



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 19th November 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have continued to talk about different sorts of bears and where in the world they come from. Our special story has been *Beware of the Bears* by Alan MacDonald and Gwyneth Williamson. We have introduced the phonic sound 't', for triangle and teddy, and have talked about the number 9 and the 2D shape, triangle. We have been singing lots of different number 9 songs, and practised counting 9 beads carefully. We very much enjoyed Ben Langley's Pantomime Performance on Tuesday morning.

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson. They really enjoyed moving in different ways and were able to listen to Mrs Wilson's instructions carefully. We read *Beware of the Bears* and talked about Goldilocks and the Three Bears again. We collected leaves in our wheelbarrows and made enormous leaf nests outside in the Pre Prep playground. The children practised pronouncing "t" carefully and we watched *Numbertime* after lunch, which was all about number 9.
- On Tuesday, the children really enjoyed watching and participating in the pantomime performance by Ben Langley, who will be performing in Aladdin at the Theatre Royal later in the year. Later in the day, some of the children used a clipboard and felt tip to record how many numerals and shapes they could find outside and in the Dearnaley building. We have spent time this week encouraging the children to play simple turn-taking games as part of a small group with an adult.
- On Wednesday, many of the children created sparkly triangles! There were magnetic wands in the texture tray with magnetic letters and coloured stones. We sang the Jolly Phonics "t" song and read *Beware of the Bears* again. We talked about being kind and unkind, linked to the events in the story. The children enjoyed lots of physical play after lunch, and then some quieter activities in the afternoon.
- On Thursday, we went to the sports hall and practised jumping and landing on the crash mats and playing with the hoops and balls. The children particularly love to play the circle game "Duck, Duck, Goose" at the end of each sports hall session. The children continued to practise copying over/writing their name and talked about the letters in their name. As the weather becomes colder over the next couple of months, we will spend less time in the garden but more time involved in physical activities and active play on the hard playground. We will continue to go for lots of walks through the woods.

- On Friday, we drew long lines “top to bottom” and short lines on large sheets of paper on the floor. We boogied at Friday Disco and the children who wished to participated in some small group block activities with Mrs Hampsheir (the intention being to focus their attention on 4 different shaped blocks and encourage their ability to stack and place the blocks in different ways). The children made and ate a slice of ‘bear face’ toast using a blueberry and two banana circles on a slice of wholemeal bread, to create a bear’s face.

This weekend you may like to:

- Look for and talk about the number 9. Some of the children have begun to understand that two smaller groups of objects can total 9 objects altogether, for example 3 red, 3 yellow and 3 blue beads equals 9 beads.
- Talk about polar bears and other animals that live in very cold places. We have found out lots of interesting facts about polar bears this week.
- Your child may wish to practise drawing triangles and tall straight lines and short straight lines (our pre-writing pattern this week).

A number of children seemed a little under the weather/poorly this week. We have a digital thermometer in Nursery and if your child has a high temperature, is generally distressed or seems to be feeling unwell then we will ask you to come and collect them. Linked to all the usual seasonal viruses and illness, we would be so grateful if parents could talk about the importance of washing hands thoroughly, using soap and coughing and sneezing into their crooked elbow, which is one of the hygiene rules we teach them at school. We would also ask that all children have named hats and gloves/mittens and a school winter coat at Nursery from now on please.

A photocopy of all our Nursery rules is in your child’s Home Learning Book, which you may like to reinforce too. We have talked about having kind hands, remembering to say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’, helping to tidy away the Nursery toys at tidy up time and always telling a grown up if they are sad or another child has hurt or upset them. Sincere thanks for your support and help with this. Please contact Mrs Harries or me if you have any concerns.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Nursery Nativity in the Pre Prep Hall
Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day

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