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Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 7th May 2018

Dear Parents

On Wednesday, Reverend Patrick led an assembly for Reception and Year 1 children about the ascension of Jesus into Heaven, whilst the Year 2 children went to the Read Hall to watch 4W's class assembly in which they learnt about Aboriginal culture. On Friday morning, we enjoyed welcoming visitors into our classrooms and school for our Open Morning.

We have had another busy week as scientists. Many of the butterflies have emerged and are enjoying their new home in the Butterfly Lab. We had a lot of work to do to get the Bananarium ready for the butterflies. We laid flooring and carefully placed the plants we have been growing in the centre. Plants include thistles, which will appeal to the butterflies for the nectar in their flowers, and we hope they will lay new eggs on the leaves. These leaves will be a tasty food for future generations of caterpillars.

In order for us to compare the ecosystem of the lab to the ecosystem of the butterfly garden, we have created a similar patch of plants outside of the Lab.

Literacy

Alongside reading to each other and to our teachers we have continued to practise reciting speed sounds, blending to read and segmenting sounds to spell. We have completed another page of our butterfly diary, recording the formation of the chrysalides and the transferring of them to nets in the classrooms.

Maths

Our focus has been exploring British coins and problem solving with money. The children were challenged to identify which of a group of coin purses would buy the most one penny sweets. We talked about what we know about money and where money comes from. Over the weekend you may like to take your child to a shop and give them a small number of coins to purchase something. In your child's special book, you will find a strip of British coins, how many can your child identify?

Other areas

In preparation for next week's special day to celebrate the Royal Wedding we have been designing crown jewels and talking about our Royal Family.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th May – 9.00am - 3.00pm: Reception Trip to Holkham Hall

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

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

Thursday 21st June – 2.15pm - 3.15 pm: Reception Sports Day on the front lawn

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

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

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries