



Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 20th May 2019

Dear Parents

This week we have been learning about bees, and our key text has been the story *The Bumblebear* by Nadia Shireen. We have talked about the story and watched a short film about bees, beehives and how bees make honey. The children have practised cutting out their own bee and sticking it onto a beehive. We have talked about the phonic sounds 'n' for nectar, 'qu' for queen and 'i' for insect. In maths, we have talked about hexagons and have continued to encourage the children to add two small groups of objects.

- On Monday, we shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We all went to dance with Mrs Wilson. We spent lots of time in the garden, engaged in mud kitchen and water play, read lots of different stories and practised all the phonic sounds in the alphabet on the carpet. Many of the children enjoyed creating bee collages. We walked all the way through the woods in the afternoon and the children really enjoyed playing on the new play equipment in the woods.
- On Tuesday, the children went swimming in their groups. When they were not swimming or having a snack, they chose new library books, played outside in the Nursery garden and enjoyed creating minibeasts, using playdough. In the afternoon, groups of children spent time with an adult using the school iPads, playing inside and outside nursery, and practising their cutting skills and name writing.
- On Wednesday, many of the children enjoyed painting pictures, making and eating honey sandwiches and continuing to learn about bees. In the afternoon, the children chose between staying in the Nursery and going for a walk through the woods.
- On Thursday, we learnt about how important bees are and had lots of fun in the outside classroom spotting bees. We had an end-of-half-term music session in Nursery and sang all our favourite songs together, with Miss Skinner. We had Friday Disco and sang Happy Birthday to the children whose birthday will take place in the half term holiday.

This week you may like to support your child's learning by:

- Encouraging your child to draw a picture of their choice about their half term holiday.

- Talking about how important bees are and plant some plants in your garden that attract pollinators.
- Collecting any plastic bottles or containers that would be great for water play; please remove all labels if possible.
- Playing games or looking at the initial sounds in the alphabet and asking your child to identify the sound they make.
- Encouraging your child to look out for and identify numbers of objects correctly and numerals when out-and-about.

Navy PE shorts and the school short-sleeved polo tops are the perfect summer uniform for the Nursery children after half term. The girls can also wear the school summer dress. Please ensure that your child always has a named sun hat at school. Please could all children have an old pair of shorts and t-shirt in their rucksack for water play outside; these do not need to be school uniform. Please could the children not come to Nursery in vests, long sleeved tops or jogging bottoms on hot days. We would be very grateful if you could top up your child's spare clothing during half term.

Please apply a long-lasting sunscreen to your child before they come to school. We are very happy to help the children to re-apply sunscreen after lunch, as needed, and will have a hypo-allergenic bottle of sunscreen in the Nursery for this purpose. If you have any issues with your child using this, please let us know.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 13th June – 9.30am - 12.30pm: First half of Nursery to visit Twinkle Town

Friday 14th June – 9.30am - 12.30pm: Second half of Nursery to visit Twinkle Town

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

Thursday 11th July: End of term – no After School Care

We hope you have a lovely half term break with your children.

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

Melanie Harries