



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents

Reception had their own assembly on Monday all about the exciting banana project that Mrs Laing is leading. Children enjoyed being involved in building the 'Bananarium' in the outdoor classroom and have learnt about how the bananas will be planted and grow. Top Birds were elected in Bird Family meetings for the first half of this term, and they will be counting tokens on Tuesday. On Thursday morning, Reception to Year 8 children raised the roof of the Read Hall with their beautiful voices during hymn practice.

This week our 'Underwater Worlds' topic has focused on understanding the difference between fiction and non-fiction books and stories. We watched clips from 'Finding Nemo' and discussed whether Nemo is a real or a made-up fish. We have listened to a variety of stories and learnt some interesting facts by sharing water related non-fiction books.

In Literacy lessons, the children have continued to practise speed sounds and letter formation. We have revised and introduced sounds which have 2 or 3 letters but only 1 sound. Over the weekend you may like to see how many of these you can spot in a variety of books when reading with your child: ch, th, sh, qu, ay, ee, igh, ow, oo.

We shared the story *One White Wishing Stone* by Doris Gayzagian. The children held their own white wishing stone and thought carefully about what they would wish for before drawing and labelling their ideas.

We have used our imaginations to create our own made up sea creatures in art and design and we moved liked sea creatures as we played team games in our PE lessons.

In maths we have been adding and taking away and exploring number bonds. We enjoyed listening to the story *One is a Snail, 10 is a Crab* by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre and we made number books linked to the story. The children were challenged to see how many different ways they could make numbers from 1 to 10.

### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – morning visit:** Reception children visiting Tesco Superstore, Norwich Harford Bridge

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 5.00pm – 7.30pm:** Parents' evening in the Read Hall. Parents are able to book an appointment slot using the '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](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)

**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*