



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 3rd June 2019

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about Africa and African animals linked to our special story, *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne, and our topic this half term, "hot countries and wonderful water". We had an exciting visit from Jorginho's mummy on Friday morning, who talked to the children about eating healthy foods. The children really enjoyed tasting different fruits for their morning snack time.

- On Monday, the children were very happy to see their friends after the half term holiday. They were full of news and excitement. We read *Handa's Surprise* and talked about our holidays and where the children had been during half term. Some of the children carefully cut out pictures of African animals and wrote the initial phonic sound next to their picture.
- On Tuesday, we had a lovely time playing outside in the morning; the children are really enjoying water play on the Nursery balcony and have been exploring lots of different containers, coloured water and funnels in the sunshine. The children all wrote their names and worked with an adult to create a collage lion face.
- On Wednesday, the children spent a happy morning creating African themed Father's Day cards, talking about their Daddies and practising writing their names. The children created African collages and spent time outside.
- On Thursday, we read our special story again and visited the sports hall. We watched an animated version of *Handa's Surprise* and groups of children went to the music room to enjoy a music lesson with Miss Skinner. The children completed an animal phonic activity with an adult and we spent time in the outside classroom watching the Reception children's butterflies in their special butterfly enclosure.
- On Friday, we had a very exciting time because Jorginho's mummy came to Nursery and talked to the children about healthy eating. The children tasted lots of different fruits for their morning snack, which they really enjoyed. We talked about how to look after our bodies by eating healthy foods. We read *Handa's Surprise* and had our Friday Disco. Groups of children went to the music room for a music lesson with Miss Skinner. We had a lovely time in the afternoon playing outside and painting.

This weekend you may like to:

- Talk about Africa and African animals, linked to our topic this half term “hot countries and places and wonderful water”.
- Talk about the different animals and which phonic letter they begin with, for example “z” for zebra, and encourage your child to identify their favourite animal. Does it come from a hot or a cold country? What do they know about it? What does it eat? Maybe they could draw a picture of it, or cut out a picture of it out, to show their friends next week.

Reminders for Parents

Please could you continue to encourage your child to be as independent as possible in preparation for September and their transition to Reception. For example, we are offering the children a whole piece of fruit at snack times now instead of chopping all the fruit up for them. We are starting to encourage the children to have a try at putting their own shoes and socks on after swimming and sports hall sessions.

Next week we are visiting Twinkle Town; Yellow and Red groups will be going on Thursday and Blue and Green groups on Friday. Please could the children come to school in their usual Nursery uniform.

Sun cream

In consultation with our school doctor, Dr Carroll, we have purchased *Nivea Sun Kids sensitive protect and care 50+* sun cream, to be used as a top up for Nursery children. Please ensure that your children come to school already wearing sun cream. We will then top up if needed at lunchtime. If you do not wish your child to use this cream, please let us know and send in an alternative. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for us to apply this cream. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 13th June – 9.30am - 12.30pm: Yellow and Red groups to visit Twinkle Town

Friday 14th June – 9.30am - 12.30pm: Blue and Green groups to visit Twinkle Town

Thursday 20th June – 9.15am - 10.00am: Nursery Sports Day on the front lawn

Monday 24th June: Bring a bear to school for the Teddy Bear’s Picnic – donations to the School charity

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