



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 28th January 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries shared the stories of two Mr Men; Mr Lazy and Mr Rush and the children talked about their lives and discovered that they both end up missing out on things due to getting up in the afternoon or rushing around so fast! She shared the idea of learning a little from each character and that it is important to stop and notice things, enjoying 'the moment', as well as thinking about past events and planning for the future. The children tried a short mindfulness exercise at the end of the assembly. Mr Fisher also led an assembly this week about Chinese New Year and all the traditions that accompany it. In Bird Family Meetings, the children talked about worries and fears, identifying types and sources of worry and how to overcome them.

Maths

This week we have focused on length. The children measured a range of objects using standard and non-standard measure. We had lots of fun measuring our own feet and finding large and small objects to measure inside and outside of the classroom.

Literacy

In literacy, the children have been learning an array of sounds and practising oral segmentation to enable them to write simple sentences related to their group's story book. In our classes, we have been learning about volcanoes, the children were enthralled by the topic and have enjoyed sharing their knowledge. We were excited to find out that volcanoes can be found in hot and cold countries around the world and that they even exist on other planets!

Other areas

As part of this week's theme, the children took part in an icy experiment. The children were challenged to make a hole in their ice volcano. Using our learning from last week, we decided that salt would melt the ice. We then filled the hole with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda and watched them erupt! The children recorded their experiment writing short sentences about what they had seen.

We also talked about different types of animation and watched the Pixar film 'Lava'. The children learnt how volcanoes live both under and above sea level and we discussed how various programmes and films use animation in a variety of ways. On Thursday, we were lucky enough to be joined by Henry's mother, Dr Jodie Wicks, who previously taught animation at the Norwich University of the Arts. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Dr Wick's work and various types of animation. We all became magicians for the morning, turning still images into moving images using our thaumatropes and penrollers.

Over the weekend

You may like to practise number formation with your child using the helpful rhymes provided in this week's special book. The children would also enjoy measuring a range of objects around the home using a ruler or tape measure. Can you record your findings in your special book? What was the biggest/smallest thing you measured? You might also like to create your own stop motion video following on from our visit, by taking multiple images of a slowly moving scene or by creating your own thaumatrope/penroller.

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