



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 10th September 2018

Dear Parents

We have really enjoyed welcoming all the new Little Acorns into Nursery this week and have been really impressed with how well the new children have settled into our Nursery routines and environment, as well as meeting new children and grown-ups. Thank you to our new Little Acorn parents for preparing the children for this transition so well. We have been equally impressed with the existing Nursery children and how well they have helped and supported the new children and been so friendly and independent.

We have spent time getting to know the new children and talking about our Nursery rules, routines and safety expectations, to ensure that they all have a happy and safe time when they are at Little Acorns. The Nursery timetable is available on the school website, but we are very flexible too, in order to take into account outstanding EYFS guidance. For example, if an incredible rainbow appears in the sky above school then we will change our planned activities and learn about/paint and talk about rainbows.

- On Monday, we focused on welcoming and settling the new Nursery children. The children spent the day exploring and investigating their new environment, beginning to develop relationships with the Nursery adults and other children. Mrs Wilson, our Dance teacher, came to meet the children in the Nursery.
- On Tuesday, we introduced our first traditional story for this half term, *The Little Red Hen*. The children joined in with the repeated refrain "Not I" (said the fox, cat, rat, etc). We talked about how bread is made, about being a kind friend and about farm animals. We discussed number 1 and watched Number Time. Some of the children practised writing number 1 and using rulers to draw lines like a number 1.
- On Wednesday, we read *The Little Red Hen* again and some of the children practised their cutting skills, cutting out pictures of the characters and sticking them onto a collage. Mrs Bloom was very busy at the painting table and the children practised rolling and kneading the playdough.
- On Thursday, we went to the Read Hall to have individual and class photographs taken. The children were amazing! They all smiled when they had their photograph taken. We had a busy morning playing in the Nursery garden, snipping up herbs and making potions.

- On Friday, we went to the sports hall where the children really enjoyed playing with the hoops and balls and jumping on to mats. We had 'Friday disco' and a group of children went to music with Miss Skinner.

Please feel able to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's development or well-being or just to ask questions at a mutually convenient time. I will talk about the EYFS Curriculum in more detail at the first Nursery Coffee Morning.

Request

We would be very grateful for any Innocent Smoothie type boxes please so that the children can make their own Little Red Hen Windmill. Thank you.

Pick-up

Parents picking up by car who do not use our stop and collect service are very welcome to arrive at 3.45pm and use the car park (displaying the orange pass you have been given). Children wait in the entrance area from 3.45pm, accompanied by staff, and we allow plenty of time for remaining children to be picked-up before putting children into After School Care. Therefore, please do not feel pressurised to arrive early in order to secure a parking place on the street. We hope that car drivers will mix using stop and collect some afternoons with walking into school or parking at 3.45pm on others so that we have the chance to interact with all parents on a regular basis.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th October – 1.30pm - 3.00pm: 'Green Group' Key person meeting with Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir

Tuesday 16th October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm: Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

Wednesday 17th October – 1.30pm - 3.00pm: 'Yellow Group' Key person meeting with Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir

Thursday 18th October – 1.30pm - 3.00pm: 'Red Group' Key person meeting with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampsheir

Friday 19th October – 1.30pm - 3.00pm: 'Blue Group' Key person meeting with Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampsheir

Tuesday 6th November – 8.00am - 9.00 am: Coffee morning for Nursery parents

Wednesday 5th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Nursery Nativity in the Pre Prep Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries and Mrs Hampsheir

Melanie Harries