



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 1st April 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, our key text has been *Hattie Peck* by Emma Levey. We have used this story to talk about spring and Easter. The children have loved exploring shredded paper, chicks and lots of different decorated eggs in the texture tray. The children have been very busy, carefully colouring in Easter and spring pictures and enjoying the sunshine and activities in the Nursery garden.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. They accessed the garden all morning and explored colour mixing in the texture tray and painting on the easels, outside. We read our new key text and started to talk about chicks and eggs, spring and Easter.
- On Tuesday, the children went swimming in the morning. They continued to complete a careful counting activity with a grown up and enjoyed playing outside. We had a quiet afternoon inside using the iPads, completing puzzles and playing. We read *Hattie Peck*, talked about which animals hatch from eggs and watched a short piece of film of a chick hatching.
- On Wednesday, the children really enjoyed decorating Easter biscuits. They watched Mrs Hampshire being a scientist, carrying out some 'eggs-periments!' using eggs. We walked through the woods in two groups and had a lovely time playing on the new play equipment in the woods, and looking at all the buds and blossom on the trees. Some of the children finished off their Easter chick pictures with Mrs Bloom.

During the Easter holiday you may wish to support your child's learning by:

- Reading lots of stories and books together.
- Continuing to talk about and spot letters and their phonic sounds, numerals and shapes when you are out and about.
- Continue to enable your child to have regular opportunities to make marks, draw pictures, cut out, paint and stick, using a variety of stimuli linked to your child's individual interests.
- Setting up a child height washing line somewhere in your garden and providing your child with pegs and different things to hang up; it could be numbers in the correct order, letter sounds, CVC words, dolly clothes, cut up dish cloths, dinosaur or vehicle pictures.

- Collect some of your recycling rubbish and cardboard, and provide your child with glue, pens, masking tape and different textures (bits of fabric, buttons, bottle tops) to make their own creations.
- If your child would like to make an Easter hat, then we would love to see them on the first day back to school after the holiday.

Request for support

We would be most grateful if parents could have a talk with their Little Acorn about not bringing toys into Nursery next term, as they are so “grown up” now. The children continue to be most welcome to bring in one named soft toy/comforter but we are struggling to manage the number of small toys and objects that the children are bringing into Nursery each day. The children are not always keen to share their toys with others, or they lose them and are then upset. Thank you for your support.

Chicks

We would very much like to hatch chicks out in the Nursery after the Easter holiday if possible. We have a cage and a heat lamp already as we have done this in previous years, and it is a magical experience for the children, and Mrs Hampsheir who takes the chicks home every weekend! I just thought that it was a good idea to ask if any parents know of anybody who may have an incubator or any eggs that we could possibly borrow. There are companies from whom we can source an incubator and eggs, but they take the chicks away after only a couple of weeks. We would only require a smallish number of eggs as fewer chicks are easier to manage! If you have any information on this, please do contact Mrs Hampsheir. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 20th June – 9.15am - 10.00am: Nursery Sports Day on the front lawn

Wednesday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day

Wednesday 10th July: 9.00am - 9.30am: Nursery Celebration assembly in the Pre Prep Hall

We hope you have a lovely Easter break with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns
Teaching Assistants

Melanie Harries