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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 6th May 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery our key text has been the traditional story *The Princess and the Pea*. We have talked about the story, the rainy weather and peas and beans linked to healthy eating and growing plants. The children have practised drawing and painting castles and have talked about the importance of rain in the spring to help the farmers. We have talked about the phonic sound, 's' for sunflower, 'p' for pea and princess and 't' for tower. In maths, we have revisited 2D shapes, and have been assessing the children's current knowledge of 2D shapes and numbers.

- On Tuesday, the children went swimming in their groups. When the children were not swimming or having a snack, they chose new library books, played outside in the Nursery garden and shared their weekend news. In the afternoon, small groups of children spent time with an adult using simple numeracy and literacy apps on the school iPads and playing inside and outside Nursery.
- On Wednesday, we spent time in the Pre Prep hall and Nursery. The children practised drawing castles on large sheets of paper on the floor and talking about the importance of rain. In the afternoon, the children chose whether to play outside in the rain, dressed in waterproof clothing, where they swept up bubbles and collected rain, or to stay in the Nursery and complete a cutting activity based on *The Princess and the Pea*. As the Year 2 children were on a school trip, some of the children also played in the Year 2 building, The Nest.
- On Thursday, the children visited the sports hall, made shakers using chickpeas and created Prince and Princess collâge pictures. We read lots of traditional stories and had fun singing 'There was a princess long ago' in music with Miss Skinner.
- On Friday, the children all listened to *The Princess and the Pea* for the last time, practised writing their names and enjoyed exploring different dried peas and beans in the texture tray. We used chickpeas to practise careful counting, and groups of children went to the music room with Miss Skinner.

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

- Ask your child to find as many different 2D shapes as possible over the weekend, and perhaps have a try at carefully cutting out some simple 2D shapes.
- Talk about minibeasts, bees and bugs, as for the last two weeks of this half term we will be learning about minibeasts and reading Eric Carle stories about minibeasts.

We would be very grateful if the children could keep a pair of wellies in the Nursery for the rest of this term, just in case we have any further rainy and wet days. Nursery has lots of light raincoats and waterproof trousers for the children to wear.

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 – school closed

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

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