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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school, for their final half-term in Reception – where has the year gone?!

In Bird Family meetings this week, we elected our final Top Birds for the year. Mrs Harries shared a story with the children in assembly on Wednesday called *Daisy, eat your peas!* Alongside talking about the importance of healthy foods and also the chance for having a treat, the story talked about how it is easy to criticise others before noticing our own faults.

We began the half term with the introduction of our new focus author, Giles Andreae. We read *Commotion in the Ocean* and talked about the many creatures and plants found under the sea. We shared information books about sea life and some children created their own sea life books during their play. We also thought about the concept of floating and experimented with objects, making predictions about whether they might float or sink in water.

It was exciting to discover caterpillar eggs on the thistle plants in the Butterfly Lab. All of the children have spent time in the lab observing the butterflies and looking closely at their eggs through magnifying glasses. They have each updated their butterfly diaries with information about the eggs. Next week, the children will be checking daily for newly hatched caterpillars.

As part of the Butterfly Project, we have collected data about the butterflies' behaviour and made bar graphs to represent it. Data handling was our focus in maths this week and the children have all had opportunities to make charts representing various data.

Literacy groups have focused on reading and spelling new words using phonics. The children have also read a focus text in their literacy group and carried out tasks linked to the story, such as comprehension questions and creative writing.

We are looking forward to sports afternoon next week and spent our games session running races on the lawn.

**Over the weekend:**

Your child might like to complete the short phonics activity set by their literacy group teacher. They might also like to look for insects in the garden and create a tally of the different types that they find.

**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:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 4.30 - 7.30 pm:** Reception Parents' Evening to discuss EYFS profile results.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 2.15pm - 3.15 pm:** Reception Sports Day on the front lawn

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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*