



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 1st May 2017

Dear Parents

In our Pre Prep assembly this week we introduced our new 'Top Birds' who had carefully counted all the tokens for their bird family, celebrated lots of April and some early May birthdays, talked about each class' special people and awarded medals and certificates. We were also treated to a lovely performance by Ella Snowling on her flute. Bird Family meetings focused on the difference between 'want' and 'need'; water and television being included in the discussion!

This week the children have all been involved in preparing our new Bananarium in preparation for growing banana plants. If you have not already done so you may like to visit our project Blog account: <https://thebananaprojectblog.wordpress.com/>

Following a visit from Mrs Laing's daughter Sydney, a Chemical Engineer, we have experimented with different ways of testing soil and we have compared the soil we are planning to grow our bananas in with soil from the children's gardens.

In maths, we have been exploring time. We made clocks using a variety of resources, talked about our favourite time of day and sequenced the times of a typical day.

Our literacy focus has been non-fiction books. The children have explored a wide selection of information books and have worked together to draw and write about a variety of underwater creatures. Next week we will be putting their work together and creating our own non-fiction booklet.

We used stop watches in our games lesson and worked in groups to time a variety of activities including star jumping, hurdling and skipping.

At home this weekend you may like to share non-fiction books with your child, looking at the content page and finding the relevant page for each topic. If your child has any questions about the topic of the book, perhaps they could try to find the page with answers by using the index.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 10th May – morning visit: Reception children visiting Tesco Superstore, Norwich Harford Bridge.

Wednesday 10th 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 If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com

Tuesday 13th June at 8.35am: Reception assembly in the Read Hall

Thursday 15th June at 2.15pm: Reception sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th 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