



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 8th October 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the solar system. Our special story has been *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram. We have introduced the phonic sound 'm' for man and moon, and have talked about number 5, circles and stars. The children have really enjoyed talking about the planets and the solar system.

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson. Some of the children practised drawing 2D shapes on large paper on the floor. We talked about the difference between curved and straight lines. In the afternoon, we all went for a walk to Prep and through the woods, looking for shapes and numbers.
- On Tuesday, the children went swimming and spent time in Nursery cutting out planets, engaged in small world play and looking at letter sounds with Mrs Hampshire. In the afternoon, the children used chalks outside to draw planets and stars. They enjoyed playing on the bikes and trikes and using the school iPads.
- On Wednesday, we read our special story again and had a busy morning. In the afternoon we went to the music room and used the tapping sticks to sing a new shape song with Miss Skinner. Lots of the children painted bunnies with Mrs Bloom. The children really enjoyed water play outside on a lovely sunny afternoon.
- On Thursday, we went to the sports hall; the children had lots of fun using large and small balls and playing running and racing games. We watched an animated song about the solar system and talked about 'm' for man, mummy and moon. We made and tasted fruit smoothies with Mrs Coman. The children explored Numicon, played in the water tray, and had a busy morning in our fruit and vegetable shop. In the afternoon, we enjoyed playing outside on the bikes and trikes, drawing with chalks, playing with water and having fun with balloons!
- On Friday it was open morning. The children managed the fact that there were lots of visitors in Nursery very well indeed. We decided to celebrate the Royal Wedding and made wedding biscuits and crowns and dressed up as knights and princesses in the garden. The children had a lovely time painting pictures and watched a short excerpt of the Royal Wedding.

Next week we will be reading *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper and exploring, tasting and chopping up pumpkins. We will be making pumpkin pie and continuing to talk about autumnal changes outside.

Over the weekend you may like to:

Look for and talk about the number 5 and practise careful counting. Talk about the planets in our solar system and look for the moon and stars outside at night time. Talk about “m” for moon and man.

Staff Update

As many of you will know, Mrs Pritchard has been away from school for some time. Following a successful operation and recovery, Mrs Pritchard’s continued absence is due to family illness. We are sure that you will join us in sending best wishes to her and her family at this time.

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, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants

Melanie Harries