



## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents

This week our key text has been *Sports Day* by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We have really enjoyed reading this story and using it to talk about our Nursery sports day. We have been practising races, but have primarily focused on the importance of taking part. We have also been learning about the different species of moths that live in our school environment, thanks to Phoenix's Mummy.

- On Monday, the children enjoyed dance with Mrs Wilson and reading our key text. Most of the children practised writing their name carefully, and had fun playing outside in the water trays. We spent the afternoon in the outside classroom as Ms Perrow, Phoenix's Mummy, came into Nursery to set up a moth trap. Ms Perrow then helped the children as we searched for minibeasts underneath log circles. She was able to tell the children lots of facts about the minibeasts. The children had a wonderful time looking for minibeasts and enjoying outside play.
- On Tuesday morning, the children went swimming in their groups. They have all become so incredibly confident in the water, which is lovely to celebrate as they head towards the end of term. We read our key text again but the main excitement was that each group spent time with Ms Perrow looking at the different species of moths that she had collected overnight at school. The children were fascinated by the moths and Ms Perrow talked about the importance of providing areas of our gardens to help different species of moths and other animals survive.
- On Wednesday, we had a sports day practice and talked about the importance of taking part in our races and being a good team. We also talked about the theme of our sports day and how important the Little Acorns are at helping the grown-ups to look after our world. The children started to create their own little floating boats linked to the Pre Prep project (Take One Picture) linked to the painting *The Dockmen* by George Bellows. We talked about the painting and the children were most interested in the large ship. We talked about a long time ago and how people travelled.
- On Thursday morning, we really enjoyed our Little Acorns Sports Day. We were so impressed with how well the children participated in the races. We had a special treat at snack time to celebrate and the children were very proud of their medals. In the afternoon, the children were quite tired after all the excitement of sports day and enjoyed quiet drawing, cutting and pencil control activities.
- On Friday, the children had lots of fun using the Nursery cars, soapy water and sponges to create their own car wash. We washed and fixed cars for £1, and then recorded how many pounds we had earned in our car wash by the end of the morning. In the afternoon, we talked about our geometric blocks and fitted blocks together to create new shapes, for example using two triangular blocks to create a square shaped block. We had a large scale construction session

and some of the children worked together to create some complex block structures. We also looked at a real crab and a real fish and the names of the different parts of their bodies.

### **Staff news**

As you know, after an application process, Mrs Laing was appointed as Acting Pre Prep Deputy last year, in Mrs Pritchard's absence. We are delighted to announce, that from September, Mrs Laing's role will be made permanent and she will be the Pre Prep Deputy Head, a role which she will undertake alongside her class teaching.

### **To support your child's learning you may like to**

- talk about the phonic alphabet sounds whenever you spot them. Read some of your child's favourite stories linked to the sea, sea creatures and the seaside.
- talk about some of the things that your child is "really good at" or "an expert in" or "loves doing". We are starting to think about our class assembly, and I will be asking all the children these questions. We are planning to celebrate and share some of their individual interests and attributes in our end-of-year assembly.

We would be very grateful for any donations of cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) egg boxes, cardboard boxes and clean plastic lids for junk modelling.

Please could all of the children be provided with a pair of old shorts and an old t-shirt (not school uniform) for water play, we will endeavour to enable the children to enjoy lots of water and paddling pool play if we have any really warm days before the end of term.

We are very grateful to any parents who are happy to donate any old nursery uniform to us at the end of term to replenish our spare clothing; thank you so much.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear's Picnic (suggested donation for the School charity, £1)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Royal Norfolk Show day – School closed

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – 6.00 pm:** Parent information Evening in the Read Hall for children moving from Nursery to Reception in September

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 9.00am - 9.30am:** Nursery Celebration assembly in the Pre Prep Hall

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July –** End of term for Pre Prep (no After School Care), with Prize-giving on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> for Prep pupils only

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*