



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 17th September 2018

Dear Parents

It has been a lovely second week in Nursery. The children have mostly continued to come into Nursery happily in the mornings, settling well. Next week we will talk to the children about their Key Person and colour groups.

The children have started to use their new water bottles independently, which is great. The bottles each have a child's name on the top, and are kept in the Nursery. They are accessible to the children throughout the day. Please do inform us if your child requires encouragement to drink more water.

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about different sorts of trees and acorns. We have read *The Acorn's Story* by Valerie Greeley. We have looked at a range of different 2D shapes, and have begun to sing lots of new number and counting songs. We have continued to focus on the children's individual interests and well-being. We have talked about the name of the days of the week and what we were going to do each day, using a visual timetable to help the children to understand the weekly Nursery routine.

- On Monday, the children had their first dance session with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hampshire. The focus was moving in different ways and acting out familiar Nursery rhymes. The children followed instructions and copied actions very well. We read *The Acorn's Story* and went outside to collect acorns. We practised counting the acorns carefully. We watched Number Time and focused on numbers 2, 12 and 20.
- On Tuesday, we had fun exploring outside in the Nursery garden and the Pre Prep playground. We continued to identify different leaves and trees. Some children spent time painting boxes and talking about creating bird boxes and fairy houses. Most of the children went swimming for the first time; the few who chose not to swim seemed positive about going next week. We will inform you should your child seem very reluctant or upset in any way about swimming.
- On Wednesday, we played a circle game to help to get to know each other's names. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and used the tapping sticks to sing lots of different action songs with Miss Skinner. We really enjoyed playing on the bikes and trikes on the big playground.
- On Thursday, we read our special story again, *The Acorn's Story*. We enjoyed some inside time playing memory games and completing jigsaws. We all visited the swimming pool in readiness for swimming lessons next week. In the afternoon we went for a long walk through the woods and were fortunate enough to find lots of conkers to collect and a couple of baby oak trees which we have planted in pots. We watched 'Come Outside' and learnt all about how trees are turned into wooden furniture.
- On Friday, Mrs Bloom was very busy at the painting table! The children enjoyed playing with porridge oats, bowls and spoons in the texture tray. We read lots of stories in small groups and had a lovely time in the afternoon playing in the Pre Prep playground, on the slide, in the sand, and using the tyres to make an enormous bridge under the trees.

This weekend you may like to:

- Have a look at different trees, look at and talk about their different leaves.
- See if you can find any leaves, acorns, fir cones or conkers and count them carefully. We have started to talk about careful counting, pointing to each object as we count it.
- Talk about any objects at home that are made of wood.

Reminders for Parents

Please could we ask all parents to name every item of your child's clothing, including their shoes and wellies. Please could your child keep a pair of wellies and their school coat at school at all times, as we spend time outside whatever the weather.

Please could your child's Town Close School rucksack be used to store their spare, named clothes in, and please could you make sure that your child has plenty of spare, named clothes at school.

Please could you check to see if you have any school spare clothes at home and return them, as we are already running low.

Please could your child have a different bag/rucksack at school every Tuesday with their swimming kit inside. Your child should have a navy swim suit/trunks, a navy swim hat and a named towel and named goggles inside their bag. This bag can be any design.

Thank you for your support!

Lunch slips

We are currently recording what every child eats every lunchtime. We are very happy to continue to do this for as long as you require. We will catch parents next week and check whether you would like us to continue us to record what your child has eaten.

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

(Please book your Key person meeting via the online booking system.)

Online booking system: Go to the Town Close website and visit the Parents' Information Centre on the left. Click on the parents' booking system. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in, click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.)

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 Amies