



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 22 January 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have continued to talk about 'a long time ago'. Our key text has been *Grandma's House* by Alice Melvin. We have talked about the numbers 2 and 12, and practised 'careful counting' every day on the carpet. Lots of the children have practised drawing circles and curved lines linked to the grandfather clock in the story. We have talked about the phonic sound 'g' for grandma.

- On Monday, we had a busy morning inside the Nursery! Many children were keen to share their weekend news with a grown up and, after lunch, children enjoyed balancing on benches, jumping onto a large crash mat, crawling through tunnels and travelling in different ways around the hall.
- On Tuesday, the children really enjoyed looking at black and white photographs of Victorian children, cars and transport. Some of the teachers have kindly given us some old household items to look at this week. We read our key text again and talked about how precious books are and how to look after them.
- On Wednesday, the children really enjoyed using the percussion instruments and banging saucepans to create a band in the Nursery garden in the morning. They also spent time playing inside and painting dragons. They watched the tops of the tallest trees wave in the wind and splashed in enormous puddles. The children had a busy afternoon going to the music room to see Miss Skinner, having a lovely story time in the Prep library with Mrs Wootten and walking back to Nursery through the woods.
- On Thursday, the children continued to create their own collage pictures of *Grandma's House*, cutting out pictures from the story out very carefully. The children had a choice between being inside or in the outside classroom for the morning. The inside children were busy dressing up, practising writing number 1 and 2.
- On Friday, we went to the sports hall and enjoyed running, jumping and playing large circle games. The children continued to create dragon paintings, dressing up, making play doh and having a very busy time inside. We then spent part of the afternoon in the Pre Prep hall drawing giant circles, using the parachute and playing circle games.

This weekend to support your child's learning, you may like to:

- See how many circles your child can find and draw.
- Find some pictures of toys from a long time ago and talk about them.
- Count up to 12 objects carefully for the older children, spot number 2's for the younger children.

- Talk about the phonic sound 'g' for grandma, grandpa and grandfather clocks (we have visited the grandfather clock outside Mr Bevington's study and talked about 12 o'clock at the top of the clock face).

We would be very grateful for any more donations of the small, sturdy smoothie boxes so that all the children can create their own small model of a 3D castle.

Please could all parents ensure that their child has lots of spare named pants, socks and trousers in their ruck sacks and that all items of your child's clothing are clearly named including shoes, wellies, book bags and precious cuddly toys. A distinctive ribbon loop that is the same colour and pattern tied onto rucksacks, book bags, swimming bags and the backs of coats can really help your child (and the nursery staff) to identify their things easily.

The children will be visiting the Pre Prep Library every week on a Monday or Wednesday in order to choose two new library books. The children are very welcome to return these books on any day into the Library Book box outside the Nursery.

You are now able to make an appointment to see your key person with Mrs Hampsheir (**10 minute slots**) using our online booking system (details below). If you are unable to attend this session, or have further queries, Mrs Hampsheir will be available to see parents on the evening of Thursday 8th February, when the Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents' evenings take place. Please note that your key person will not be available on that evening.

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

Online booking system: Go to the Parents' Booking System in the Parents' Information Centre on the school website and login using your email address and password. If you have not logged in before, your password will be **townclose**. Make sure you have the appropriate child selected. Click on the Parents' Evening button and click on a purple Available button. To cancel a previous booking click the red cancel button where you previously booked.

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