



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 19 February 2018

Dear Parents

Firstly, we would like to thank Lucas Song for bringing the Nursery children lovely red Chinese New Year envelopes this week.

This week in Nursery we have read *Scarlette Beane* by Karen Wallace. We have talked about the numbers 5 and 15, and practised 'careful counting' every day on the carpet. Our special shape has been a pentagon. We have practised the phonic sound 'p' for pentagon and plant. Our role-play area has become a hospital and some of the children have enjoyed being doctors. We really enjoyed celebrating the official opening of the Nursery on Thursday.

We would be very grateful if any Nursery spare clothes could be returned to us, and if all children could please have a couple of sets of spare clothes in their rucksacks. We have completely run out of spare pants, socks and jogging bottoms at present. As the year progresses, we are always very grateful for any donations of school clothing that your child has grown out of.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children's half-term holiday news. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. Lots of the children cut out pentagons and practised copying over the top of pentagons carefully. The children visited the Pre Prep library in small groups and painted balloons in preparation for our official opening on Thursday. We started talking about beans and plants and read *Scarlette Beane*, our new key text.
- On Tuesday, lots of the children really enjoyed colouring in pictures of objects beginning with 'p'. Some of the children started to create cards in preparation for Mothering Sunday. The new Nursery children had music with Miss Skinner, and many children were keen to practise writing their names, which was great to see.
- On Wednesday, the children wrapped up warmly and played outside in the rain in the morning. We were very busy playing with the blocks, playdoh and construction toys independently or completing puzzles and adult-focused activities. In the afternoon, the children went to the music room to visit Miss Skinner and sang lots of different songs using tapping sticks.
- On Thursday morning, we went to the sports hall in the morning while lots of grown-ups visited Nursery for the official opening. We celebrated by playing with balloons in the garden, decorating and eating cakes and wearing party

crowns. We were not able to swim on Thursday and so had a special party snack time in Pre Prep hall in the afternoon instead.

- On Friday, we had lots of fun dancing at our 'Friday Disco'. Lots of the children painted pictures of their own choice with Mrs Bloom. We then spent part of the afternoon in the Pre Prep hall drawing giant pictures and playing circle games. We planted 'magic beans' and will be watching them as they start to grow in the coming weeks.

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

- Count up to 15 objects carefully for the older children, spot number 5's for the younger children.
- Talk about plants and trees, and why they are so important.
- See if your child can identify some of the different plants that we eat and look at the different ways that plants are packaged and prepared.

Dates for your diary:

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

Saturday 17 March – 10.00am - 11.30am: PTA Easter activity morning (Pre Prep hall)

We hope you have a lovely, restful weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries