



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 19th November 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a very busy and exciting week practising and preparing for our Christmas production. The children have shown great enthusiasm, stamina and patience as we sing songs, try on costumes, act, dance and make videos. We have been able to source most of our costumes in school. However, if your child has been sent a slip requesting costume items, please send them into school on Monday. If you are struggling to provide the requested items, do let us know so that we can offer help and advice.

Reverend Patrick joined us for assembly this week, leading an assembly about angels, to tie in with The Festival of Angels taking place at Christ Church, Eaton. Whilst Year 2 enjoyed watching 3H's class assembly about books on Wednesday morning, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Laing led a joint bird family meeting in the Pre Prep hall, all about smiles!

Literacy and our school trip!

Our focus letter this week has been the phoneme/grapheme 'w'. We have also been practising our recognition of tricky words and we introduced the words he, she and me. We have reminded children that these words cannot be sounded out. You may be able to spot the words in texts as you read to, and with, your child.

Our key text has been Julia Donaldson's story *The Snail and the Whale*. We were treated to an amazing performance of the story at Norwich Playhouse today and we were most impressed by the behaviour of the children out of school. Linked to the text, the children drew a picture of a whale on a beach and did some writing to accompany it.

We were lucky to be able to extend our trip to the theatre with a stop at Christ Church. It was very exciting to see the church full of angels, including our own angel scarecrow and angels made by Town Close children in other year groups, as well as those made by children from local schools.

Maths

We have been learning about 2D shapes and have enjoyed different independent activities, such as drawing around shapes, playing with mosaics and identifying shapes in our environment. Inspired by our key text this week, we have used paper shape cut-outs to design an underwater scene. We attempted to describe our picture using the relevant shape names. Over the weekend, you might like to go on a shape hunt at home, recording how many circles, triangles, squares and rectangles you can find. Can you find any other shapes too?

Physical activities

In addition to our dance and swimming lessons, we have enjoyed lots of physical activity outside, despite the change in the weather. We have played with balls and hoops, played on the outdoor equipment and have had lots of physical fun kicking through the many fallen leaves. Please note that we are likely to be outside whatever the weather and it is essential that your child has a Town Close fleece lined waterproof coat in school every day. Some of the children have brought in hats and gloves; please ensure these are named and are easily identifiable by your child. It would also help your child if you could practise putting on gloves and coats independently at home. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary:

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 in aid of The Wherry School – exchange your school jumper for a festive one in exchange for a £1 donation to our charity.

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