



## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, we have continued to talk about animals that live in very cold places, and how they stay warm. We have talked about blubber and fur. The children have really enjoyed talking about their own knowledge of polar bears, penguins, whales and seals, which has been wonderful. Some of the children went to visit seals and their babies at the weekend, which is amazing. Our key text has been *Finn the Fortunate Tiger Shark and his Fantastic Friends: Learn How to protect our Oceans with Finn*. We have talked about the number 13, practised writing our names and the children have been drawing and creating simple patterns. We have talked about a range of different letter sounds linked to the sounds with which our names begin.

- On Monday, we had a busy morning inside Nursery dressing up, creating patterns independently, visiting the Pre Prep library and practising name writing. We talked about repeating patterns and “p” for penguins. After lunch, we played outside before coming inside to have some quiet time and stories. The children were very excited when we talked about turning our role-play areas into a shop and a bird hide.
- On Tuesday, the children spent a long time using powder paints to mix white, blue and green paint in the Nursery garden and everybody played outside on the bikes and trikes. We spent time talking about the animals that live in cold places and the sea. The children really enjoyed their first swimming session of the term.
- On Wednesday, we had a lovely morning painting creatures that live in the sea. The children enjoyed water play, play dough, block play and puzzles. Some children spent time mixing paints again to create the sea. After rest time in the afternoon the children went to music with Miss Skinner and used percussion instruments. We made cupcakes and ate them for afternoon snack.
- On Thursday, we had a busy morning playing in the Nursery. We went to the sports hall and had fun running, jumping and playing large circle games. The children created more patterns using coloured circles. We were very busy painting and drawing. It was a sunny but cold afternoon so we spent time outside in the woods.
- On Friday, we made pizzas and visited Reception to see their enormous polar bears and penguins. We explored the Reception classrooms while the Reception children were out on a school trip. We spent part of the afternoon in the Pre Prep hall creating large pictures, drawing big squares, circles, rectangles and numerals.

**This weekend to support your child's learning, you may like to:**

- Read stories about polar bears, penguins or seals
- Count up to 13 objects carefully and create simple patterns using small objects or toys, for example "banana, apple, banana, apple" or "car, train, car, train" "wooden spoon, metal spoon, wooden spoon, metal spoon" etc.

We would be very grateful for any donations of the small, sturdy smoothie boxes so that all the children can create their own bird box. Please could all parents ensure that your child has gloves/mittens and a warm hat at Nursery. Thank you.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Maths Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character (please note change of date)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** Key person meeting with Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** Key person meeting with Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** Key person meeting with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampsheir

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm:** - Key person meeting with Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampsheir

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 Amies*