



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 1 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evening last night and throughout the week. When the children are still so young it is important to maintain a strong link between home and school. Please do feel free to contact your child's class teacher at any point should you have any questions or concerns, or if you have any information that you feel is beneficial to share. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

### **Maths**

We have been learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past on an analogue clock. We have discussed elements of time such as seconds, minutes and hours and how these are represented via the hands on a clock. We have completed different activities to consolidate our knowledge of telling the time including partner work with mini-clocks and worksheets which required the children to both identify the time on a range clock faces as well as draw the hands on blank clocks using a ruler.

### **English**

We completed a piece of independent writing during a class literacy session on Monday. The writing task for the children was to write about their morning routine, from waking up to getting to school. While this genre of writing was a challenge for many of the children we were pleased with their efforts. On literacy groups on Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Brown's group looked at 'oo' (poo at the zoo) while enjoying the story 'Room on the broom' by Julia Donaldson. Mrs Parker's group learnt the or (shut the door) sound and read 'What am I?' (a non-fiction text). Mr Fisher's group focused on the 'oy' (toy for a boy) grapheme while continuing to explore another non-fiction text titled 'Beep! beep! Clocks and watches' which linked nicely with our maths work this week. Finally, Mrs Wilson's children learnt the 'ire' (fire, fire) trigraph while reading 'The Duck Chick'.

## Other lessons and activities

- All children have had their usual library, dance, music and swimming lessons.
- In topic, the children completed their Norwich tourism posters as well as studying famous London landmarks and producing interesting fact books about the capital city.
- The children thoroughly enjoyed making jam sandwiches as part of our algorithm work in computing. They worked in pairs and took a photograph of each stage of the process. Once complete they transferred their photos to an app called 'Our Story' and added text. We will continue this work after half-term by adding audio, using the in-built microphone. There was tremendous excitement at the end of the lesson when the children were allowed to sample their sandwiches!
- We have continued our cross-country focus in games by looking at different running styles and remembering to pace ourselves.
- Some classes looked at nouns during class literacy while other classes will cover this after half term

## **Over the half-term holiday your child may like to do some of the following suggestions:**

- Write some holiday news in their home school book ready to share during the first week back. This may include photographs and/or drawings.
- Complete their handwriting and spelling homework allocated by their literacy group teacher.
- Use the booklet provided in their book bag to record activities they do throughout the day, in time order.
- Play the two games allocated on ActiveLearn, which focus on counting in 10s (clam collector) and telling the time to o'clock and half-past (bubble burst).
- Complete some of the pages in their Abacus work book 1 (Autumn term) which has been sent home in their book bag

## **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<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00am - 12.00noon:** PTA Easter Activity Morning in the Pre-Prep Hall

We hope you enjoy a relaxing half-term break!

Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Parker, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*

