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Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 26 February 2018

Dear Parents

What an eventful week of weather it has been! In the short amount of time we have had at school this week, we have enjoyed an assembly led by Cherry Tree class all about books, in readiness for World Book Day which we will now celebrate next week. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book characters on Tuesday and we are looking forward to our postponed author visit, Ifeoma Onyefulu, author of *A is for Africa*, on Thursday and some African dance themed workshops on Friday. In the dance workshops, children will have the opportunity to wear face paint; do please let your child's teacher know if your child is allergic to face paint or if you would prefer them not to wear it. Alongside the author visit and dance workshops, in which the children will learn all about Africa, they will undertake some African crafts.

Children had a great time playing in the snow on Tuesday and we imagine they have also enjoyed playing outside in the last few of days.

Maths

This week we have been exploring patterns in the world around us. The children enjoyed making patterns in a range of play-based opportunities.

Literacy

In our classes, some of the children have read in a range of contexts with their teacher and have been working on their comprehension skills. We have been impressed with the children's concentration.

In literacy groups, we briefly touched on the story 'The Ugly Five' by Eric Carle, and will continue with this next week. The children have been learning new sounds and practising their reading and writing skills.

Other areas of learning

The children danced like dinosaurs with Mrs Wilson on Monday. They began by hatching from their eggs and moving slowly/quickly to the tempo of the music. In music, Miss Skinner embraced the weather and the children enjoyed singing a range of snow/ice songs, melting like snowmen and pretending to shiver in the cold. As a year group, we have also been rehearsing for our upcoming show, singing, dancing and practising our lines in front of our friends.

Over the weekend

You might like to explore the topic of ice and snow, drawing snowflakes, researching/writing about what snow is. Alternatively, you might like to take some pictures of patterns and describe what you can see.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 6 March: Postponed World Book Day celebrations – dress as your favourite book character

Thursday 8 March: Author visit for Reception to Year 2

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

Friday 23 March – 2.00pm: Reception Easter Production (Read Hall)

Wishing you a lovely, restful weekend with your children

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries