



Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 29 January 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week the subject was worries and mindfulness. The 'worry eaters' that children had been introduced to via last year's charity, 'Nelson's Journey' were re-introduced to children, as well as talking about mindfulness and how to manage feelings of worry or anxiety. In assembly, as part of Storytelling Week and in preparation for World Book Day in March, Mrs Harries shared one of her favourite childhood stories, Mr Tickle by Roger Hargreaves, with the children. We also talked about the fact that Mr Tickle needed to understand that if someone didn't like being tickled, they could ask him to stop, and that he should do so straight away!

Following the story, Mrs Harries set the children a challenge! This is completely optional, but something we hope will appeal to children across the Pre Prep. They have been asked to invent a new Mr Men or Little Miss character and to tell their story, or to write a new story for a current character. We will be presenting prizes for the winning entries on World Book Day (more details to follow).

Literacy Lessons

- In word-building lessons, we have explored adding 'er' to create a comparative adjective meaning 'more'.
- In spellings we have familiarised ourselves with language linked to our topic of 'The Great Fire of London'.
- We have listened to a range of stories and recounts of events linked to the Great Fire.
- We have written questions for Samuel Pepys and extracted information from his historical diaries.

Maths Lessons

- We have revisited 3D shape and secured our knowledge of the properties of these.
- We have explored pattern and continued patterns.
- We have revisited o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past times.

Other Lessons

- We have explored adding water to materials; making predictions and then observing change and recording our findings.
- We made our own Tudor houses in readiness for staging our own 'Great Fire' next week.

Music Coffee Morning

Please be reminded that Mrs Koczur, our Head of Music, is leading a musical coffee morning for parents in the Pre Prep hall on Monday 5 February between 8.00am and

9.00am, to which you are most warmly invited. She will be bringing musical groups from across the School to entertain you and she will talk to you about learning instruments at Town Close.

This weekend you may like to:

Find a cereal box and bring it into school ready to stick your Tudor house onto.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2 February – 4.00pm - 6.30pm: PTA Film Night (Pre-Prep)

Monday 5 February – 8.00am - 9.00am: Music Coffee Morning led by Mrs Koczur in the Pre-Prep hall

Thursday 8 February – 5.00pm - 7.30pm: Parents' evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 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.

Tuesday 27 February – 8.35am: Cherry Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

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

Tuesday 13 March – 8.35am: Silver Birch class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Saturday 17 March – 10am - 11.30am: PTA Easter activity morning in the Pre-Prep hall

Tuesday 20 March – 8.35am: Rowan Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

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

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries