



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 19 March 2018

Dear Parents

Wow, didn't they do well! We hope you enjoyed the children's performance of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* as much as we did. The performance was the culmination of a lot of hard work by the children. It was also the start of our new project about butterflies and we are looking forward to defining our research questions with the children and setting about trying to answer them. Over the course of the project the children will be experimenting, observing, gathering and comparing data. We anticipate them experiencing many moments of awe and wonder!

We have had a busy final week of term in Pre Prep. On Tuesday, we enjoyed an excellent class assembly by Rowan Class, all about Easter. We heard some super poems and learnt about the different traditions of the season. Alongside this, our Year 2 lunchtime dancers performed two dances; *Rockin' Robin* and *Thriller*; both performances were full of character and enthusiasm. Mrs Brown led an assembly for Reception and Year 1 children on Wednesday about Easter, told through the story of *Dora's Eggs*, with help from some of the children in Lime Tree class.

We enjoyed a hymn practice on Thursday morning and the Pre Prep came to watch our dress rehearsal. Today, we had much to celebrate in our final assembly.

### **Literacy**

Our literacy lessons took place in our own classrooms this week as we shared a selection of books that tell the Easter Story. The children were supported to write their own interpretation of the story in a variety of artistic forms. We also revised phonemes and practised correct letter formation. We had fun thinking about all the other things we may experience over the Easter holiday, and some of the children chose to make and write Easter cards.

### **Maths**

In maths, our focus has been on correctly forming numbers from 0 to 20. We have been talking about numbers from 11 to 20 in particular and we are beginning to understand that each is 10 plus a number from 1 to 10. In circle activities we used a selection of resources to practise counting numbers greater than 10.

## **Other areas**

The children have been given opportunities to make Easter decorations using paper, paint and craft resources. We have been exploring the Bananarium and its surrounding area in preparation for filling it with the flower seeds we have been growing in our classrooms.

## **Over the weekend**

Over the holidays, we encourage you to share a selection of story and non-fiction books. Your child may like to tell you, or write a sentence or two, about one of their favourite books.

Our learning about butterfly cycles has prompted the children to ask questions about butterflies and moths and some children have made booklets or posters already. This holiday you may like to work together to make a poster about an insect to show and share. Suggestions for content would be facts, pictures or drawings and questions your child has about the world of insects.

## **Swimming kits**

Miss Bryant has asked us to remind parents, that all children need a navy swimsuit or swimming trunks (not swimming shorts please), swimming hat and goggles, alongside their towels in their swimming kits. Thank you for your help with this.

## **Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 16 May – 9.00am - 3.00pm:** Reception Trip to Holkham Hall

**Thursday 21 June – 2.15pm - 3.15pm:** Reception Sports Day

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

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

*Melanie Harries*