



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 4th June 2018

Dear Parents

This week our key text has been *Growing Good* by Bernard Ashley. We have really enjoyed reading this story and talking about growing plants to eat, living in a city and different sorts of buildings and places in Norwich.

We have revisited the phonic sounds c, a, o, d, g, qu. If you are a parent of a child who is staying in the Nursery next year, please do not worry as we will go through all of the phonic sounds next year.

We are going to focus on a different science experiment each week this half-term, which will be fun. We have a busy few weeks ahead with lots of exciting events, some of which we have already spoken to the children about. We are going to begin taking small groups of the Nursery children to visit the Reception classes this half-term, and we will also talk about moving.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance with Mrs Wilson and reading our key text. The children all shared their holiday news with their key person and changed their library books. We spent a long time outside and the children seemed very happy to see their friends after half-term. Some of the children enjoyed creating maps of Norwich and some of the children practised drawing circles and the letters a, o and c.
- On Tuesday morning, the youngest children had a music session with Miss Skinner and their usual circle and news time while they had their morning snack. The children had a lovely morning accessing inside and outside activities in the garden, creating their own pictures and paintings, and practising writing their names carefully. The children helped the adults to choose and set up a new role-play area; the children requested it be made into a shop, so we have created a shop in which everything costs £1.
- On Wednesday, the children created prints, using their feet, in preparation for Father's Day cards. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and used a range of different percussion instruments to accompany Miss Skinner and sing familiar songs. We had our first sports day practice on the front lawn and walked back through the woods. We are enjoying having our afternoon snack outside every day.
- On Thursday, the children carried out their first science experiments using skittles to create rainbows. They continued to practise their cutting skills and

careful counting. Mrs Averill very kindly brought in a huge collection of snails and the children spent a long time watching and investigating them.

In the afternoon the children went swimming in their groups, and had lots of fun in the big pool, practising their swimming skills.

- On Friday, the children created their own pizzas, spreading tomato purée carefully and adding their chosen toppings independently. We visited the sports hall and practised throwing and catching beanbags, tennis balls and large bouncy balls. In the afternoon, the children had lots of fun in the outside classroom looking for mini beasts, collecting and sorting sticks and looking for butterfly eggs in the butterfly enclosure.

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

- talk about the phonic sounds c, a, o, d, g, qu and simple CVC words containing groups of these letters, for example cat, dog, ant etc.
- talk about all the different sorts of plants that we grow and eat.

Staff news

As some of you are aware, Mrs Pritchard had a routine operation just after half-term. Following a successful recovery, Mrs Pritchard will not be returning to her post this term, due to unexpected family illness. We are sure that you will join us in sending her best wishes over the coming weeks.

Dates for your diary:

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