



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 5th November 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into Nursery this week and to hear all about their half term holidays. We have been talking about different sorts of bears and our special story is *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. We have introduced the phonic sound "b" for bear and have talked about number 7 and ovals. We have talked about lots of different autumn festivals.

- On Monday, the children all had dance with Mrs Wilson. The children enjoyed moving in different ways linked to the story *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* We read *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and talked about the different sorts of bears that live around the world. In the afternoon, we all went on a bear hunt through the woods. The children started to create Diwali lamps in preparation for Diwali on Wednesday and loved creating their own firework paintings and sharing their holiday news.
- On Tuesday, the children all went swimming in small groups. We talked about the number 7 and sang a 'days of the week' song. The children continued to create Diwali candle holders and firework paintings in the Nursery, and an enormous firework splatter painting outside. We read lots of different bear stories and spent a long time playing outside enjoying the "leaves raining" and falling off the trees.
- On Wednesday, we talked about the very first Christmas in preparation for our Nursery Nativity. The children seemed very excited about dressing up and telling the Christmas story. In the afternoon, we went to the music room and enjoyed using the tapping sticks and shaky eggs and singing a new Christmas song with Miss Skinner. Lots of the children painted pictures of poppies with Mrs Bloom.
- On Thursday, we went to the sports hall and practised jumping and landing on the crash mats and playing running games. Lots of the children cut out bear shapes and counted to 7 carefully. The children cut out pictures of different sorts of bears to create their own bear books and practised counting and sorting using the compare bears.
- On Friday, we read *We're going on a Bear Hunt* for the last time this week. We had lots of fun making sandwiches to share with our favourite teddy bear. The children have really enjoyed playing in our new role-play area this week which is a dark bear cave. We watched a very short and simple animation about Remembrance and the children continued to create poppy pictures and talk about "a long time ago".

This weekend you may like to:

- Look for and talk about the number 7. Your child may wish to practise careful counting and finding and counting 7 objects.
- It would be wonderful if parents could begin to introduce the idea of the Christmas story, just in terms of the different characters and what happened. Next week we will be reading different versions of the Christmas story in children's picture books and asking the children which character they would like to dress up as, for our Nursery Nativity in a few weeks' time.

If your child is showing an interest in letters, then you may wish to purchase a set of alphabet cards from Amazon UK. The phonic scheme that we use at school is called Read, Write Inc and the cards that we use in Nursery to introduce the phonic sounds are called Read, Write Inc: Set 1 speed Sound Cards and they currently cost £9.25.

If your child hasn't already got a pair of wellies, and a named hat and gloves at school, we would be very grateful if you could bring these items in to school in preparation for the colder weather. Please could all the children's shoes be clearly named. Thank you so much.

'Stop and Collect'

Please could we remind parents that parking on the Pre Prep playground in the afternoon is only available from 3.45pm onwards, and is at the sides of the playground, not on the driving lanes in the middle. If your child has been booked onto Stop and Collect, please wait with your car and your child will be brought to you. If you have not booked your child in, please park outside the school and walk in to collect them, or wait until parking is available. Thank you.

Festival of Angels

We are delighted to be participating in Christ Church's forthcoming Festival of Angels. The festival will be officially opened and blessed by the Bishop of Norwich at 10.30am on the 24th November. All Pre Prep pupils will be contributing to our displays – which will include collages, paintings and models. The angels will be displayed at Christ Church Eaton (our local parish church off Christchurch Road) alongside many other entries on the weekend of 24th and 25th November. You will be able to go and see them after school on Friday 23rd November, between 4.00pm and 5.00pm, on Saturday 24th November, between 10.00am and 5.00pm and between noon and 5.00pm on Sunday 25th November, should you wish to. Further details can be found at: <https://www.christchurch-eaton.org.uk/whats-on/angels>.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Nursery Nativity in the Pre Prep Hall

Friday 7th December: Christmas jumper day. Exchange your school jumper for a festive one – bring in £1 and support our school charity, The Wherry School

Friday 7th December – 4.00pm: Christmas Fair on the Prep playground

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