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## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to the summer term! We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing break with your children and are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

We had our first Pre Prep assembly in the Read Hall this week which focused on celebrating all the wonderful entries for our Easter Bonnet competition and awarding prizes and certificates! Thank you to all those who entered for their wonderful effort and creativity. If you have not brought in your £2 entry fee, for Nelson's Journey, please do so on Monday. We also enjoyed hymn practice in the Read Hall for all pupils from Reception to Year 8 and a whole school Headmaster's assembly today about Simon de Montfort and the first British parliament.

This week we have introduced our new topic for the half term, which is 'underwater worlds'. We read *The Whales' Song* by Dyan Sheldon in literacy and the children shared their prior knowledge about whales. We listened to whale song and looked at video footage of whales. The children imagined that they were leaving a precious gift for the whales, like the character, Lilly, in the story. They drew and described their precious object.

The maths focus was on counting and estimating. The children have been learning how to make a 'clever guess' and how to count large numbers of moveable objects accurately by grouping them in 10s.

In PE, the children played a variety of team games with bean bags and hoops. They attempted to run, walk and skip with a bean bag balanced on their head, feet or shoulder.

Over the coming weekend, you might like to help your child to practise counting in tens from zero. They might also enjoy the challenge of counting a large collection of small moveable items, for example a jar of buttons, by organising them into rows of 10. They might even like to estimate the total number before counting to check.

If you are bringing a snack for your child to eat after school, can we ask that you please refrain from bringing it into school and wait until off site or in the car before they consume it. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 5.00pm-7.30pm:** Parents' evening in the Read Hall. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot using the 'parents' booking system' from **4.00pm next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at [www.townclose.com](http://www.townclose.com) If you have any

problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email [cshone@townclose.com](mailto:cshone@townclose.com)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 8.35am:** Reception assembly in the Read Hall (parents welcome!)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm:** Reception sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Moving up morning

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*