



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 15th January 2018

Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have continued to talk about 'a long time ago'. The children have really enjoyed talking about their old photographs which has been lovely. Our key text has been *Into the Castle* by June Crebbin. We have talked about the number 11, practised drawing straight lines, and talked about rectangles and squares linked to castles. We have talked about lots of different letter sounds linked to the sounds that our names begin with.

I would like to acknowledge that the children have managed meeting different members of staff in Nursery brilliantly while Mrs Coman and Miss Bruce have unfortunately been away unwell. We are so lucky that Mrs Harris and Miss Alice, both of whom have long been associated with the School, have been kind enough to step in and support the children in Nursery during the past two weeks, offering such valuable continuity for them.

- On Monday, it rained a lot! We had a busy morning inside nursery dressing up, creating collages independently, visiting the new Pre Prep library and practising name writing. Several children brought in photographs from 'a long time ago'. After lunch we played outside before coming inside to have some quiet time and stories. The children were very excited when we talked about turning our role-play area into a castle. We went to visit the new Year 2 building, 'The Nest', and Mrs Lawry read us some stories while we had our afternoon snack.
- On Tuesday, the children spent a long time outside in the Pre Prep playground and in the Nursery garden and everybody played outside on the bikes and trikes. We spent time talking about a long time ago, and looking at different types of castle.
- On Wednesday, we had a lovely morning painting and starting to make 3D castles using smoothie boxes. The children enjoyed water play, play doh, block play and more dressing up. Some children spent time helping Mrs Buck to make a big cardboard box castle. After rest time in the afternoon the children went to music with Miss Skinner and sang 'There was a Princess Long Ago' adding percussion instrument accompaniment!
- On Thursday, we were unable to go swimming due to an engineering fault with the pool. We had a busy morning playing in our castle role play area, painting and drawing castles. It was a sunny afternoon so we spent time outside in the nursery garden painting our large cardboard castle.

- On Friday, we went to the sports hall and had fun running, jumping and playing large circle games. Some children continued to decorate their own little 3D castle and we spent part of the afternoon in the Pre Prep hall creating large castle pictures, drawing big squares and rectangles and numerals.

This weekend to support your child's learning, you may like to:

- See how many squares and rectangles your child can find, and draw.
- Read stories about castles, knights, princesses or dragons.
- Count up to 11 objects carefully (for the older children) and spot number 1's (for the younger children).

We would be very grateful for any donations of the small, sturdy smoothie boxes so that all the children can create their own 3D castle. Please could all parents ensure that your child has lots of spare named pants, socks and trousers in their rucksacks.

You are now able to make an appointment to see your key person with Mrs Hampsheir (**10 minute slots**) using our online booking system (details below). If you are unable to attend this session, or have further queries, Mrs Hampsheir will be available to see parents on the evening of Thursday 8th February, when the Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents' evenings take place. Please note that your key person will not be available on that evening.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th February: Key person meeting with Mrs Bailey 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 6th February: Key person meeting with Miss Bruce 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 7th February: Key person meeting with Mrs Coman 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 8th February: Key person meeting with Mrs Amies 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite Book Character

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Harries