



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 11th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week, Mrs Harries led an assembly about The BFG and Joseph and his coloured coat. She shared with the children the similarities between the stories, and the importance of sharing things where we have plenty with those who do not. In Bird Family meetings, the children enjoyed listening to the Year 2 choir singing in preparation for their Highly Commended performance in the Norfolk Music Festival on Wednesday.

Literacy

In literacy, we have been assessing the children's ability to write a sentence without support and we were impressed with the progress they have made. It has been pleasing to see the children choosing to write as they play. We have also assessed the children's comprehension skills, with the children reading two short sentences and matching them to a picture.

Maths

In maths, we have been revising addition and subtraction, by completing a range of simple sums. We also explored the properties of 2D/3D shapes. We learnt about how many faces, edges and vertices different shapes have. We were very impressed by the children's mathematical vocabulary.

Other areas

At the very beginning of this half-term, each class built a terrarium in a jar to simulate the rainforest. We have enjoyed watching the water cycle taking place over the past two weeks, so we decided to make a diagram of our findings. This led to the question, "What is the water cycle and how does it work?" The children came up with many great ideas about what rain is and where it comes from. However, they were amazed to find out that the water we drink today has been around for as long as the earth, all because of the water cycle. We learnt that water rises up into the sky, cools and condenses into rain and falls again to the surface, thus creating a cycle. Which happens over and over again. The children drew and labelled a simple diagram of the process.

Over the weekend

- You might like to look at some empty packages and boxes and go on a shape hunt around your home. Can you find a cube, a cylinder or a cuboid? How many shapes did you find? Can you record your findings to share with your class?
- You may also want to practise reading and writing tricky words. Can you put two tricky words into a sentence about your weekend?

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 – 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