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Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 21st May 2018

Dear Parents

This week we have enjoyed two Year 1 class assemblies! On Tuesday, Lime Tree Class taught us about their Growth topic, through songs and dance and telling the story of *Oliver's vegetables*. On Wednesday, we enjoyed Larch Tree Class' assembly in which the children beautifully acted out the story of *The Moon Thieves*, which teaches us to count our blessings and be thankful for what we have.

This week, the butterfly lab has been truly magical as around 100 butterflies flutter in and around the flowers, plants and feeders. The children have been so mindful in the lab, following rules to take off shoes and tread carefully to avoid the well camouflaged butterflies on the floor. Over the holidays you may like to look for butterflies in your garden or when you are out and about. How many different species can you find?

Literacy

We have all written a recount of our visit to Holkham Hall. We have been encouraging the children to use finger spaces, to write on the lines and to use capital letters and full stops. There were so many different ideas which reflected the wonderful day we had. Over the holidays, you may wish to encourage your child to write a story using the template which will be in their special books today.

Maths

This week we have revisited number. The children have been;

- Ordering numbers to 20,
- Practising number formation,
- Saying which number is 1 more or 1 less than a given number,
- Solving addition and subtraction problems using a variety of strategies,
- Completing missing number challenges.

Some children have attempted to complete a blank 100 square. We have given each child a black template if they would like to fill it in, with support, over the holiday.

Other areas of learning

We have enjoyed throwing and catching balls as we played games and worked with partners. This is another skill you may like to practise over the holidays.

Our young scientists have been thinking critically as we started an experiment to see if our butterflies would be more attracted to a brightly coloured feeder than a clear one. We carefully measured precise weights of banana onto three petri dishes. We attached brightly coloured card flowers to two of the dishes and then placed each in the Butterfly Lab. Today we removed the feeders and carefully weighed each again. We will be sharing our findings with you on our project experiment sheets in special books at the beginning of next term.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th June – 4.30 - 7.30 pm: Reception Parents' Evening to discuss EYFS profile results. Bookings open on Tuesday 29th May

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 half-term break.

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

Melanie Harries