



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum information  
Week Beginning: 19 February 2018

Dear Parents

This week we have held the official opening of our building, 'The Nest'. We welcomed Mrs Walwyn, who opened the building and we sang our Town Close song to all of the guests. It was also STEM week at Town Close and we enjoyed an assembly led by Mrs Rushton and Mr Chapman who used the ingredients we would use to make pancakes to show us different science experiments. We were all amazed by the experiment with the hard-boiled egg! We also elected new Top Birds during bird family meetings whom we introduced to the Pre Prep in our Friday celebratory assembly.

## Literacy Lessons

In our literacy lessons this week:

- We have focused on homophones in word-building and spellings, looking at how we spell these words that sound the same and the different ways we use them. We paid particular attention to 'to, too and two' and 'there, their and they're'.
- Our grammar focus has been recapping the use of full stops and capital letters. We have added punctuation into texts and also looked at using capital letters to begin proper nouns, such as London and Samuel Pepys.
- We have written all about our half term holiday, focusing on the correct use of punctuation and using adjectives to describe. It sounded like lots of children had an exciting break!

## Maths lessons

- We have recapped counting in 2s, 5s and 10s ready to do more work on multiplication next week.
- We have been focusing on doubling and halving through partitioning, remembering to halve the tens and the units separately.
- We have looked at halves and quarters of shapes and how to identify them.
- We have worked with halves and quarters when counting too. We looked at how we would count in steps of halves and quarters and introduced mixed numbers e.g.  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ .

## In other lessons

- In topic lessons, we introduced our new topic of 'Fantastic Flight'. We created mind maps to show the things we already knew about flight and then began to

think about some significant people we will be learning about throughout the topic.

- We also looked at different pictures from the history of aviation and tried to order them into a timeline, showing the development of aviation through the ages.
- In science, we looked further at flight by making paper aeroplanes! We used different elastic bands to help propel them and tested which elastic bands provided the most energy.

**Over the weekend:**

- You might like to continue working on the Significant People homework sheet. We have had lots of interesting pieces in so far, with a big range of focuses.
- Entries for the Little Miss and Mr Men competition need to be in by Wednesday next week, so please make sure these are handed in to the class teacher or put into the entry box in the Pre Prep Reception.

**Dates for your diary:**

**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 wish you a relaxing weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*