



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 4th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, our key text has been *Pirate Pete and his Smelly Feet* by Lucy Rowland. We have used this story to talk about pirates and rhyming words. We have linked this story to talking about ships a long time ago. The children have really enjoyed pretending to be pirates. We have talked about the numbers 7 and 17, and we have learnt lots of pirate and sea songs. Our role play area has changed into a pirate ship with lots of pirate dressing up clothes. Our new phonic sound has been 'c' for counting and coins.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children's news about their weekend. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson and lots of children played outside. We created a pirate ship in the garden using crates and planks and the children used telescopes to look for ships and treasure. We really enjoyed reading our key text for the first time, and some of the children practised writing their name on a treasure chest. Many of the children painted pirate pictures.
- On Tuesday, the children all went swimming. We read various pirate stories and spent time outside again dressed up as pirates. Lots of children practised writing numerals to 10 and cutting out 10 pirates carefully.
- On Wednesday, we had great fun having pancake races outside using tennis racquets and pancakes. We read *Mr Wolf's Pancakes*. We celebrated World Maths Day and counted to 10 in Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese and Portuguese. The children enjoyed painting pirate ships and mermaids. In the afternoon we drew numerals on large paper on the floor and some of the children made pirate hats.
- On Thursday, the children really enjoyed visiting the sports hall. We practised writing 'c' for careful and counting and coins. Several children enjoyed playing a simple dinosaur matching lotto game in small groups with an adult. In the afternoon, we played in the Pre Prep hall and cooked and ate pancakes.
- On Friday, we really enjoyed 'Friday Disco' as usual. Lots of the children came on a number hunt around the Prep Department looking for numbers. The children have been practising sorting the letters in their name on treasure chests and writing their names. In the afternoon we continued to make pirate number lines, writing numbers to 10.

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

- Count up to 17 objects carefully, spot number 7's and number 17's.
- Practise writing numerals to 5 or 10 carefully.
- Talk about a long time ago; it would be lovely if the children could bring in some family photographs from a long time ago.

Next week...

We will be reading stories by Mick and Chloe Inkpen. Our key text will be another Pirate story linked to this half term's topic, A Long Time Ago. We will play a pirate lotto game, continue dressing up as pirates, and go on a Pirate Treasure Hunt in the woods, looking for letter sounds on gold coins.

Dates for your diary:

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