



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents

We have been blessed with fabulous weather this week and have enjoyed plenty of outside learning, playing and exercising. Our topic about liquids continues with a focus on the rainforests of our world. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be learning about the ecosystems of rainforests.

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked about books with the children, sharing part of one of her favourite stories, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She talked about how we can look forward to events and activities and sometimes feel very excited and sometimes be disappointed. The children thought about how Charlie felt when at first he did not find, and then subsequently did find, a golden ticket! In Bird Family meetings, new Top Birds were elected for the half term.

### **Literacy**

Literacy groups resumed with children learning new sounds and practising reading and writing. In class, we have been encouraged to write as we play. Prompts for writing have included postcards, pictures and menus for role-play cafés. We have practised segmenting words to spell as we labelled work in other areas of the curriculum.

### **Maths**

We have had lots of fun exploring money with a focus on recognising coins and their value. We were challenged to write a shopping list of ingredients to make a rainforest mocktail. We stuck paper coins next to each ingredient and then added the value of the coins together and wrote the price of each item. When the list was complete, we purchased items from a 'shop' to make our yummy drinks. We paid 1p for a cup, 2p for a straw and 5p for an umbrella.

### **Topic**

We have been looking at books and using the internet to find facts about the rainforest. We learned that rainforests do not actually need very much rain because they make their own. To try to understand this concept, each class has created their own miniature rainforest in a jar. We are also going to be monitoring our geodesic dome in the outdoor classroom to see how much moisture is created when the door is closed. If you have any potted plants you would like to donate, in order to enhance the dome, they would be most welcome.

## **Games**

The children enjoyed an exciting morning of activities in the sports hall on Friday morning. We are sure they will enjoy telling you all about their experience.

## **Over the weekend**

To support our learning about coins, you may like to take your child to a shop and give them a small number of coins to make a purchase. If they have a receipt for their purchase, or photos, we will share them in class next week.

## **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

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

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

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall from 5.00pm – please book via the online booking system

**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 our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*