



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 29 January 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have continued to talk about 'a long time ago'. Our key text has been *Dinosaur Roar* by Henrietta Stickland. We have talked about the numbers 3 and 13, and practised 'careful counting' every day on the carpet. We have talked about hexagons and found a lovely dinosaur stomp song about hexagons. We have talked about the phonic sound 'd' for dinosaur.

This week we have changed our role-play area into a Chinese café as next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, cooking and tasting Chinese food and creating Chinese New Year crafts.

- On Monday, we had a busy morning in the Nursery! Lots of the children were keen to share their weekend news with a grown up and the children visited the Pre Prep library in small groups. We started talking about dinosaurs and many children have liked playing with the dinosaurs, naming them and looking at pictures of fossils.
- On Tuesday, the children really enjoyed looking at different dinosaurs and carefully colouring in pictures of dinosaurs. Some of the children spent time in the outside classroom collecting and sorting sticks, looking for worms and running around, whilst others spent time in the nursery garden making 'tea' in the mud kitchen and creating a long bridge using the planks and crates. We went for a long walk through the woods and found some snowdrops.
- On Wednesday, the children really enjoyed a busy morning in Nursery, painting and completing activities with an adult. In the afternoon, we went to the music room to see Miss Skinner, where we stomped like dinosaurs and used the tapping sticks. We walked back to Nursery through the woods in a hailstorm, which was very exciting!
- On Thursday morning, we covered the painting table with paper and printed dinosaur feet using the toy dinosaurs. Some children cut out pictures of dinosaurs to make their own 'd for dinosaur' books. In the afternoon, all the new children went swimming for the first time and managed brilliantly.
- On Friday, we went to the sports hall in the morning and had lots of fun playing with balls, hoops and bean bags. Several children continued to paint snowdrops from the woods with Mrs Bloom. We then spent part of the afternoon in the Pre Prep hall drawing giant pictures, climbing through crawling tunnels, balancing on benches and jumping onto the large crash mat. We had our snack in the Pre Prep hall and sang some songs before home time.

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

- Count up to 13 objects carefully for the older children, spot number 3s for the younger children.
- Reading any stories or information books that you have at home about dinosaurs
- Talk about the phonic sound 'd' for dinosaur. Find some objects in your house that begin with 'd'.

Please could all parents ensure that their child has lots of spare named pants, socks and trousers in their rucksacks. Please could you also ensure that all items of their 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. Thank you.

You are now able to make an appointment to see your key person with Mrs Hampshire (**10 minute slots**) using our online booking system (details below). If you are unable to attend this session, or have further queries, Mrs Hampshire 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 5 February: Key person meeting with Mrs Bailey – 1.30pm - 3.00pm

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

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

Thursday 8 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 1 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 Hampshire and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Harries