



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 15th January 2018

Dear Parents

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

In literacy this week, the children enjoyed learning more about this term's author Eric Carle. We looked at the similarities and differences between *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* and *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?* The children came up with some fantastic answers and enjoyed looking at the various illustrations.

In our art sessions, we looked at Eric Carle's illustrations and the children recreated their favourite images using paint and tissue paper.

In topic, we learnt about the five senses and made soft, fragrant, brightly coloured play doh to take home.

In maths, we focused on providing the children with a range of problem solving opportunities. Questions were based on familiar contexts that had real purpose e.g. sharing fruit equally at snack, working out who has the tallest tower and so on.

Following our assessment of the children's progress in phonics we have grouped them according to next steps. Each week your child will spend time with a teacher dedicated to supporting their progression with reading and writing.

Over the coming weekend:

This week, we have given each child a phonics home learning book with an optional activity to complete over the weekend. We will be sending a new activity within the books each Friday, so please can you ensure they are returned alongside Special Books on Monday mornings.

Late arrivals

Please may we remind you that if you arrive late to school you need 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.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd February: PTA Movie Night

Thursday 8th February – 4.30pm - 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

Friday 23rd March – 2.00pm: Reception Easter Production (Read Hall)

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

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

Melanie Harries