



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 5th June 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half term of Reception! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and are ready to enjoy the next few busy summer weeks.

We started our week with a whole school assembly, led by Mr Bevington and some of the Prep pupils, all about the general election. The pupils spoke about their chosen party with clarity and passion! Bird Family meetings explored this topic further, talking about the election and voting in new leaders.

Our topic this week was minibeasts, and the children all enjoyed having the opportunity to see a variety of small creatures when 'Zoo Lab' visited us on Tuesday. A snake, tarantula, gecko and African hedgehog were among the animals that the ranger presented to the children. The children all showed great care in handling the animals. The children asked some very interesting questions and the ranger shared some fascinating facts with us. We learnt that cockroaches have two brains and that the largest so-called minibeast on Earth is the giant squid!

In maths, we have looked at number order and the children have made number lines by placing numerals in order to 20 and beyond. Meanwhile, in literacy, the children wrote facts about minibeasts, inspired by their experience with Zoo Lab.

In our PE and games sessions, we practised races for our sports afternoon on Thursday. The children have been put into teams across the year group and they are very excited to compete next week!

Over the coming weekend, you might like to encourage your child to practise their handwriting using the activity provided in your child's book bag.

Reception assembly next week

As you know, our assembly is on Tuesday, which is also our purple picnic day. Please could the children come to school dressed in their school uniform, with their blazers, ready to perform. They may bring any purple clothes they wish to wear, to school in a named bag, to change into afterwards. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 13th June – ‘Purple Picnic’ in aid of Nelson’s Journey

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

Thursday 15th June at 2.15pm: Reception sports afternoon on the Prep Department front lawn. **Please note that there will be no parking available on the school site during this event.**

Wednesday 28th June: Royal Norfolk Show – School closed

Tuesday 4th July: Moving up morning

Thursday 6th July - 4.00pm: End of term – no After School Care

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