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Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 25th June 2018

Dear Parents

The excitement of Monday's Triathlon was hard to top in class this week. However, our new topic, Dinosaurs, seems to have had a positive impact on the children's engagement. We introduced the idea of each child making a dinosaur topic book and the children have made a great start on their projects, which will replace Special Books over the last 3 weeks of term. This week, as well as the whole school triathlon, we have enjoyed a whole school hymn practice and a whole school assembly.

Literacy

We talked about words to describe dinosaurs and we were impressed with the amazing range of vocabulary contributed to our class discussions. We used the computer to make a 'Wordle' in the shape of a dinosaur. We practised correct letter formation as we made an ABC dinosaur poster. Some of the children rose to the challenge to write a dinosaur fact card. In addition to completing your child's literacy homework this weekend, you may also like to help them write a question about dinosaurs.

Maths

We have been exploring number through a range of activities, including solving addition and subtraction challenges, ordering numbers and recording missing numbers from 100 squares. In order to complete addition and subtraction problems, the children use a range of strategies, such as counting on or back along a number line, using counters or making marks on paper. Over the weekend, you could challenge your child with some mental maths problems, for example counting how many pieces of fruit are in a bowl and then asking how many there would be if you each ate a piece.

Other areas

Our butterfly project continues to interest many of the children. If we look very carefully at the leaves in the lab we can see extremely tiny little caterpillars. With all

the lovely sunny days recently we have had to work hard to keep the plants watered and we have been able to see what happens to the plants if they do not have enough to drink. We are hopeful of seeing the caterpillars grow in size and maybe forming chrysalides before the end of term.

Art Exhibition

We hope you have been able to come and view the fabulous pictures on display in the Pre Prep entrance. If you haven't bought your child's picture yet and would like to, there is still time! Pictures will be on display for all of next week and parents are able to purchase them next week too. Payment is by cash or online, through our website. Reception pictures (A4 size) are £10 and Nursery pictures (A3 size) are £15. The children have thoroughly enjoyed locating their pictures and are rightly proud of them!

End of Term Arrangements

This is just a reminder that the Pre Prep term ends on Thursday 12 July at 4.00pm. There is no After School Care on this day. If you have a Prep child at Prize Day on Friday, you are welcome to sign you Pre Prep children into our crèche facility between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please ensure that you collect your Pre Prep children before enjoying the tea after Prizegiving! Thank you.

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