



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 5 March 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been *Cub's First Winter* by Rebecca Elliott. We have used this story to talk about snow, winter, ice, animals that hibernate and animals that migrate. We have also linked it to talking about the very wintery weather that we experienced last week. The children have really enjoyed sharing their news about the snow. We have talked about the numbers 7 and 17, and revisited lots of different 2D shapes. Our role play area has changed into a forest bird hide, with camping chairs, binoculars and camouflage nets. Our new phonic sound has been 'w' for winter.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children's news about their snowy weekends. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson and lots of children played outside in the remaining snow during the morning. The children all made bird feeders to help to look after the birds after the snow, and we talked about the names of different common garden birds. We really enjoyed watching Percy the Park Keeper's 'One Snowy Night' and reading our key text for the first time.
- On Tuesday, the children were so excited about dressing up for World Book Day! We read stories and went for a walk to see some of the older children's costumes in the rest of the Pre Prep and Prep. The children all continued to create Mother's Day cards and practised writing their names carefully inside their cards. We went for a lovely walk in the afternoon and were amazed by how many beautiful spring flowers there were in the woods.
- On Wednesday, we had an amazing talk about different vehicles that can be used to move snow; we watched an ice breaker ship, a snow plough and a train in lots of snow using a snow plough. Mrs Bloom talked to the children about how she helped to look after the sheep on her farm last week in the snow. The children have really enjoyed learning the names of different British garden birds this week. The children planted beans and we talked about the fact that spring follows winter.
- On Thursday, the children visited the new Pre Prep library in small groups. We practised writing 'w' and creating 'w' zig-zags linked to our phonic sound 'w'. Several children enjoyed playing a simple matching lotto game in small groups with an adult. We are so impressed with the children's ability to complete jigsaw puzzles this year. Our new quiet room seems to lend itself to

small groups playing games at the table and to completing floor jigsaws, the children often complete jigsaws independently or with a friend throughout the day. In the afternoon the children were very excited to go swimming in their groups.

- On Friday, everyone really enjoyed visiting the sports hall and playing with the bouncy balls, hoops, sponge balls and bean bags. Mrs Bloom supported children who wished to create their own pictures and paintings, and the children have continued to really enjoy our new role play area. Lots of the children made their own binoculars and in the afternoon we went into the woods to use our binoculars to do some bird watching.

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

- Count up to 17 objects carefully for the older children, spot number 7's for the younger children.
- Practise drawing simple 2D shapes to begin to create simple pictures; we have talked about how to draw simple objects using shapes, for example how a rectangle and a triangle can become a house, a circle can become the sun, a rectangle and a triangle can become a rocket etc.
- Talk about the names of different sorts of British garden birds, and see how many different birds the children can spot at the weekend.

Request for help

We would be very grateful if you could please name your children's shoes and wellies, and all their school uniform. We currently have lots of children whose shoes have no names in them, which has resulted in children wearing the wrong shoes and lots of confusion! Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

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.

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