



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents

This week Mrs Harries led an assembly about 'beauty from within', linking these ideas to the story of *Beauty and the Beast* in readiness for and recognition of the Year 7 and 8 Musical, performed yesterday evening and tonight. In Bird Family meetings this week, the children discussed the importance of keeping safe and a variety of ways in which to do so. Mrs Wilson also led an assembly on Thursday on the beauty of the world, in which she read the story *Miss Rumphius* and showed the children pictures of lots of beautiful places around the world.

In the classrooms, liquid has been explored in a different way this week as we looked at different sorts of clouds. We enjoyed sharing Eric Carle's story *Little Cloud*. We have been busy practising our Easter performance, which we are sure you will enjoy next week.

### **Request for help!**

This weekend all jogging bottoms will be sent home and we ask that they are returned clean on Monday as many of the children need them for the performance and for our dress rehearsal on Monday.

### **Literacy**

The children have been consolidating their knowledge of sounds in their groups along with completing a variety of writing tasks set by their literacy teacher. All children read with an adult as part of their literacy lessons. In class, the children were challenged to paint a cloud and write a sentence about it. The children had some super ideas and we have enjoyed seeing them put these down on paper, many using their phonetic knowledge to spell.

### **Maths**

This week and next, our maths focus is time. We have been reciting months of the year and learning about the four seasons. We have been using our artistic skills to create some beautiful 'seasons' posters and we have thought about objects or events that are associated with each.

### **Topic**

We have been learning about the science of clouds and associated weathers. We were surprised to find there are actually many different types of cloud all with very complicated names. Your child may be able to tell you about some of them.

## **Games**

We were blessed with sunny weather for our games lesson on Wednesday afternoon. We started by lying on the ground looking at the sky and observing the clouds. We then played a game where we had to move around the playground in different ways depending on a cloud type called out by a teacher. We finished with a big game of "Cloud, Cloud, Lightening" (Duck, duck, goose)!

## **Over the Weekend**

You may like to go for a walk and look for signs of Spring. You may also like to talk about different times of the day in preparation for our maths learning next week.

## **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.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

**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*