

# Brambles Weekly News

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## Reminders

Next week we will be learning about Cyprus where Harrison's family are from. I wonder what we might learn?

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Clare on Wednesday.

## Carpet Time

**Stories:** We're going on a lion hunt

**Song** Assorted cultural songs on You Tube

**Rhymes:** Make a new friend

**Focus:** Number 9, a sphere and colour grey

## Upcoming Events

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Brambles Sports Day

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Last day of term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Brambles closed for Easter holidays

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Brambles re-opens

## This Week's Learning

We have been learning all about where our friend Emily's mummy is from. We have looked at South Africa, looked on the globe to see where the country is, listened to traditional music and tried new foods.

## Something Special

We're Going on a Colour Hunt

*Here are three specific ways that children use their knowledge of colours in their daily life.*

**1. Verbal Communication:** Colours can be much more difficult for them to name consistently as there are hundreds of different shades of colour that we call "blue". By giving children this descriptive vocabulary we are providing them with an opportunity to communicate more effectively. They will be able to express themselves better when they want the blue cup. Also, they will be better equipped to understand more specific directions from others such as, "The doll you are looking for is over by the blue chair."

**2. Pre-math and logic skills:** Sorting objects into groups of colours is an important mathematical concept for pre-schoolers to learn. This is a precursor to many analytical and problem-solving skills children develop as they get older. Once children learn about shapes and colours they have the ability to sort items based on these easy to recognise attributes.

**3. Creative Expression:** A majority of children love to express themselves through various forms of art. Whether it is through colouring, painting or making creatures out of play-dough, the knowledge of shape and colour will help them to create what they imagine in their minds and give them a sense of self-confidence. Also the use of colour can be used to express feelings and emotions that young children may not have the words to describe. The most common example of this is using the colour red to express anger.

There are many benefits to taking the time to teach your young children these seemingly simple concepts. You are not preparing them for Reception, but building a base of knowledge that they will use for the rest of their life!

