



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 5th November 2018

Dear Parents

We were delighted to welcome the children back and hear all of their exciting holiday news. This term we will be exploring some of the books written by Julia Donaldson. In Bird Family meetings, new Top Birds were elected for this half-term and we talked about Remembrance in readiness for today, when we observed the two minutes' silence.

Literacy

Our Julia Donaldson book this week has been *Room on the Broom*. The children have enjoyed completing the rhyming strings as we shared the story. We have also introduced the sounds l, r and h and practised the tricky words – l, the, go, to, no.

Mathematics

We have explored the topic of capacity; the children have been describing and comparing different volumes and containers in order to estimate which container will hold the most. We have introduced the vocabulary 'half full', 'empty' and 'full', and the children enjoyed decorating potion bottles to match each term.

Other areas of learning

We have talked about many of the autumn festivals this week. On Monday, we celebrated Bonfire Night and discussed how to stay safe. We also made an array of fireworks images and carefully wrote a range of onomatopoeia words. This week we also learnt about the Hindu festival Diwali and some of the children enjoyed sharing how they celebrate Diwali at home. On Friday, some of the children made poppies and we all respected the two minutes of silence at 11.00am.

This week the children have been challenged to dress themselves appropriately for the colder weather. For the remainder of this term we will be challenging them to eat their lunch using a knife and fork correctly. A few of the children have already mastered these skills but you may like to help your child improve these skills over the weekend.

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>.

Over the weekend:

You might like to work with your child to complete their pencil skill firework booklet.

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 29th and Friday 30th November: NHS Children and Young People's Health Services vision and hearing tests (Please opt out if you do not wish your child to be tested)

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

Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day (wear a Christmas jumper and bring in £1 in support of our charity – The Wherry School)

Friday 7th December – 4pm: Christmas Fair on the Prep playground

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries