



Reception Curriculum Information

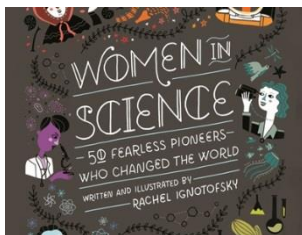
Week beginning: 10th September 2018

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries showed the children a range of teddy bears, using them as a basis for talking about how we are all different and all special. The children were keen to engage and had lots of super ideas to share. Reception also enjoyed their first discussion about bird families, in which they learnt about our four birds; kingfisher, avocet, barn owl and peregrines. The teachers also told the children which family they were in, in readiness for their first meeting alongside the Year 1 and 2 children, next week.

The children have continued to settle into their new environment this week, making friends and getting to know all the teachers.

Early in the week we introduced the children to the Royal Society Young People's book prize. We had a look at the six books we will be judging and we looked at two of them in more detail. There will be more information about the books in the children's special books next week.



We have been impressed by some of the clever comments the children have made already. The children have all imagined themselves as scientists and have drawn a picture of the type of scientist they would be.

Literacy

Children have spent time with their teacher showing their knowledge of letters and sounds. Each class has had a daily phonics carpet session. This week we have focused on the sounds m, a, s, d, t and i. The children have enjoyed a variety of games and activities linked to these sounds. Our daily Funky Finger sessions are helping the children develop muscles for writing.

Maths

The children have been exploring patterns and learning how to make repeating patterns. Linked to our science topic we made repeating pattern potion pictures. We made patterns with our bodies and a variety of resources in and out of the classroom. Over the weekend you might like to find natural objects outside and make repeating patterns.

Games

In our games session, we pretended to be shooting stars dancing with light sabres to cosmic music. The children got to know each other better when we played a hibernating hedgehog game where one child was hidden beneath a blanket while the rest had to work out who was missing. On Friday, we had a yoga session with a magical theme.

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.

Introduction to Reception Presentation

Please click [here](#) to view the presentation given to parents on Thursday evening.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 11th October – 4.30 pm- 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – details of how to book appointments to follow

Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October: Pre Prep Science Week

Tuesday 16th October – 9.00am - 3.00 pm: Reception trip to High Lodge, Thetford

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

Friday 19th October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall – further details to follow.

Monday 12th November: Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

Thursday 6th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries