



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 15th October 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been talking about science, linked to the whole school science week. We have thoroughly enjoyed all the different visitors and science experiments that we have seen. We have been learning about pumpkins linked to our special story *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper, and we have looked at and explored lots of different pumpkins. We have introduced the phonic sound 'p', for pumpkin and have talked about number 6 and hexagons.

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson. They enjoyed moving in different ways as they travelled to the moon in a rocket and walked on the moon! This linked to our learning about the solar system last week. We read *Pumpkin Soup* and talked about the story and about being kind friends. Lots of the children practised counting and exploring different pumpkins in the texture tray. We enjoyed wet play outside in the rain and listening to our science visitor from Mad Science, who told us all about the sun and how 'bending light' creates rainbows.
- On Tuesday, the children really enjoyed swimming for the last time before half-term. They spent time exploring lentils and beans in the texture tray, playing outside in the mud kitchen with chopped up pumpkins and collecting pumpkin seeds from pumpkin slices. In the afternoon, the children explored chopped up pumpkins and picked out the pumpkin seeds carefully. In the afternoon, lots of the children went for a walk through the woods and enjoyed using the iPads, block play and playdough in nursery.
- On Wednesday, the children behaved beautifully as they looked at, touched and even held lots of different animals during our visit from Animals UK. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and enjoyed singing our favourite animal songs with Miss Skinner. Some children painted pictures of their choice with Mrs Bloom.
- On Thursday, we had another exciting visitor! Mini Professors visited Nursery and taught us lots of amazing facts about dinosaurs. We watched an animated version of *Pumpkin Soup* and talked about 'p' for pumpkin. We enjoyed creating our own collage pumpkins. We had lots of fun in the sports hall. The children all had a try at writing their names. We talked about hexagons, and hid different sized hexagons in the texture tray.
- On Friday, we read *Pumpkin Soup* for the last time this week. We went for a walk looking for numbers hidden in the woods. We made pumpkin soup and

lots of the children tasted the soup at snack time in the afternoon. The children had lots of fun playing shops in Nursery, using the tills and money to buy pumpkins, fruit and vegetables, completing puzzles and drawing and painting.

This half-term you may like to:

- Look for and talk about the numbers 0 to 6. Practise counting small sets of objects accurately.
- Look at and talk about different letter sounds (if your child shows an interest in letters). We introduce the phonic sound that each letter makes, not the letter names. We teach the children to recognise the lower case letters, not capital letters, unless it is the capital letter at the beginning of their name.
- Count some pumpkins or sort them according to their size. You could cut a pumpkin in half or quarters and use an ice-cream scoop to scrape out the seeds.
- Read lots of stories together and have a lovely half-term holiday.

We would be very grateful if you could check your child's rucksack during half term, and refill it with spare clothes as required. As the weather worsens it would be really helpful if all the children could bring their school winter coat to school every day, and keep a pair of named wellies at school. Please ensure that your child's school shoes are also named. Thank you.

We are continuing to support lots of children with their toileting. If your child regularly has toileting accidents at Nursery, then we would very grateful if you could use half-term to support your child in this area of their development. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary:

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 wonderful half term break with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants

Melanie Harries