



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 21st January 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about our hands and the story of Albert and Albrecht Durer, and his famous 'Praying Hands' painting. The children were encouraged to think about all the ways in which they can use their hands to help others. Bird Family meetings focused on celebrating our own talents, as well as those of our peers.

Our 'liquid' topic has continued this week with a focus on ice and all the children participated in an experiment. Each class had a control block of ice. Two further blocks of ice were prepared; one was wrapped in foil and the other was coated in salt. We questioned which block of ice would melt the fastest. The children were fascinated by the changing state of the ice from solid to liquid. We are sure you will enjoy listening to their recounts of this exciting experiment.

Games

We braved the icy weather to play some arctic themed games on the playground. The children worked in pairs pretending to be penguins in a nest (a hoop). Each partner took turns to waddle out of the nest and collect food and eggs. Skills practised included balancing beanbags on feet, quoits on heads, turn taking and moving in a variety of ways.

Maths

This week's focus has been symmetry. Using a wide range of manipulatives the children have had lots of fun creating symmetrical pictures. We shared a PowerPoint of symmetry in nature and had a go at identifying lines of symmetry. Snowflake shapes caused some debate when we realised they can have more than one line of symmetry.

Literacy

Literacy groups have continued with each group chanting speed sounds, learning new sounds and practising blending and segmenting skills. In our classes, we talked about our experiences at Norwich Castle. The children drew a picture and wrote a sentence. The children are thinking about writing on the lines and using finger spaces when they write. Some are also beginning to use capital letters and full stops where appropriate.

Over the weekend

To support our learning about symmetry, you may like to get outside and search for, or create, symmetrical patterns. The children would also enjoy folding a piece of paper in half and drawing a pattern on one side and then mirroring it on the other. We would like to remind families that any work your child chooses to do in their special books will be shared with the class along with any photographs or weekend news.

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th February – 9.00am - 3.30pm: Happy Puzzle Company visit – there will be a sale of puzzles for parents to attend from 3.15pm in the Pre Prep

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

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

Friday 15th March: Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

Tuesday 26th March – 2.15pm: Reception Easter Production in the Read Hall, with coffee for parents after the performance

Thursday 28th March: Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – booking details to follow

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