



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 1st May 2017



Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been learning about bees. We have linked this to talking about the fact that some species of bees are endangered for the first time. We have talked briefly about how important bees are, and have been very impressed by some of the children's knowledge. We have continued to practise all the phonic sounds using songs and flashcards, and have talked about '2 letters, 1 sound' in 'bee'. We have not had a key text this week, but have talked about Winnie the Pooh stories linked to talking about honey and bees.

- On Tuesday, we all shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We had lots of fun travelling in different ways, playing circle games and jumping onto the large crash mats in the sports hall. We enjoyed using our scissor skills to create our own bees. We talked about hexagons and bee hives.
- On Wednesday, the children had a busy morning working and playing in the Nursery. We went for a jog through the woods before lunch and some of us made bee books. Lots of the children painted pictures of Winnie the Pooh with Mrs Bloom. We spent time in the Read Hall during the afternoon, playing circle games and watching a children's programme about Winnie the Pooh.
- On Thursday, we all went swimming in our groups. We enjoyed being outside at lunchtime. During our outside time we had time riding on the bikes and trikes and playing in the Pre Prep playground and Nursery garden using lots of equipment and toys from our sheds. We had music with Miss Skinner in the afternoon. We sang a new song about bees. Lots of us practised writing our names and we looked through the fence at the construction site to see how our new Nursery is progressing.
- On Friday, we had waffles and honey as a special treat. Mrs Bloom brought us Winnie the Pooh's special honey pot and honey twizzler to use. We played a bee game, rolling a die and collecting and counting bees to put into their bee hive, and went for a walk through the woods spotting different wild flowers.

This weekend you may like to support your child's learning by talking about minibeasts, and the phonic sound they begin with, and practise counting carefully to 6 and 8. We have talked about the number of legs that insects and spiders have.

Please could we remind parents that whilst we are very happy for each child to bring a comforter (teddy etc) or a toy in to show linked to a special interest, please could parents discourage children from bringing lots of toys into school.

Thank you

Dates for your diary:

Key Person and Mrs Hampsheir Meetings – 2.00pm - 3.30pm:

- Monday 8th May: Mrs Averill
- Tuesday 9th May: Mrs Amies

Parents can book an appointment slot using the 'parents booking system' by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at 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 **Bookings will close at 12.30pm on the day of the meetings.**

Thursday 22nd June at 2.15pm: Nursery sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

Wednesday 5th July: Nursery trip to Norwich Playhouse to see the morning performance of 'Room on the Broom'

We have included an attachment on the next page regarding the recording of a new series of The Secret Life of 4 year olds in case this may be of interest to some Town Close families.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Amies



the secret life of...

Channel 4 series 'the secret life of...' is returning to follow new groups of four and five year olds as they take their first steps towards independence.

The series will follow their development from the moment they meet for the first time, through their forming of friendships, learning social rituals and friendly competition. The entire process will be observed and monitored by leading scientists and child psychologists who will provide occasional comment on the children's stages of development.

We are currently looking for groups of **four and five year old children** and their parents to take part in this programme for Channel 4.

Your child would be needed for up to three weeks of filming during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please go to the below link to fill out our online application form

<http://bit.ly/sloyoapply>

We are committed to promoting inclusion and welcome applications from parents of children living with a disability. All communications with us will be treated in confidence.

Any information you give us will be kept securely and confidentially and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 (and your right of access to the information is as provided under that Act).