



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 15th January 2018

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week in Pre Prep, including important Top Bird elections in Bird Family meetings this week.

Maths

We have had a big push on number bonds to 10 this week. We feel it is important that the children learn these by heart and are able to recall the pairs rapidly in order to apply them to everyday problems. We have completed a range of activities including using practical apparatus such as Unifix cubes, as well as filling in missing number sentences that equal ten. Some children have also used their secure knowledge of number bonds to 10 to think about pairs of numbers totalling 20.

English

We have been very busy in our literacy groups as they have returned to their usual days of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We have recapped previous phonic sounds that were learnt before Christmas and have thought about new sounds and graphemes. Mr Fisher's group have looked at the 'air' (that's not fair) trigraph. Mrs Wilson's groups have been learning the 'ir' (whirl and twirl) sound. Mrs Parker's group have studied 'oo' (poo at the zoo) while Mrs Brown's group have learnt 'ee' (what can you see). In class literacy lessons, the children have learnt the word 'adjective' and completed an activity in which they had to spot adjectives within sentences as well as think of their own adjectives. We have also had class handwriting sessions to continue looking at ways of joining different letters.

Other lessons and activities

- All children have had their usual library, dance and music lessons.
- In art, children undertook some collage work. We looked at the French origin of the word and used some famous artists including Matisse to inspire us with our pieces.
- Our topic lesson saw us look at the City of Norwich in further detail, looking at it on a map and trying to recognise features and landmarks.
- We have continued to keep the children active and healthy during PE and Games lessons. We linked our PE lesson with topic this week by looking at the purpose of a compass and playing games related to the directions of north, south, east and west.
- In RE, we thought about stories from the past, including those from The Torah, and made our own scrolls.

Over the weekend your child may like to:

- Complete their handwriting and spelling homework which is in their home handwriting books. You will find your child's book in their book bag and the work has been set by their literacy group teacher. More information about how to complete this is provided on the front inside cover of your child's handwriting book.
- Play the next game on Active Learn, which is called 'Marching Madness'.
- Read for pleasure. This may be their school reading book(s), library book (reading may be shared or read by an adult), books from home or a book from a public library.

Late arrivals

Please may we remind you that if you arrive late to school you need to register your child at the reception desk with Mrs McCloy. A member of staff will then take your child and their belongings to join their class.

Unfortunately, the children were unable to swim this week, due to an engineering problem with the pool, which has now been resolved.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd February: PTA Movie Night

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

Online booking system: 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.

Thursday 1st 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