



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, we talked about new starts, new beginnings and trying new things! We talked about turning over a new leaf and things we could do to be even better, as well as thinking of something new that we could try, whether it be a new food, hobby or attitude. Top Birds were elected in Bird Family meetings and our new Top Birds proudly announced their token totals, having carefully counted them!

### **Literacy Lessons**

The children have all written a simple piece introducing themselves. They began by drafting some facts which they then refined and wrote as a continuous paragraph (using full stops and capital letters appropriately).

We have enjoyed our first word building and spelling lessons this week. Many children are already full of ideas for 'th' words and they thought of some wonderfully imaginative sentences containing 'aw' words such as 'claws', 'lawn', 'prawns', 'crawl' and 'draw'. The children also refined their handwriting skills in small groups during our swimming afternoon on Wednesday.

### **Maths lessons**

The children have been applying their knowledge of basic number facts (such as place value, number bonds and doubles) to solve a range of problems. We have also been estimating the number of objects within various containers before counting and comparing our estimates with the actual quantities.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed working in pairs to solve a 'tree trail' of calculations in our school woods. This involved them reading and recognising cards with photos of various British trees before going on to solve the range of calculations which were written on them. We were most impressed by the children's enthusiasm and ability to collaborate effectively with others.

### **Other lessons and activities**

Our religious studies lessons provoked some fascinating discussions around the question 'How was our Earth created?' The children's suggestions ranged from 'magic dust' and 'lots of Gods wished it to start' to detailed explanations of how the Big Bang occurred. We explained that people have many different ideas about this and people have been telling stories about it for thousands of years. We will be exploring 'Stories of Creation' and will be considering 'How well we are taking care of our world' over the coming weeks.

In art, we have continued to create our self-portraits which will soon be displayed in our classrooms. Please feel free to pop in and see whether you can identify your child! We have talked about 'observing closely' and making sure that we include a neck, shoulders and details such as eyebrows and ears.

We sorted a range of objects and pictures as an introduction to our science topic 'Living and non-living things'. We considered what living things can do and what living things need to survive.

### **Over the weekend:**

Please look in your child's book bag for a letter explaining this term's show and tell topic, 'My hobby'. You will see that everyone has been allocated a date so you can discuss which of their interests your child would like to share with their class.

We are looking forward to our visit to Easton College Farm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please see the attached letter for further details.

As part of our forthcoming topic 'A happy and healthy life' the children will each be designing, making and branding their own 'healthy breakfast cereal'. We would be very grateful for any empty cereal boxes or packets to help the children research this.

You may like to help your child to learn their spellings and to complete their word building lists ready to hand in on Monday. Although the front sheet of the word building books asks for books to be handed in on Fridays, we are happy to accept all homework on Mondays as this should help to simplify your weekly routine. All homework in Pre Prep is optional and what your child completes is according to your discretion.

### **Introduction to Year 2 Meeting**

Following our meeting on Tuesday evening, please click on the appropriate links below to view the documents discussed:

Y2 Teacher Assessment Framework for KS1 Reading – please click [here](#)

Y2 Guided Reading Assessment Guidelines Checklist – please click [here](#)

Y2 Teacher Assessment Framework for KS1 Maths PDF – please click [here](#)

Y2 Teacher Assessment Framework for KS1 Writing PDF – please click [here](#)

Welcome to Year 2 2017 – please click [here](#)

In addition to your child's class teacher the following members of staff work in Year 2 across the week:

Mrs McGraffin - Teaching Assistant

Miss While - Teaching Assistant

Miss Goddard - Teaching Assistant

Miss Bailey - Gap Student

Miss Costello - Gap Student

Miss Rider - Gap Student

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 6.00pm-8.00pm:** PTA Bingo Night in the Read Hall

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 5.00pm-7.30pm:** Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Read Hall

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** PTA Quiz Night in the Read Hall

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm-3.00pm:** Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 2.15pm-3.15pm:** Year 2 Christmas Production

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm-3.00pm:** Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

