



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents

It was lovely to catch up with many of you at Parents' Evening last night and to share news of your children's progress so far this year.

On Wednesday Year 2 enjoyed 3A's class assembly in the Read Hall. They gave an energetic performance of *Heard it in the Playground* which is a poem by Allan Ahlberg. Bird Family meetings this week focused on recognising and using good manners, whether it be in using cutlery well and remembering not to speak with full mouths, or in remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'.

### **Literacy**

In literacy lessons this week we have read different versions of the traditional tale 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. We have discussed how the events are structured within the story and also the moral of the tale. We have made links to 'The Town Close Way' and discussed how the characters changed each other's lives. Children have begun to create word banks in readiness for retelling the story and have also embarked on creating 'story maps' to aid the planning of their work.

In spelling lessons, we have generated a-e words and used these to create sentences. In word building lessons, children have worked hard to think of a range of interesting 'ay' words.

### **Maths**

In maths lessons this week, we have been learning more about the properties of shapes. We have sorted 2D shapes according to symmetry properties, using Venn diagrams, and also found the line of symmetry in pictures and shapes. We have identified right angles in a range of 2D shapes as well as investigating their ability to tessellate. To support children's understanding of how the properties of shapes can be both very similar and different, we also sorted these into a two-way Carroll diagram.

### **Other lessons and activities**

We were delighted to welcome the Puppet Theatre this week! In a link to our literacy lessons children have designed and made their very own elves. They carefully considered the features, clothing, characteristics and name in their designs and were thrilled to have the opportunity to bring these to life.

As part of our topic work, we have continued to consider the appeal of different components of cereals and why we like them. As a result of our cereal tasting, children concluded that the main cereal, the taste, the texture and the nutritional

value of these were the most important things to consider. Children have chosen four ingredients to include in their own cereal design based on these findings. Once chosen, children attempted to explain the thinking behind their decision and also create an image of the final product. We are very much looking forward to creating these cereals, choosing from a variety of ingredients provided, and to designing the packaging to hold them.

In R.E lessons this week we continued to learn about the creation stories told around the world in different cultures. This week we listened to and sequenced the Islamic creation story and discussed the similarities and differences between this and others we have heard.

### **Over the weekend, you may like to:**

Look carefully at the packaging of cereals you have at home. What information is included and how are the images and lettering different from those on other food products?

### **New Year 2 Classrooms:**

We are very excited about the new Year 2 classrooms, which are now nearing completion. However, we have concluded that the schedule for their completion by November 6<sup>th</sup> is a little too tight to ensure that quality is maintained and groundworks around the classroom building are done to our satisfaction. We are therefore planning to move in at the next opportunity, which will be during the Christmas holiday, thus allowing plenty of time to get everything as it should be!

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 8.30am:** PTA AGM and Coffee Morning in the Pre Prep Hall – all parents welcome!

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

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (inclusive):** Half Term

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 1.30 - 3.00pm:** 'Big School Swim' for Year 2 (with donations to Special Olympics Norfolk) - parents are welcome to come and watch!

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Charity day 'Dress as your favourite sports personality' (in aid of Special Olympics, Norfolk)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 6.00pm:** PTA Bonfire party at Tacolneston Hall

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 4

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 4.00pm:** Christmas Fayre

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 'Wear a Christmas jumper' day (in aid of Special Olympics, Norfolk)

**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

*Melanie Harries*