



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 1 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.

Our 'Shining Stars' Year 1 and 2 choir sang beautifully in the Norfolk County Music festival, making us all very proud! Very well done to all children involved.

### **Literacy**

In class literacy lessons this week, we have focused on the question mark. The children have been reading various texts that have included questions and they were able to record their own questions using the correct punctuation at the end of each sentence. Some of the children's questions were rather entertaining, for example: "Would you rather be swallowed by a whale or eaten by a bear?" The book entitled *Would you rather?* by John Burningham features humorous questions that the children enjoyed answering!

The children have been very busy doing assessments this week in literacy and maths. On Monday, the children swapped for one group literacy lesson in order to partake in their spelling quiz. We have introduced a new sound to each group and we will be continuing to consolidate these graphemes next week.

Mr Fisher's group have been introduced to the grapheme i\_e (nice smile).

Mrs Parker's group have been introduced to the grapheme ou (shout it out!)

Mrs Brown's group have been introduced to the grapheme air (It's not fair)

Mrs Wilson's group have been consolidating their learning on plurals; adding s or es.

### **Maths**

Whilst the children have been participating in maths assessments, groups of children have enjoyed a maths treasure hunt. The children needed to answer subtraction calculations using mental strategies and find the corresponding letter. We have been counting in steps of 2's, 5's and 10's during mental maths sessions.

### **Other lessons and activities**

- In computing this week, the children have been creating Mehndi hand patterns, a form of body art used traditionally in India, on a software program. The children enjoyed creating various decorative designs and patterns.
- In topic, the children have compared modes of transport in the UK to those in India and learnt all about the various similarities and differences between the two countries' means of travel. The children were fascinated by the numerous ways of travel that India has available.
- The children have discovered and compared animals that live in the UK to those in India. We learnt that the Royal Bengal Tiger is the national animal of India and talked about the climate and environment in which the animals lived. The children were able to use a classification key to categorise animals and thought of their own questions to create their own key.
- The children have been practising their letter formation during handwriting lessons and joining their letters with more accuracy.

### **Over the weekend your child might like to:**

- Complete the handwriting and spellings sent home by literacy teachers.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards in 10s, 3s and 5s.
- Complete the classification key (animal variation worksheet) which will be in their home-school activity books.

### **Date for your diary:**

**Saturday 17 March – 10.00am - 11.30am:** PTA Easter activity morning in the Pre-Prep hall

We hope you have a lovely, restful weekend with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*