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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 26th November 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been talking about the Nativity story, linked to our Christmas Nursery Nativity next week. Our special story has been *Stickman* by Julia Donaldson. We have introduced the phonic sound 's', for stick, and have talked about the number 10 and the 2D shapes squares and rectangles.

- On Monday, the children had dance with Mrs Wilson and had fun skipping, jumping, running and stopping. They practised writing their name with a grown-up and carefully counting to 10. The children shared their weekend news with a grown up during group snack time. In the afternoon, many of the children went for a long walk through the woods. We really enjoyed seeing the new woodland trail and play equipment, exploring some new places in the woods and collecting sticks.
- On Tuesday, the children were amazing as we practised our Nursery Nativity as a whole group. They are singing the songs beautifully. We watched Number time about number 10 and talked about the fact that five and five altogether make 10. The children created 2D collage shape pictures, and we have started to use the blocks more to solve simple problems, for example using 4 different shaped blocks to create different stacked structures.
- On Wednesday, the children started to paint pictures of their character in the Nursery Nativity with Mrs Bloom. We practised singing our Nativity songs and read our special Nativity story. Many children spent a long time outside playing in the rain. They also spent a very long time using little brooms and washing up liquid to create bubbles and patterns on the playground. We went to the music room and practised singing our Nativity songs with Miss Skinner.
- On Thursday, we went to the sports hall and had fun running, jumping and landing on the crash mats and playing with the balls and hoops. We read *Stickman* again and talked about the seasons changing and the different environments in the story. We spent time outside and continued to collect and look at lots of different sticks in order to find the perfect Stickman.
- On Friday, we talked about opening up the first door on our advent calendars. We talked about December and counting down to Christmas. The children continued to paint themselves as their Nativity character with Mrs Bloom. We

are starting to create some Christmas craft and the children are really enjoying practising cutting, drawing and sticking lots of collage materials together to create Christmas themed objects, and working with a grown up as part of a small group.

Over the weekend

We are going to talk about "Christmas around the World" next week, and link this to talking about different families, traditions and countries, and our own family traditions and celebrations. We would be very grateful for any family celebration/Christmas photographs to talk about or any family photographs from a long time ago, or from different countries.

Next term

If any of the Nursery children's parents would like to come into Nursery to talk to the Nursery children about their profession/job/hobby or skills, then we are always really happy to plan this in. It can be linked to any subject, as the children really enjoy listening to different grown-ups and experts. Short, interactive sessions are the best. Thank you in advance.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Nursery Nativity in the Pre Prep Hall – tea, coffee and mince pies will be available from 8.00am

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