

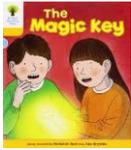


# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Dear Parents

This week our key texts have been the Oxford Reading Tree stories based on a group of children's adventures with 'The Magic Key'. We have linked this story to talking about a lost key that we have found in Nursery. We have introduced the phonic sound 'k' for the word 'key'. We have also talked about the buildings, locks and keys that we have found at school.

- On Monday, we enjoyed our dance session with Mrs Wilson. We read our new story 'The Magic Key' and practised writing 'k' on large pieces of paper. We created plans in order to discover where our lost key came from. Many of the children thought that it belonged to a giant, or a princess locked in a tower. We drew pictures of castles and towers.
- On Tuesday, we all shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We had lots of fun playing games in the sports hall. In the afternoon we enjoyed getting very wet outside in puddles. Lots of us painted snowdrops after we found some growing outside.
- On Wednesday, we all made a heart biscuit with Mrs Coman. Many of us talked about the people that we love in our families and created collage hearts and love birds. We had a lovely time in the Pre Prep hall when the Year 3 children visited to practise their story telling skills. They read us stories in small groups.
- On Thursday, we went swimming in small groups. We had lots of fun creating 'Mount Everest' outside. 'Mountain Rescue' had to rescue some of us when it started snowing at our base camp.
- On Friday, we enjoyed lots of different activities in Nursery. Many of the children chose to participate in our weekly yoga activity in the Pre Prep hall, after morning snack, and many of the children painted lots of different pictures with Mrs Bloom. We were very lucky to have a visitor too; Freddie and Pearl's Daddy came into the Nursery to talk to the children about locks and keys and how they work. We looked at lots of different keys and locks and the children listened carefully and asked some really good questions.

This half-term we would be very grateful if you could replenish your child's spare clothes. We are always particularly grateful for spare socks, pants and trousers as some of the children are puddle magnets in the rain!

We would also be very grateful if as many children as possible could be in the Nursery ready to start the day by 8.45am, after half-term.

You may wish to try these activities at home linked to our learning this half-term:

- Talk about numbers, count sets of objects carefully and maybe create a small washing line and ask your child to peg number cards on the washing line in order.
- Encourage your child to draw, paint or create their own pictures, 3D models or paintings. Snipping up straws is a great way to practise scissor skills and using masking tape is good, as the children find it easier to use independently as they can tear it themselves.
- Talk about any letter sounds that your child spots when you are out and about.
- Use the internet to find a very simple 'child friendly' science experiment using household items and try it out. We would love to see your photos and ideas when we return to school, linked to our first week's theme 'Being a Scientist'.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** World Book Day – children may dress up as their favourite book character.

We hope you have a lovely half term break with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

*Melanie Harries*