



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 18th March 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, our key text has been *Jasper's Beanstalk* by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We have used this story to talk about spring and growing beans, but we have also been talking about the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen in preparation for our visit to the Playhouse. We have talked about staying safe whilst out of school and how to cross the road safely. We have practised writing numerals to 10 and have been learning the phonic letter sound "j" for Jasper, linked to our story. Due to our visit to the Playhouse we did not go to the sports hall this week.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children's weekend news. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. We read our new key text and the children really enjoyed listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in the afternoon. Some of the children chose to go for a walk through the woods where there were many signs of spring. We spotted lots of new spring flowers.
- On Tuesday, the children went swimming in the morning and spent time involved in a counting activity, using dried beans to fill a jar lid and counting carefully how many beans fitted inside the lid. In the afternoon, the children all planted a broad bean; we will watch to see how many plants begin to grow.
- On Wednesday, we spent a great deal of time outside in the Nursery garden as the weather was warm and sunny. The children enjoyed playing in the Nursery sand pit, playing in our mud kitchen and climbing and creating their own pathways, using the planks and crates. Some of the children continued to create their own number beanstalk.
- On Thursday, the children were very excited about going to the Playhouse to watch *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. They really enjoyed it and behaved beautifully. Thank you very much indeed to the parents who accompanied us. The children had a picnic lunch in the Nursery and a quieter afternoon involved in play inside and outside in the Nursery garden.
- On Friday, the children really enjoyed finishing off the special craft project that we have been working on in preparation for Mothering Sunday. Many of the children created their own spring hat band and some of the children went for a walk through the woods. Next week we will be reading a story called *My Mum is a Superhero* and talking about superheroes and their special powers. We will also continue to talk about growing different plants from seeds and spring.

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

- Make a very tall beanstalk using green paper or card and stick paper leaves onto it. Ask your child to have a go at writing some numerals on the leaves and count them carefully.
- Draw a picture of a bear linked to our visit to the Playhouse to watch *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Plea for help!

We would be very grateful if any school spare clothes could be returned to Nursery please. Thank you.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of packets of seeds so that we can plant lots of different plants in the Nursery garden.

Stop and drop

Our staff are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of the children in the mornings. Please do take care to drive at no more than 5mph as you enter, move around and leave the site. For those parents who are parking and bringing children in, please ensure that your children are beside you (ideally hand-in-hand) until you have crossed the playground. Thank you for your support.

Staff news

As many of you may be aware, Mrs Pritchard has been absent from school for some time now, both through personal and family illness. After much consideration, she has decided to retire from her post as Pre Prep Deputy Head from 31st March. Mrs Laing, who has been Acting Deputy Head since last term, covering some of Mrs Pritchard's responsibilities in her absence, will continue in this role for the remainder of this academic year. Permanent arrangements will be worked out over the coming months ready for September. For those of you who know Mrs Pritchard, we are sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness for the future.

Dates for your diary:

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