



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 5th September 2016

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to watch your children continue to settle in to Year 2 life this week and we hope they have lots to tell you over the weekend, as well as enjoying the opportunity for some well-earned rest and relaxation.

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about The Town Close Way and Bird Families, reminding children of the ways in which they can earn tokens for their family. She also talked of the excitement of being at the top of the Pre Prep and the responsibilities that come with that: having the chance to be a 'Top Bird' for their Bird Family, demonstrating actions to songs in assemblies and being a good role model to the younger children. In Bird Family meetings, children had the chance to vote for those children in each Bird Family whom they felt would make a good 'Top Bird.'

Literacy Lessons

On Monday we assessed the whole year group on their spelling. From these results we have allocated children into suitable spelling groups. Our spelling rule this week is 'aw'. Please can your child copy out their spellings, in cursive script, on the homework sheet sent home on Tuesday. The folder needs to be returned to school on Monday when we have our weekly spelling test. Our 'word building challenge' this week was to find words ending in 'ge' which was also taught in a grammar lesson. It was encouraging to see how well the children responded to both tasks. We hope you will enjoy assisting your child in finding up to ten words to record in the red exercise book. These books will be sent home every Monday, to be returned every Friday. By now we will have heard your child read several times at school. Please ensure that the book and reading record are in your child's book bag every day. We will endeavour to hear the children read as often as we can. It would be very helpful if you could record how many pages your child has read at home.

Our guided reading has been focused on following instructions on how to decorate a dragon. Working in small groups the children have enjoyed the experience of reading for a purpose. In handwriting we have been practising straight letters, i, l and t.

Our topic being Dragons, we have looked at some poems about dragons and we will be starting to think about creating and describing our own dragons.

Maths Lessons

Last week we looked in detail at the 100 number square to refresh our memories about numbers and place value. On Monday we assessed the year group on their recall and understanding of mathematics. On Wednesday the children went to their maths groups. This week our focus has been on recognising numbers up to 100, comparing two numbers and ordering small groups from the smallest to the largest.

Please note: the maths homework will now be sent home on Fridays to be returned on the following Monday.

Other lessons and activities

In RS we have been thinking about all the different religions of the world and how there are many stories about how the world was created. We looked at the Old Testament and learnt about the ordering of the creation into different days. We also discussed how humans have been given the intelligence to look after our planet and how we might take on parts of this responsibility ourselves.

In geography, over the next few weeks we will be looking at maps, plans and bird's eye views. Taking a walk around the School grounds, we will be looking out for natural and man-made features of our environment.

In art, Cherry Tree Class have drawn self-portraits and Rowan Class have been creating designs using letter shapes and colouring interconnecting spaces.

Any children new to the school will find an A4 sign in their book bag with their name on. This is for displaying in your windscreen when you use our 'Stop and Collect' facility to help us to recognise cars more quickly. If you could prop or hold it up, we would be grateful. If you are a returning family and need a new car sign, please contact Mrs Stackwood in the office on preprepsec@townclose.com.

We would like to remind all parents to please wear their Town Close parent lanyard whenever you come onto the school site. This is something we check regularly. Thank you.

Over the weekend:

To engage with our topic, you might like to look out for DRAGONS in all their guises!

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14th September: Class and individual 'Bentley' photographs

Please note that the children will be photographed in their blazers.

Tuesday 27th September: Year 2 trip to Easton College.

Friday 21st October – 8.30am-10.00am: Grandparents' coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall and visit to the classrooms

Thursday 6th October – 5.00pm onwards: 'settling in' parents' evening. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot from Monday 19th September – full booking instructions will follow in next week's curriculum information letter.

Friday 21st October: Break up for half term

Monday 7th November: Start of second half of term

Thursday 1st December – 8.30am-10.00: Year 2 coffee morning in the Pre Prep Hall, followed by the Year 2 Christmas production in the Read Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

