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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 16th January 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mrs Harries talked about New Year choices. She checked back with those children who had shared their resolutions to see how they were getting on and discussed top resolutions amongst adults and how difficult it can be to keep them. Children then considered opposite behaviours such as 'kind/unkind, persevere/give up and helpful/unhelpful and the fact that we can make a choice about how we want to behave, play or work. The children chose 'kind', 'persevere' and 'helpful' as the good choices and agreed that they would like to achieve these. Bird Family meetings looked at what makes each of us unique or special.

During topic sessions we have continued with our discoveries about the Polar Regions. In particular we have had lots of fun investigating the properties of ice and we found out the effects of hot water, oil, salt and different coloured paints on ice. We looked at maps of the Earth and sorted animals into hot and cold climates. We also looked at animals that live in the South Pole and compared them with those which live in the North. In maths the children have been estimating different quantities of objects by making 'clever guesses'. They have also played games to help them to understand ordinal numbers. In literacy sessions, the children have continued to improve their reading and writing skills, with a range of phonics and creative writing activities.

We would very much value donations of unwanted pots, pans and cooking utensils to enhance the wonderful new 'mud kitchen' in the Reception garden.

Over the coming weekend:

You might like to encourage your child to practise writing numerals 0-9, paying attention to accurate formation. Please could all reading books and special books be returned to school daily.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th February: Reception classes to Banham Zoo

Thursday 9th February: Reception parents' evening in the Nursery from 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Parents will be able to book a 10-minute appointment slot using the new 'parents' booking system'. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent

information centre' on the main school website at www.townclose.com If you have not yet used the system this term, your password has been set to **townclose** which you will then be asked to change. If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603 599031 or email cshone@townclose.com

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

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