



## Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents

This week has been very busy again! There was lots of excitement and anticipation about our Nursery sports morning; we continued to practise races and talked about being a good team member. We have also continued to think about our upcoming Nursery assembly, transitions and saying goodbye to some of our friends. We have revisited the phonic sounds t, f, l, l, k, and j. We have been talking about the mathematical vocabulary linked to measuring.

On Monday, the children enjoyed dance with Mrs Wilson. We watched a short factual film about bees and then had a special visitor. The children visited the outside classroom in groups where Jessica Beale's uncle, who is a bee keeper, showed them how to smoke out a bee hive and what honey comb looks like. He wore his bee keeper suit and told the children lots of interesting facts about bees. The children collected pollen from paper flowers and tasted honey. We learnt how important bees are and how to help them.

On Tuesday morning, we all had a music session with Miss Skinner and practised our sports day song. We visited the front lawn and practised a couple of races in preparation for sports day.

On Wednesday, we were very proud of all the Little Acorns. They all managed sports day so well and remembered to be a good team member. We spent the rest of the morning involved in activities in the Nursery. Lots of children painted with Mrs Bloom. In the afternoon, as a special sports day treat, and because it was such a hot day, the children played in the paddling pools in the garden. They enjoyed soaking themselves and the Nursery grown-ups, using buckets and watering cans and the hose pipe!

On Thursday, we talked about water, where water comes from and how important it is. We looked at two bowls, one representing a clean ocean and the other representing a polluted ocean full of rubbish and oil. The children spent a long time enjoying lots of water play and investigating funnels, tubes and pipettes in the water trays. Some of the children made kites, as it was a much cooler and quite windy day. In the afternoon, the children went swimming in their groups, and enjoyed quieter activities inside.

On Friday, the children visited the sports hall and had lots of fun using a range of small apparatus, mats, crawling tunnels, benches and jumping stools. We played

circle games and Mr Woods spent some time with the children. When we got back to Nursery we taped large sheets of paper to the Nursery floor and the children spent a long time drawing and mark making. In the afternoon, we went for a number and shape hunt through the woods.

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

- talk about our phonic sounds for this week, t, f, l, l, k, j and practise writing them if your child is interested.
- find some objects at home (spoons, shoes, sticks etc) to place in size or length order and talk about the longest, shortest, smallest and largest objects. If your child has a ruler at home, ask them to find some toys that are longer and shorter than the ruler.

### **Staff news**

Mrs Bailey has decided to retire from her role after 12 years of service at Town Close. She will begin her retirement at the end of this summer term. We will all miss her, but she will return for some supply cover at times, so she won't be a complete stranger to us! We would like to thank Mrs Bailey for all her hard work and commitment to the children and School; I am sure that you will all join us in wishing her every happiness in the coming years.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** 'The Town Close Charity Triathlon' – to sponsor your child please use the following link: <https://townclose.com/donations/>

Please can you ensure that your child's swim bag is in school on Monday for the whole school triathlon.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** School closed – Norfolk Show day

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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*