



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 25th September 2017

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week in Year 2, with lots of activities following our trip to Easton Farm and starting our new story in English. The children have all been working very hard to gain bird family tokens. They are also keen to see if their work will be displayed on the 'Wonder Wall' in the Pre-Prep foyer in the coming weeks.

In assembly this week we talked about gifts, with the help of some autumn leaves, and talked about how special gifts can be, especially when they involve a person's thought and time. Bird family meetings focused on the subject of playtimes and ways in which to ensure that children have happy and safe breaks.

We also started our 'Show and Tell' this week, with the first children across all three classes explaining their hobbies in different ways, using PowerPoint, posters and musical examples too! We are really looking forward to hearing from all of the other children and finding out about their special hobbies.

Literacy lessons

This week we have begun our work on the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We worked hard to think of new adjectives to describe the characters in the story and then used this to help us write poems about our trip to Easton Farm, describing the animals and plants we saw and the activities we did. In our word building lesson this week children thought of some fantastic 'igh' words. In spelling lessons, we familiarised ourselves with 'oi' words and wrote sentences using these. We were very impressed with the efforts many children had made with the optional homework suggested last week as well as the enthusiasm to build on their skills in literacy lessons, especially with their spelling!

Maths lessons

This week we have built upon our understanding of number bonds to 10, and have used these to help us work out number bonds to 20 and 100. The children have worked hard to recap what they learnt in Year 1 and build upon it with new skills and information. We have completed a variety of activities involving addition and subtraction, and revisited some of the mathematical language we need to use in order to explain our understanding.

Other lessons and activities

In RE this week we have continued our work on the Creation Story by creating collages in groups that depict a day from the story of creation. The children worked well to choose their own resources and create a piece of art as a team.

In topic work, we have thought more about what we learnt at Easton Farm, and have begun to think about different types of cereal and what we like and dislike about them, ready to move onto an exciting DT project.

In art lessons, we have finished our images of fields inspired by our trip and also the work of Paul Klee. Using wax crayons, children have defined areas of land and started to mix colours independently to create a palette of natural shades. We talked about what to add to colours to make them darker and lighter and how to create new colours by mixing.

Over the weekend, you may like to:

Help your child to log into their Active Learn account.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Activities allocated to children are linked to the learning taking place in maths lessons. This supports children's understanding and is designed to allow them to apply what they have learned.

You may like to help your child to learn their spellings and 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.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in Parents' Evening in the Read Hall

Online booking system for Parents' evening:

Go to the Parents' Booking System in the Parents' Information Centre on the School website and login using your email address and password. If you have not logged in before, your password will be townclose. Make sure you have the appropriate child selected. Click on the Parents' Evening button and click on a purple 'available' button. To cancel a previous booking, click the red 'cancel' button where you previously booked.

Friday 13th October: PTA Quiz Night in the Read Hall

Friday 20th October – 2.00pm-3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

Thursday 7th December – 2.15pm-3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 14th 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

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