



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 13th May 2019

Dear Parents

This week our key text has been *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We have really enjoyed reading this story and talking about caterpillars, cocoons and butterflies. Our phonic sounds this week have been 'e' for egg, 'c' for caterpillar and cocoon and 'b' for butterfly. We have talked about all the different sorts of insects and minibeasts, and their lifecycles.

We would be most grateful for any donations of plastic bottles and containers with the labels removed and plastic bottle tops, which we will use for water play this term as the weather improves.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance with Mrs Wilson, creating mini-beast books and reading our key text. The children changed their library books if they wanted to. In the afternoon we spent a long time watching the Reception children's caterpillars munching on their special caterpillar food, playing in the nursery garden and practising how to write our names.
- On Tuesday, the children had their usual circle and news time while they had their morning snack and went swimming in their groups. The children explored mini-beasts in the texture tray and we talked about the phonic sound 'b' for butterfly, 'c' for cocoon, and 'e' for egg. In the afternoon, the children spent time in the outside classroom using magnifying glasses to look for and identify lots of insects that we found living under tree stumps in the woods.
- On Wednesday, the children had a very busy morning painting, drawing and making their own Hungry Caterpillar hats. Some of the children created ladybirds and many children painted with Mrs Bloom.
- On Thursday, the children spent the morning accessing inside and outside activities, practising name writing and writing numerals. Two groups of children enjoyed music with Miss Skinner. In the afternoon, the children created paper chain caterpillars and had fun playing a ladybird counting game.
- On Friday, we all went for a long walk through the woods looking for minibeasts. Two groups of children went to music with Miss Skinner and learnt a song about a tiny caterpillar. The children enjoyed placing the correct number of pegs on spiders and creating symmetrical butterfly paintings.

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

- Encourage your child to practise recognising and writing their name; talk about letter sounds when you are out.

- Linked to our key text, talk to your child about minibeasts and insects. Next week we will be learning how important bees are.

We would be most grateful if:

- Any Nursery spare clothing could be returned to Nursery please.
- The Little Acorns could *not* bring toys into Nursery if at all possible please; we are spending more and more time outside and it is very tricky when toys get lost there. The children are, however, always welcome to bring a named soft toy/comforter into Nursery.
- The Little Acorns could bring a sunhat into school as the weather improves (it doesn't matter if it not the school uniform sunhat) and a pair of wellies for rainy day play.

We wanted to inform parents that we have changed the ready mix paint that we use in Nursery, as we were aware that some of the children's clothing has been badly stained by the paints that we were using. Please do inform us if you continue to have any problems.

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