



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 5 February 2018

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, we were treated to a performance by the Year 1 and 2 Choir who sang 'Many Shades of Blue' beautifully! They are preparing for a performance as part of the Norfolk County Music Festival as well as at the Year 1 and 2 concerts which take place in the summer term. Mrs Harries shared another of her favourite Mr Men stories with the children, Mr Happy, and talked to the children about the author, Roger Hargreaves, along with the importance of sharing smiles and happiness. Details of the Mr Men and Little Miss challenge accompany this curriculum letter for those children who would like to enter.

Literacy

We started the week by reading *Pancakes, Pancakes!* by Eric Carle and we soon discovered that pancakes are not as easy to make as we thought! We followed Jack on his journey to find the four main ingredients, flour, eggs, milk and butter. We talked about the fact that flour is milled, butter is churned and that making pancakes is rather tiring work. In our literacy groups, the children have been learning new phonic sounds and practising their reading and writing skills. The children have written simple recipes, shopping lists and listened to stories linked to Pancake Day.

Maths

In maths we have been exploring capacity; the children were challenged to put the correct amount of liquid in their potions bottles and to use various tools in order to approximately fill their containers with soil in which to plant a seed. They have enjoyed engaging in a range of play-based maths scenarios. Activities included pouring and measuring water and various items e.g. sand/beans/rice, sorting containers in order of capacity and checking carefully if we were right.

Other lessons and activities

The children enjoyed exploring ice in the cold temperatures around the school. On Wednesday, we had a pancake race on the Pre Prep playground! The children worked in their bird family groups to balance their pancakes around the playground and flip them high into the air, before returning to their team. We also gathered as a year group and Mrs Laing demonstrated how to make a pancake. The children verbally stated the process and helped measure the ingredients. Once made, we went back to our classrooms and enjoyed eating our pancakes with lemon and sugar. Some of the children were even brave enough to take a big piece of lemon!

Over the holiday, you may like to...

- Write your own Little Miss or Mr Men story in readiness for World Book Day on the 1st March.
- Practise writing all of the taught sounds and reading/writing numbers to 20 and beyond.
- Visit your local library, borrow a storybook by our author, Eric Carle, and make a fact file about him.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 22 February – 8.00am - 9.00am: Official opening of 'Little Acorns' Nursery and 'The Nest'

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

Saturday 17 March – 10.00am - 11.30am: PTA Easter activity morning (Pre Prep hall)

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

We hope you all enjoy a lovely, half-term week together.

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

Melanie Harries