



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 30th April 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been *My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes* by Eve Sutton. We have used this story to talk about the names of different countries, and have talked about Spain in particular. On Wednesday Mr Hewitt, Head of Languages in the Prep Department, came to teach the children some simple Spanish words and Miss Skinner performed Spanish music, which the children accompanying using castanets. We have talked about the phonic sound “c” for cat and caterpillar, and have been sounding out CVC words such as cat and box with the older children.

- On Monday morning, the children settled quickly to a range of different activities in the Nursery. We talked about the rain and recited lots of rainy songs and nursery rhymes. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson and shared their weekend news with a grown up. Some of the children spent some time outside getting very wet and really enjoying splashing in enormous puddles.
- On Tuesday, the children spent most of the morning happily engaged in a range of different activities in the Nursery garden after being inside for much of Monday. We are very much enjoying our new climbing fort, mud kitchen, mark making area and sand area. Lots of children continued to paint pictures with Mrs Bloom and we had a lovely afternoon walking through the woods, enjoying the sunshine and playing imaginatively in the outside classroom.
- On Wednesday morning, groups of children spent time inside using the School iPads, reading stories and completing puzzles in small groups with a grown up. In the afternoon, we learnt some Spanish words with Mr Hewitt, danced with castanets with Miss Skinner and made flags and Spanish shakers.
- On Thursday, the children spent the morning accessing inside and outside activities, practising numeral recognition, careful counting and writing numerals to 10. In the afternoon the children went swimming in their groups. They are all swimming happily in the big pool now and we are so impressed with their water confidence and swimming this year.
- On Friday, the children visited the sports hall, enjoyed making and eating our own simple version of paella and continued to identify and talk about rhyming CVC words with a grown up. Some of the children helped Mrs Bloom to begin to create our own Royal wedding display.

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

- Talk about different countries around the world (especially any that your child has visited), look at a simple map of the world and talk about the country in which we live.
- Look at some different flags and talk about the colours, shapes and patterns on each flag, and even cut out and make a flag to bring into Nursery next week.

We try to ensure that every child has a new library book or two on a Monday or a Tuesday, but please remind your child that they are very welcome to change their library book throughout the week if they would like to.

We would be very grateful for any photographs that you may have of your child in a different country so that we can display them next week.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th May: Whole School Photograph

Friday 18th May: Pre Prep Royal Wedding Celebrations

Thursday 24th May: End of the first half of term

Friday 25th May: School closed – INSET staff training day

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

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

Wednesday 11th 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