



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 11th June 2018

Dear Parents

This week our key text has been *Sports Day* by Mick Inkpen. We have really enjoyed reading this story and using it to talk about our Nursery Sports Day next week. We have been practising races, but have primarily focused on the importance of taking part. We have revisited the phonic sounds r, n, m, h, b. We have been learning about the beginnings of data handling and pictograms.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance with Mrs Wilson and reading our key text. All of the children wrote their name carefully and some of the children practised the letter sounds r, n, m, h, b, copying the corresponding handwriting pattern carefully. We fed the snails and watered the plants, and looked at our 3 bags of bread to see if they had changed. The bread continues to look the same and lots of the children offered to eat it! We spent the afternoon in the Nursery garden enjoying the warmer weather. The children had a wonderful time playing in the paddling pools and enjoying water play. They got very wet and, after much drying and changing, had their snack and lots of stories.
- On Tuesday morning, the youngest children had a music session with Miss Skinner and focused on nursery rhymes and rhyming words. The older children went on a phonic sound hunt through the woods, looking for pictures and CVC words to match to the letters on their clipboards. The children played a phonic pairs game inside, and completed alphabet puzzles. We spent the afternoon dressing up in the role-play area pound shop and riding on the bikes and trikes.
- On Wednesday, we had another short sports day practice and talked about the importance of taking part in our races and being a good team member. We talked about our geometric blocks and fitted blocks together to create new shapes, for example using 2 triangular blocks to create a square shaped block. We had a large scale construction session and some of the children worked together to create some complex block structures. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and used lots of different movements to music to travel under the ocean. We looked at a real crab and a real fish and the names of the different parts of their bodies.
- On Thursday, we talked about our favourite things, and then created a favourite fruit class pictogram. The children carried out their second science experiment using our snail collection. We placed different food in their tank and observed carefully, to find out which food was their favourite. We also continued making Fathers' Day cards. In the afternoon, the children went swimming in their groups and enjoyed quiet drawing, cutting and pencil control activities.
- On Friday, the children practised their football skills when we visited the sports hall and we talked about The World Cup. This competition enabled us to talk about the names of different countries and flags from around the world. The children have been practising scoring goals and adding up how many goals each person has scored. In

the afternoon, the children had lots of fun using the nursery cars, soapy water and sponges to create their own car wash. We washed and fixed cars for £1, and then recorded how many pounds we had earned in our car wash by the end of the afternoon.

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

- Talk about the phonic sounds r, n, m, h, b and rhyming CVC words, for example cat, mat. Can your child hear the odd one out, "cat, mat, hen", "van, dog, man" etc.?
- Talk about some of the things that your child is 'really good at' or 'an expert in' or 'loves doing'. We are starting to think about our class assembly and I have asked all the children these questions. We are planning to celebrate and share some of their individual interests and attributes in our assembly.

Please could all of the children be provided with a pair of old shorts and an old t-shirt (not school uniform) for water play; we will endeavour to enable the children to get wet and enjoy splashing in water if we have any really hot days before the end of term. Please could all school spare clothes be returned to Nursery, as we are very low on these again. We are very grateful to any parents who are happy to donate any old nursery uniform to us at the end of term to replenish our spare clothing, thank you so much.

Parent request

We would be very grateful for any donations of cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls please) and cardboard egg boxes in preparation for Activate. Thank you.

Please could the children come to Nursery dressed in a school polo t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers on Wednesday 20th June for our Sports Day. Please ensure that your child has their school sun hat and that you have applied sun screen. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th June – 9.15am - 10.00am: Nursery Sports Day

Monday 25th June: 'The Town Close Charity Triathlon'

Monday 25th June – 3.30pm - 4.30pm: 'My First Picture' Art Exhibition in the Pre Prep Hall and Entrance Foyer (tea and cake available while you browse)

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