



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 20th May 2019

Dear Parents

We have been so excited this week to see the first of our 100 butterflies emerge from their chrysalises. When they first emerged, we made sure the painted lady butterflies were fed by soaking tissue and banana pieces in a sugar formula. Releasing the first flutter of butterflies into our well prepared Butterflyarium was truly magical. We are hoping the ecosystem we have created in the netted dome will provide a suitable environment for the butterflies to continue their lifecycle.

This week, we enjoyed a class assembly by Maple Tree class, all about growing and the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Bird Family meetings focused on growth mind-set and the phrase 'I can't do it, yet'. We enjoyed a final celebration assembly on Thursday morning, where we celebrated new work for the wonder wall, presented certificates and medals and announced the winning bird family of the half term; congratulations to the Kingfishers!

Literacy

With the caterpillars changing state so quickly, the children have had a lot of work to do in writing their diaries. We have been encouraging the children to spell tricky words and to use their phonetic knowledge to write sentences independently. The children have been reading to teachers in groups and individually and we encourage you to continue supporting your child to read with you at home. We have been assessing the children's ability to comprehend what they are reading by talking about their favourite characters, elements and outcomes of stories. You may like to ask your child to talk about, or write, a sentence about their reading books.

Our key text this week has been *Oliver's Vegetables* by Vivien French. What can your child tell you about this humorous story on the topic of healthy eating?

Maths

The children have been challenged to show us what they know about a range of mathematical concepts including:

- counting
- numeral recognition and formation
- doubling and halving
- addition and subtraction
- names and properties of 2 and 3D shapes
- number order

We really enjoyed Lego Maths, helping Lego characters Max and Mia to feed a hungry Lego caterpillar and counting how many pieces of food the caterpillar ate in total. We were challenged to use our Lego bricks to make a perfectly symmetrical Lego butterfly.

Topic

We observed the changes to our carnation flowers following last week's science experiment to see if flowers placed in coloured water would change colour. The flowers in the blue, yellow and red waters have indeed changed colour. Fortunately, Miss Knightly and Mrs Laing did not change colour as a result of drinking orange and blackcurrant squash!

Games

We are getting very good at working in teams, running races. This week races included balancing bean bags and jumping hurdles.

Over the half term holiday

Please take time to read to your child and hear them read to you. All the children have targets for reading high frequency or tricky words; a next step is to be able to write the words. If you are out in the garden, on the beach or in woods why not find a stick and have a go at writing on the ground. The children would certainly enjoy sharing photos of their efforts when they return to school in June.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th June – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Reception trip to Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens

Wednesday 19th June – 2.00pm: Reception Sports Day on the front lawn

Wednesday 26th June: Royal Norfolk Show day – School closed

Tuesday 9th July: Moving up day for Reception

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

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

With our best wishes from Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Parker and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries