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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 15th October 2018

Dear Parents

The children have enjoyed a fantastic Science Week full of exciting activities, trips, visitors and learning.

Monday

Dr Dee from Mad Science treated us to a light extravaganza as she taught us how colours are formed from white light. We learnt that when light bends, the colours of the rainbow are formed. A highlight of the show was a huge rainbow flame which we viewed through special glasses.

Tuesday

We were blessed with glorious weather for our trip to High Lodge, Thetford. As well as following *The Highway Rat* trail, we explored length (our maths focus for the week) by collecting leaves and twigs and ordering them by size. We were challenged to collect natural items to make a spider picture. In our magical base camp, we shared the story of *The Highway Rat*, enjoyed a picnic lunch and sang camp songs. We were also lucky enough to have time to explore the musical trail.

Wednesday

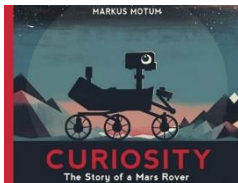
Animals UK delighted us with their menagerie of animals. We are sure the children will have lots to tell you about this experience. They listened well and followed special rules to ensure our safety during the experience activity. We also made story maps about *The Highway Rat* and enjoyed watching the animated version in the afternoon. Continuing our exploration of colour, we collected natural items from our school grounds to add to a printed colour wheel.

Thursday

The *Mini Professors* show was the perfect way to round off our space topic and the children really enjoyed learning about the solar system. As the nights draw in over the holidays, you may like to do some star gazing in your gardens at home.

Friday

We finished our judging of books contending for the Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize. Our winner is Markus Motum's fascinating book about Mars Rover, *Curiosity*.



To celebrate the project, we joined forces with a Year 4 class to make and race Mars Rover models.

Over the holidays:

Please practise some of the independent skills that are so important for children to master now they are in Reception. Many of the children are already skilled in these areas; others would benefit from help and encouragement at home:

- Dressing and going to the toilet independently
- Eating with a knife and fork
- Taking turns and sharing

You might also practise forming letter shapes using the cards in your child's reading record. Of course we would also encourage you to share lots of stories together and continue to count in a range of scenarios.

Dates for your diary:

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

Friday 23rd November – 9.45 - 11.45 am: Reception trip to Norwich Playhouse to see 'The Snail and the Whale'

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

We hope you have a wonderful half term break with your children.

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

Melanie Harries