



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 12 April 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term! We are hoping that we will shortly enjoy some summer weather to help us make the most of our outside spaces!

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries presented many skiing medals which children had earned over the holidays and talked to the children about the star in the centre of the apple. She talked about how we can choose each day whether to be a 'star in our core' and how this means making the choice to be the best person you can be and being kind and thoughtful to others.

In class this week we have been celebrating the Sikh New Year festival of Vaisakhi. We discovered facts about the Sikh faith, decorated turbans and took part in bhangra dancing.

Our focus in maths has been to identify the properties of 3D solid shapes, including identifying and describing the 2D faces, looking for curved and straight edges and testing to find out if they stack and roll.

In literacy on Thursday, we introduced our special author for the summer term, Lynley Dodd. We shared stories such as *Hairy Maclary* and *Slinky Malinki* and each child wrote simple words or sentences about a picture from one of the stories.

We spent time in the woodland classroom digging borders and planting flowers in preparation for the butterflies that we hope to breed there this summer. Phase one of our butterfly project is due to commence next week with the arrival of 100 caterpillars into the department!

**Over the coming weekend** your child might like to identify 3D solid shapes around the home, such as tins, boxes and balls and count the edges and faces. Are the edges curved or straight? Can the object be stacked? Does it roll down a slope?

Please note, there will be no swimming on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April due to the Junior Swimming Gala which takes place that afternoon.

**Dates for your diary:**

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

**Thursday 24 May:** End of the first half of term

**Friday 25 May:** School closed – INSET staff training day

**Thursday 21 June – 2.15pm - 3.15 pm:** Reception Sports Day on the front lawn

**Wednesday 27 June:** School closed – Norfolk Show day

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*