



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have been learning about lots of different minibeasts. We have linked this to talking about the different initial sounds that each minibeast begins with. Our key text has been *Mad About Minibeasts* by Giles Andreae. We have made minibeast number lines, and used pegs to practise careful counting and numeral recognition to 10.

- On Monday, we all shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We had lots of fun dancing around the maypole in the nursery garden. We enjoyed using our scissor skills to create our own ladybirds. We talked about different minibeasts and the sounds they begin with. Many of the children practised counting groups of minibeasts carefully.
- On Tuesday, we had lots of fun travelling in different ways, playing circle games and jumping, slithering, crawling and balancing in the sports hall. We played a minibeast track game, rolling the dice and collecting the correct number of minibeasts until we had collected 20. We also went on a number hunt in the woods, looking for ladybirds and counting their spots.
- On Wednesday, the children had music with Miss Skinner in the morning. We sang the shaky eggs song and used percussion instruments to make loud, quiet, fast and slow shaky sounds. The children painted pictures of different minibeasts in the afternoon.
- On Thursday, we all went swimming in our groups. We enjoyed being outside as the weather was warm and sunny. We had some time riding on the bikes and trikes, playing in the Pre Prep playground and in the nursery garden using the water trays, guttering boats and water toys. Lots of us practised writing numerals to 10 and 20.
- On Friday, we walked all the way through the woods and visited the pond to see how the tadpoles are developing. We spent time in the garden again as the weather was beautiful.

This weekend you may like to support your child's learning by talking about the number 10. Collect 10 small objects (shells, pennies, pasta, toy cars etc...) and ask your child to place them into smaller groups, 5 and 5, 6 and 4, 7 and 3 etc... and ask 'Which group has the most?'

As the weather improves, please could you ensure that your child has their sun hat in school at all times.

It has been lovely to catch up with our nursery parents at our key people meetings.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.15pm:** Nursery 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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Nursery trip to Norwich Playhouse to see the morning performance of 'Room on the Broom'

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 Harries*