



## Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been *The Happy Bee* by Ian Beck. We have used this story to talk about bees, flowers, honey and hives. We have bought lots of bee friendly plants which we are going to plant in the Nursery garden. We have linked this story to talking about insects, exoskeletons and the hexagons found inside bee hives. We have revisited the numbers 6 and 16 and the 2D shape 'hexagon' linked to bee hives and the number of legs that insects have. We have introduced the phonic sound "qu" for Queen.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. We talked briefly about lots of the exciting events that are going to happen this term. Now that the weather has improved, it is lovely to be able to offer many more outside learning opportunities in the Nursery garden. The children all started to create a paper plate bee, we introduced our new key text and started to talk about mini-beasts, insects and bees. The children chose new library books in Nursery.
- On Tuesday, the children all practised writing their names with a grown up. This week one of the adult focused activities was ordering numerals to 10 and 20. We will be gradually increasing the number of adult focused activities the older children complete this term, in preparation for Reception in September. We also spent time outside playing in water, playing in the garden and walking through the woods.
- On Wednesday, we learnt lots more facts about bees, how they talk to each other, what the queen bee does, and how hard bees work. We watched baby bees inside a hive and sang the Jolly Phonics "qu" song. Mrs Bloom worked with some of the children to begin to create a collection of paintings in preparation for a Summer Art Exhibition to be held in Pre Prep (more information to follow). We spent time outside again, involved in learning activities and playing in the garden.
- On Thursday, the children had another busy morning both inside and outside the nursery. We sang a counting song about bees and carried on with our adult focused activities. In the afternoon the children happily went swimming; a lovely way to cool down on a very warm day.
- On Friday, the children really enjoyed visiting the sports hall and playing different games using small apparatus. The children spent time outside on the balcony and playing in our water play area. Some children finished making their wool weaving bees. In the afternoon, we went into the woods and played

on the adventure playground, made honey sandwiches and had a picnic in the garden.

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

- Set up a temporary washing line at home, cut up squares of card or paper with numerals 0 to 10 or 20 on them, ask your child to peg the numerals on the washing line in order.
- Use the washing line to encourage your child to peg up phonic sound cards and encourage them to practise saying the correct letter sound.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Whole School Photograph

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** End of the first half of term

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed – INSET staff training day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 9.15am - 10.00am:** Nursery Sports Day

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** School closed – Norfolk Show day

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – 9.00am - 9.30am:** Nursery Celebration Assembly in the Pre Prep Hall (with coffee and pastries in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am)

We hope you have a lovely weekend in the sunshine with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*