



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 14th May 2018

Dear Parents

This week our key text has been *When Willy Went to the Wedding* by Judith Kerr. We have really enjoyed looking at and sharing lots of the wedding photographs brought in by parents, thank you all so much. We have looked at traditional wedding costumes from around the world and linked this to talking about families and celebrations. The children have spent time playing in our Royal Palace role-play area, dressing up and using extra props to prepare for the Royal Wedding.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance with Mrs Wilson, creating golden crowns and reading our key text. The children shared their weekend news with their key person and changed their library books. Some of the children helped to begin to create our new role-play area and we looked at some wedding costumes from around the world. In the afternoon, we went for a long walk through the woods and spent time handling some of the butterflies in Nursery with Miss Knightly.
- On Tuesday, the children had a music session with Miss Skinner and their usual extended circle and news time while they had their morning snack. In the afternoon, small groups of children spent time with an adult using simple numeracy and literacy apps on the school iPads, playing outside in the Nursery garden and creating painted footprints for a future project.
- On Wednesday, we practised careful counting in small groups using Unifix and making our names using magnetic letters. In the afternoon, some of the children went to the music room and used a range of percussion instruments to accompany a butterfly song. We spent a long time in the outside classroom watching the Reception butterflies in their special enclosure.
- On Thursday, the children spent the morning accessing inside and outside activities, making flags and completing focused activities with an adult. We have started to visit the Reception classes with small groups of the older children with an adult, as part of the beginnings of their transition to Reception. In the afternoon, the children went swimming in their groups and seemed quite tired. Lots of children listened quietly to stories and completed puzzles.
- On Friday, we had lots of fun celebrating the imminent Royal Wedding. The children enjoyed going to the sports hall in the morning and decorating biscuits. We completed a Kings and Queens woodland trail and the children

loved being dressed up. It was such a fun afternoon as the whole Pre Prep gathered together on the lawn and the Nursery children were able to see siblings and the older children's costumes, eat their biscuits and have a try at maypole dancing.

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

- Continue to talk about different countries around the world and the animals that live in different places, as next week we will be focusing on different countries and animals and the phonic sound at the beginning of the names of countries and animals.
- Encourage your children to make a small collection of recycled boxes, tubes, pots and containers (washed and clean please) as we are going to focus on creating 3D recycled models next week. You could talk about the shapes of the containers and the materials they are made from.

Dates for your diary:

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