



## Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We have used this story to talk about caterpillars, cocoons and butterflies. We have painted and talked about the symmetrical patterns on butterfly wings and we have 3 little caterpillars in pots in Nursery to observe. We have talked about lots of phonic sounds, shapes and numbers and have used the Numicon to create repeating patterns. We are completing more adult-focused activities with the children who are moving to Reception in September in order to support this transition.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. We celebrated Saint George's Day by making flags, dressing up as the characters, re-enacting the story using small world princess and knight figures and reading the story. The children chose new library books in the Nursery. We celebrated the arrival of Theo's new baby sister and the new baby prince being born.
- On Tuesday, the children all went for a walk looking for and identifying mini-beasts in the woods and the outside classroom. The younger children had a music session with Miss Skinner and the older children had an extended circle and news time. In the afternoon, small groups of children spent time with an adult using simple numeracy and literacy apps on the school iPads.
- On Wednesday, we learnt more facts about caterpillars and butterflies, created symmetrical butterfly prints and practised careful counting using thumb prints. The children used magnetic letters to create their own names.
- On Thursday, the children spent a long time outside in the Nursery garden. Some of the children painted spring flowers, read more stories about mini-beasts and had fun completing a variety of life cycle and mini-beast puzzles. In the afternoon the children all went swimming in their groups.
- On Friday, the children visited the sports hall, enjoyed reading a range of Eric Carle stories, continued to create counting caterpillars and practised writing their names, letters and numerals.

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

- Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* together at home, counting the number of each fruit the caterpillar eats, the days of the week and the fact that he eats one more each day, until Saturday of course!

- Ask your child to have a try at drawing a very hungry caterpillar, practising drawing circles for his body and face. We talked about the fact that Eric Carle has illustrated and written lots of stories for children that they may have read.

### **Toys**

We would be very grateful if all parents could continue to monitor the number of toys being brought into Nursery. Children are always welcome to bring in items of interest, however, as long as they are not too precious (Isla's Nautilus shell stimulated a wonderful discussion about sea creatures and spirals).

### **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, restful weekend with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*