



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning 19 March 2018

Dear Parents

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 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 were invited to watch the dress rehearsal of the Reception production based on the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which was fabulous. Today we had many things to award and celebrate in our final assembly.

Literacy

All the children have listened to the Aesop's Fable, *The Greedy Dog*, during class literacy. They worked hard to retell the story in their own words, using pictures to prompt their memory. The children were encouraged to remember punctuation and to use adjectives to add interest to their work.

Mr Fisher's group have been introduced to 'i-e' (nice smile) and wrote a character description using adjectives. Mrs Parker's group have learned 'oy' (toy for a boy) and read 'Sanjay stays in Bed' to revise 'ay'. Mrs Brown's group have been revising 'air' (it's not fair) and have read 'Pip's Pizza'. Mrs Wilson's group have been learning about 'a-e' (bake a cake). They read the traditional tale of Tom Thumb and made a 'Lost' poster all about Tom Thumb.

Maths

The children have been learning how to measure accurately using 30cm rulers. They have had fun measuring a variety of different objects and have also used the knowledge gained to estimate lengths before measuring accurately. There has been a particular focus on lining up the 0cm of the ruler with the end of the object being measured before reading the measurement. The children have also become more confident with 2-digit numbers and have been practising putting them in order.

Other lessons and activities

- In computing, some of the children had a go at using the desktop computers to create Mehndi Indian artwork on a digital hand. We used the word 'symmetry' to discuss the patterns created.
- In games sessions, the children have thoroughly enjoyed orienteering in the grounds. They have worked in pairs or threes to find all the orienteering flags

hidden around the playground. Each flag has a letter, which when written on the recording sheet makes a sentence all about keeping fit and healthy.

- In topic, the children have thought about the food products that are grown or made in the UK. They then tasted some Indian cuisine (onion bhaji, samosa, papadums and mango chutney). Regardless of whether or not the children enjoyed the food, they were encouraged to use adjectives to describe the taste and texture of the foods. The children also explored a variety of objects, such as postcards, saris, wall hangings, coconut serving spoons and fans, from Sri Lanka. The children looked at the objects and had to decide what they were made from and for what they might be used, before presenting their observations to the class. We are grateful to Mrs Whiley for lending us these items.

During the holidays your child might like to:

- Have a go using the 'Ruler Tool' on ActiveLearn and try measuring the various items you can drag onto the screen.
- Try measuring 10 household items accurately, recording your findings in your home activity book. Can you order them shortest to longest?
- Complete the comprehension activity sent home in your child's book bag.

Swimming kits

Miss Bryant has asked us to remind parents that all children should have 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:

Tuesday 15 May – 8.35am: Willow Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 16 May – 8.35am: Maple Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Tuesday 22 May – 8.35am: Lime Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Wednesday 23 May – 8.35am: Larch Tree class assembly in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

Tuesday 19 June – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 1 Sports Day

Tuesday 26 June – 8.35am - 9.35am: Year 1 Concert in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Pre Prep hall from 8.00am

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

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

Melanie Harries