



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 13th November 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week Mrs Harries talked to the children about the importance of always being kind and helpful to each other and valuing our differences. We discussed how these make us special and help us to recognise who people are. We also talked about our bird family birds and discussed their notable qualities. We were thrilled with the fabulous array of bird family posters which came into school this week and these were celebrated within Bird Family meetings, alongside electing new Top Birds for this half-term. Thank you for your help and support in creating these posters.

This week, the Reception children have been learning about spiders linked to the Julia Donaldson story *Spinderella*. We enjoyed searching for cobwebs in the school grounds and hunting for facts in information books about minibeasts.

In literacy, we continued to revise the alphabet sounds and we practised writing the letters h, e and l. We introduced the tricky word 'me' and pretended to be flies trapped in a spider web and wrote 'help me!'

In maths lessons, the focus was on subtraction. The children have been learning to recognise that subtracting from a number makes the number smaller. They have also been learning the cross-out method for solving subtraction, an example of which will be found in their Special Book. While studying spiders, we also took the opportunity to practise writing the number 8 with correct formation.

The children have had opportunities to make, draw and paint spider webs during art sessions. In music and PE sessions, rehearsals have been underway for our upcoming production, with children helping to choreograph some excellent dance routines.

Over the weekend: you may like to encourage your child to practise singing the songs for our Christmas Production and to practise saying their lines, a copy of which will be found in their book bag.

Friday 1st December – 4.00pm: Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

Wednesday 13th December: 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries