



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 29th April 2019

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the traditions of May Day, from May Queen, to Maypole and Morris dancing. The Maypole has been set up outside and Mrs Averill guided those children keen to try through some maypole dances! Bird Family meetings considered the differences between 'needs' and 'wants', with each group's discussion developing in a different way.

Maths

In maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes. The children learnt how to identify, describe and classify a range of 3D shapes, by examining their properties e.g. How many faces, edges and vertices? The children also created a range of models and looked closely at which shapes stacked and which shapes rolled.

Literacy

In literacy, we revisited the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. The children sequenced and rewrote the story, using pictures as prompts. We were impressed with the children's recall and story language.

Games

In games, the children practised throwing and catching, working with their partner. All of the children participated in this week's team game 'The Hungry Caterpillar', in which each team had to move around the playground, collecting as many food items as possible.

Other areas

After the arrival of our painted lady caterpillars last week, we decided we should know a little more about them. We noticed that they had produced little webs in their pots and some had even shed their skin. We found out that each caterpillar sheds its skin four times, as it grows, and they spin silk to help support and protect them. We also looked at the various body parts of the caterpillar and drew a detailed diagram, labelling the main parts. This week's story describes how the Very Hungry Caterpillar eats lots of different food throughout the week.

Over the weekend, you might like to:

- Draw a picture of your favourite food and write a sentence to tell us about it.
- Add the fruit up in your fruit bowl at home. How many different fruits are there?

How many pieces of fruit are there altogether?

- Try some different fruit; maybe you could try a piece of fruit mentioned in the story.
- Draw a picture and write a sentence about something you do on each day of the week.

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

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries