Lots of the children painted with Mrs Bloom. In the afternoon some of the older children went to music with Miss Skinner in the music room, and everybody played outside on the bikes and trikes.
- On Thursday, we spent time outside in the Nursery garden. Inside, the children enjoyed printing pictures using different fruits, and creating collages using buttons, pom poms and a variety of collage materials. We went swimming in the afternoon in our existing swimming groups. The new children will swim for the first time on Thursday 1st February. The older children will be moving into the shallow end of the swimming pool with Miss Bryant and Miss While.
- On Friday, some of the children went to the sports hall and had fun running, jumping and playing with the balls and hoops. Our new children enjoyed some time exploring the Nursery further at this point, building, painting, playing in the water tray and getting to know each other. We went for a walk through the

woods and visited the new Year 2 building. During the afternoon we enjoyed making enormous marks on large sheets of paper in small groups in the Pre Prep hall.

We hope that the children all have a lovely weekend. It would be wonderful if the children could bring in an old photograph next week to talk about.

We would be very grateful if all the children could keep plenty of spare clothes in their rucksacks. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th February: Key person meeting with Mrs Bailey 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 6th February: Key person meeting with Miss Bruce 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 7th February: Key person meeting with Mrs Coman 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 8th February: Key person meeting with Mrs Amies 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day: Dress up as your favourite Book Character

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries