



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 12 March 2018

Dear Parents

We began our week with a prize-giving assembly in celebration of all those children who had entered our Mr Men and Little Miss competition. With 80 entries and everyone receiving recognition, it was quite an occasion! We even enjoyed a short animation of the story of Mr Tickle! On Tuesday morning we all enjoyed a lovely assembly led by Silver Birch class; Thursday brought the whole school together for hymn practice and we enjoyed a whole school assembly on Friday led by Mr Bevington all about working together.

### **Literacy**

This week our key text has been *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. The children enjoyed retelling the story in various forms in their Literacy groups. The children have also been learning new digraphs and have practised spotting these in words.

### **Maths**

In maths, we extended our focus on patterns and explored symmetry. The children enjoyed creating symmetrical patterns in a range of ways and all of the children took part in this week's Lego maths challenge. The children had to retell the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by creating a bar chart on their Lego boards. Then they carefully counted each piece of food. We decided to count a large number in groups of 5s.

### **Other areas of learning**

We have also had some very exciting news this week from the Royal Society. After last year's success with the Bananarium, we have been granted extra funding for this year's Butterfly Project which is due to start next term. This week the children have been thinking about what they would like to learn about butterflies and the children have come up with some very interesting research ideas.

We had our first rehearsal for our Easter production in the Read Hall and the children were thrilled to see the stage ready for our show next week. If your child has had a

slip requesting help with costumes and you are able to do so, please can we have the said items by Monday. In addition, please can you ensure your child has a clean pair of jogging bottoms, as the majority of children will be wearing these during our production.

### **Over the weekend**

You might like to practise counting in 2s/5s/10s and explore our topic of butterflies in further depth i.e. why are butterflies important? What do they eat? Where do they live? Can you draw a picture of a butterfly? Can you name five species?

### **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 wish hope you have a lovely, restful weekend with your children.

With our best wishes

Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*