



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 12 March 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been *The Big Wide Mouthed Frog* by Ana Martin Larranaga. We have used this story to talk about frogs, but also lots of the different animals that live in Australia. We have linked this story to learning about the life cycle of a frog. We have talked about the numbers 8 and 18, the 2D shape octagon and the phonic letter sound "k" for koala and kangaroo linked to our story.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children's news about their weekends. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. We read our new key text and the children really enjoyed the humour at the end of the story. We listened to some Australian didgeridoo music and talked about the different animals in the story that live in Australia. Lots of the children created frog face puppets in the afternoon.
- On Tuesday, the children were very excited as we visited the school pond in small groups. We were really hoping to see lots of frogs there, but we will visit the pond again next week, before the Easter holiday. There were many signs of spring in the woods, and we spotted lots of new spring flowers. Miss Skinner is really impressed with the nursery children's ability to take turns, listen and stop when playing lots of different percussion instruments in music.
- On Wednesday, we spent time outside in the Nursery garden, as the weather was warm and sunny. The children enjoyed playing with sand toys in our new nursery sand pit, playing in our mud kitchen and climbing and creating their own pathways using the planks and crates. The children noticed that some of our bean plants have started to grow, and we looked at some of the beans' roots and shoots carefully. The children helped me to move some log circles which led to us finding lots of enormous worms and making our own wormery.
- On Thursday, the children all completed a number 8 activity; they drew 8 legs on a spider and talked about octagons and octopuses. We talked about how to write k, and linked our phonic sound k to kangaroo and koala from our story. In the afternoon, the children really enjoyed swimming in their groups.
- On Friday, the children really enjoyed visiting the sports hall and playing with the bouncy balls, hoops, sponge balls and bean bags as usual. We decorated frog cupcakes and many of us continued to paint Easter Bunny pictures with Mrs Bloom. Next week we will be talking about Easter and spring, and enjoying lots of Easter craft activities.

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

- Count up to 18 objects carefully for the older children, spot number 8's for the younger children, talk about an octagon, a spider and an octopus linked to number 8.
- Make a list of the different British animals that live in woods and in our gardens, and link this to talking about the phonic sound they begin with, for example "f" for frog, "w" for worm etc.

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

Melanie Harries