



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a super half term break! We are hoping for good weather for the PTA bonfire party tonight and hope to see you there.

In assembly this week, we talked about Remembrance and observed a two-minute silence at 11am. We also talked about our new sandpit and discussed how safely to use the play areas now that the season is changing. Bird Family meetings focused on the election of new Top Birds, in which every child had the chance to vote.

We welcomed the children back to school and loved hearing about their holiday adventures. Our topic for the term is the theatre and we kick started it by performing the well-known traditional tale, 'The Little Red Hen', in our class role-play areas. We look forward to seeing what imaginative stories your children perform to their friends as they play. The highlights of the topic include a trip to the Norwich Playhouse to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and our Christmas production on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Rehearsing for the many stage movements and actions in our Christmas play will be the focus of our games lessons over the coming weeks. We will also be practising the varied songs which form the basis of the production.

In maths, we have been revising number order to 20 and counting out sets of objects from a larger group. The children enjoyed counting toppings for paper pizzas and had to carefully count spoons of ingredients as we created delicious soda bread loaves based on a recipe by Nadiya Hussain and her story 'The Little Red Hen and her Bread Friends'.

In literacy the children were split into groups and your child may have experienced their lesson in a different Reception classroom. Each group revised phonemes and many of the children were taught a new sound. Handwriting focused on pencil control and letter formation.

Other areas of learning involved exploring many of the autumn festivals the children have enjoyed over the holidays and will be involved in this week. In particular, we have discussed Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day but we all enjoyed sharing pictures and stories of other festivals celebrated.

This half term we will be challenging the children to eat their lunch using a knife and fork correctly. A few of the children have already mastered the skill but you may like to help your child improve the skill over the weekend.

Our maths focus next week will be measuring, using non-standard units. Another suggested activity over the weekend is to measure items in and around your home. You could, for example, measure the length of your garden in footprints.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am-10.00am:** Reception coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Reception Christmas production in the Read Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*