



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 5 March 2018

Dear Parents

We have had a very exciting week in Pre Prep! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children dressed up for our postponed World Book Day on Tuesday and sharing these in assembly. Mrs Harries explained that she had around 80 entries for the Mr Men and Little Miss competition and that she had really enjoyed all the stories; prizes will be awarded on Monday. On Thursday, we welcomed our author Ifeoma Onyefulu, who shared some of her books including 'A is for Africa' with the children, as well as talking about life in Africa. On Friday, we continued the theme and enjoyed an African dance and music workshop.

Following the snow disruptions, we have continued with our African theme in the classroom this week too.

In our literacy lessons, we have been writing cards to our mummies, thinking about careful letter formation and writing on the lines. Our literacy groups resumed and the children completed activities with an African theme. We have also been assessing reading in the form of a fun quiz which the children completed 1:1 with their teacher. We have been impressed with all the children's progress.

In maths, we have continued to explore patterns, in particular the many patterns found in African cultures. We looked at the many designs that make up African flags. We discussed the patterns and colours and chose our favourites to make a picture.

We have had lots excitement making African crafts, drumming with African drums and listening to many stories linked to the countries of Africa. The children had some interesting comments to make after watching a short clip about children who live in remote parts of Africa.

The play rehearsals are going well and this week the children choreographed their dances. If your child has a line to learn please encourage them to practise at home and if you had a slip requesting help with costumes, and you are able to do so, please send items in a named bag as soon as possible.

Each child has been given a collection of tricky words to learn to read by sight. The tricky word cards are attached to your child's reading record. Over the weekend you may like to help your child learn the words. If your child is already secure with the words, they may like to learn how to spell the words, and write them into a sentence.

**Dates for your diary:**

**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 have a lovely, restful weekend with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*