



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 19 March 2018

Dear Parents

We have had lots of Easter fun in Nursery this week. We have read stories about spring, chicks, eggs and baby farm animals. We have talked about the numbers 9 and 19 and revisited the 2D shape 'oval', linked to eggs. We have reinforced the phonic letter sound 'e' for egg linked to Easter. On Wednesday, we really enjoyed being scientists and exploring the variety of different ways that eggs can change. We cooked eggs in different ways and whisked some egg whites until the slimy clear liquid had become stiff and white and we could hold the bowl over our heads.

- 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 lots of different stories about eggs, chicks and spring and several children created number 9 hat bands, carefully counting 9 eggs to stick onto their hat. In the afternoon, we watched a very short piece of film about eggs hatching.
- On Tuesday, we spent lots of time outside in the Nursery garden. We will spend much more time next term, free flowing inside and outside as the weather improves. The children spent a long time using gross muscle movements to paint the sheds for Mike, using large paint brushes and buckets of 'magic' paint. The children spent half the afternoon in nursery and half the afternoon in the woods. We went for a long walk through the woods and talked about all the baby birds that would be hatching soon in all the bird boxes that we spotted.
- On Wednesday, we spent time outside in the Nursery garden, as the weather was warm and sunny. The children enjoyed playing with the dinosaurs in our nursery sand pit, playing in our mud kitchen and climbing and creating their own pathways, using the planks and crates. They dressed up as builders and carried out repairs in the garden. We had warm hot cross buns as an Easter treat at snack time, drew giant ovals on paper on the floor and talked about the very sad news that the last ever Daddy Northern White Rhinoceros had died and that this species would now become extinct.
- On Thursday, the children really enjoyed watching the Reception children performing their Easter Production in the Read Hall, based on the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. They all completed a number 9 counting activity and visited the Pre Prep library with their key person. We talked about how to write

'e', and enjoyed singing the "e" Jolly Phonics song. In the afternoon, the children really enjoyed swimming in their groups.

- On Friday, the children did not visit the sports hall as they normally would because the Prep Department had their Spring Variety Performance. Lots of the children continued to paint Easter Bunny pictures with Mrs Bloom. We went for an Easter egg hunt through the woods, and found a selection of numbered Easter eggs.

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

- Purchase a set of Read Write Inc Speed Sounds Set 1 phonic cards, (available online from about £5). On one side of the cards the children can practise saying the sound that the letter makes; on the other side of the cards the children can begin to practise saying the handwriting rhymes.
- Continue to practise careful counting, numeral recognition and playing simple number games that involve turn-taking, counting and matching sets of objects to numerals.

We will be sending home some further information about literacy and numeracy for the older children as we have been assessing them this week in Nursery, and we will be planning in lots more activities next term in order to support the children's progression in early literacy and numeracy in preparation for their transition to Reception in September.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20 June – 9.15am - 10.00am: Nursery Sports Day

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

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

Melanie Harries