



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly on Tuesday, Mr Bevington came to talk to the Year 1 and 2 children about good table manners and lunch arrangements for next term. Our new Top Birds were elected this week and we introduced them in assembly this week, as they announced their Bird Family token totals. We also enjoyed a lovely World Book Day assembly; we were very impressed with all the costumes and the wide range of characters we met.

### **Literacy Lessons**

During lessons this week, we imagined what it must have been like to witness The Great Fire of London. A starting point for this was identifying the impact of the events on the senses. We explored using a range of adjectives to describe what we might have heard, smelled and seen and also attempted to set the scene. Using this information, we wrote an account of the events in the third person. In word building, we have been developing our knowledge of conjunctions and how to use them to enhance our writing. Our dictation practice is also helping to improve our listening skills and pace.

### **Maths lessons**

This week our focus has been on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have used number lines to locate numbers by applying our knowledge of multiplying by making the correct amount of jumps e.g. when counting in 5s, 3 jumps takes us to 15,  $3 \times 5 = 15$ . When counting in 2s, 6 jumps takes us to 12,  $6 \times 2 = 12$ . Those children who have been regularly practising their times tables have been able to apply this knowledge to help them solve problems efficiently. Keep practising!

### **Other lessons and activities**

In art lessons, we recreated the scene of The Great Fire using marbling inks and were delighted to see the different effects we could create with this technique. We also designed a skyline and practised our cutting skills to complete the picture. Our Tudor houses were copied and attached to boxes in readiness for our own 'Great Fire' but the great British weather proved too wet to start the fire this week! Luckily the children were able to continue working on their 3D Tudor houses created from a net. As part of our 'World Book Day' celebrations some children created a profile of the character they had come dressed as and talked about why they had chosen them. It was lovely to hear the children talk in such an animated way about their favourite authors and stories.

**Over the weekend:**

- Please use your child's maths booklet to support them in practising their times tables. There are several excellent games available online that they might also find enjoyable to play.
- This link may be useful: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/times-tables>
- Please check your child's school wear and kit.

***Every child needs:***

A winter coat  
Outdoor trainers  
Tracksuit bottoms  
Navy shorts  
A white TCH polo  
Indoor trainers

**Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 2 classes to Blickling Hall (please ensure your child wears their full school uniform – thank you).

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*