



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 25th February 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, our key text has been *Dinosaur Roar* by Henrietta Stickland. We have used this story to talk about dinosaurs, volcanoes and rhyming words. We have linked this story to positional language in maths. The children have really enjoyed sharing their news about their half term holiday. We have talked about the numbers 6 and 16, and learnt a fun dinosaur hexagon song. Our role-play area has changed into a teddy bear hospital and our new phonic sound has been 'e' for egg and extinct.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children's news about their half term week. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson and lots of children played outside for much of the day due to the extraordinarily warm and sunny weather. The children enjoyed dinosaur footprint printing, dinosaur puzzles and we talked about the names of different dinosaurs. We really enjoyed reading our key text for the first time, and some of the children practised writing their name inside a stegosaurus. We went for a lovely walk in the afternoon and were amazed by how many beautiful spring flowers there were in the woods.
- On Tuesday, the children were so excited about swimming. We read lots of different dinosaur stories and spent a lot of time outside again due to the beautiful weather. There were lots of dinosaurs and volcanoes in the sand outside and the children were fascinated by exploring, adding water to and squeezing and playing with clay.
- On Wednesday, we had a busy morning in Nursery and in the garden. The children started to create their own clay models and painted lots of dinosaurs. They have really enjoyed learning the names of different dinosaurs this week. In the afternoon, some of the children went to music with Miss Skinner and learnt a new dinosaur song.
- On Thursday, the children visited the sports hall and had great fun playing with the bouncy balls, hoops, sponge balls and beanbags. We practised writing 'e'. Several children enjoyed playing a simple dinosaur matching lotto game in small groups with an adult. In the afternoon, some of the children went into the woods to find numerals to 20 hidden inside different dinosaurs.
- On Friday, we really enjoyed "Friday Disco" as usual. There were many finishing off jobs to be done, so some children made clay fossils, some children practised writing their names inside a stegosaurus and some children practised using positional language. In the afternoon we went into the woods again to find numerals to 20 hidden inside different dinosaurs.

To support your child's learning, you may like to:

- Count up to 16 objects carefully, spot number 6's and number 16's.
- Practise drawing simple 2D shapes to begin to create simple pictures; we have talked about how to draw simple objects using shapes, for example how a

rectangle and a triangle can become a house, a circle can become the sun, a rectangle and a triangle can become a rocket etc.

- Talk about the names of different sorts of dinosaurs and whether they were plant or meat eaters.

Next week...

We will make and eat pancakes, although not on Tuesday due to swimming. We will celebrate World Maths Day by having a day of fun maths activities, number songs and counting to 10 in different languages. We will celebrate World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a favourite book. Our key text will be a Pirate story linked to this half term's topic, A Long Time Ago. We will dress up as pirates and enjoy lots of fun pirate activities and songs.

Request for help

We would be very grateful if you could please name your children's shoes and all their school uniform if possible. We currently have lots of children whose shoes have no names in them. We would also be so grateful if your child could bring spare clothing to school in their school rucksack. We have very little school spare clothing presently. We are always very grateful for any donations of old school jogging bottoms, socks and packets of pants.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character

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

Thursday 21st March – 9.45 am - 12.00 noon: visit to Norwich Playhouse to see *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

Monday 25th March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: Key person meeting with Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir

Wednesday 27th March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: Key person meeting with Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir

Monday 1st April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: Key person meeting with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampsheir

Tuesday 2nd April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: - Key person meeting with Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampsheir

Online booking system: Click on the parents' booking system in the new Parent Portal. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in, click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

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