



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 9th January 2018

Dear Parents

We have been delighted to welcome your children back after the holidays and hope that they enjoyed a much deserved rest! We began our week with a form period, allowing children to catch up after the holidays and to share their news.

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries led an assembly about making resolutions and turning over a new leaf. We had some excellent examples of resolutions from the children, from eating five fruit and veg a day, to additional musical instrument practice and excellent teeth cleaning! Next week in Bird Families, new Top Birds will be elected for the first half of this term.

Literacy

The children enjoyed returning to school and have spent lots of time orally recounting their holiday news with their peers. We have talked about places they visited, pantomimes and films they watched, presents given and received and foods they have enjoyed. Some children wrote sentences about their holidays as well as drawing pictures. The children remained in class this week for literacy lessons and have been thinking about New Year's Resolutions. We sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and discussed the meaning of the words. We thought about happy memories from last year and decided how we could make 2018 even better, by creating achievable resolutions.

Maths

In maths lessons, the children practised counting up and down in tens, and were reminded that 'tens' numbers end in a '0' (zero). They were made familiar with hundred squares and learned how to add one more to a 'tens' number and they noticed that there was a pattern (every number after a 'tens' number ends in a 1). The children enjoyed working in pairs to pick a number and then write the number that is one less and one more either side using a post-it note. Some children recorded their number sentences in their exercise books.

Topic

The children have been introduced to their new topic for this term which is called *Where I Live*. The children have been talking about their addresses and also the addresses of famous people.

Other lessons and activities:

- In computing, we have continued thinking about algorithms. The children have been applying their skills to a program called Rapid Router. This can be found at the following link: <https://www.codeforlife.education/rapidrouter/1/>

- In games, the children have been thinking about running skills. We experimented with different lengths of strides and most children found that it was easier and more effective to use longer strides. We had fun doing walking relays with both large lunge like strides and tiny strides, as if we were walking the tightrope.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Play the allocated maths games on ActiveLearn.
- Play this game which consolidates learning on counting on and back:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/chopper-squad>

PE Kit

Please could you check at home for Riccardo's grey school shorts as these have been misplaced?

Stop and Drop Request

Please could we ask that parents only park on the right hand side of the playground as you drive into it and not on the left. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 8 February – 5.00pm - 7.30pm: Parents' evening for Reception, Year 1 and 2 (in the Pre Prep)

Thursday 1 March: World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character and author visit

We hope you have a lovely, restful weekend with your children.

Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Parker, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries