



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 12 April 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term! We are hoping that next week may bring some spring-like weather to help us make the most of our lovely 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.

We have been very impressed with the children's attitude and effort in their first two days back. The children have been very keen and confident in telling the class their holiday news and they have also written excellent recounts of their news in class literacy sessions. We have also undertaken the following activities:

- Revision of key addition and subtraction skills.
- Revision of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and translated this knowledge into number patterns / basic multiplication facts.
- Practising joined-up handwriting.
- In art, we have continued to look at the work of Henri Rousseau and have used his work as inspiration to create a piece of our own.
- The children have been introduced to our new topic for this half term, 'Growing'. We designed a front cover for our topic books and labelled the main parts of a plant.
- Maple Tree and Lime Tree classes completed a topic related activity on the computers.
- Swimming groups one and two went swimming this morning. The other groups could not swim this week due to a Prep swimming gala which took place this afternoon. All groups will be back to usual swimming next week.
- Willow Tree and Maple Tree classes enjoyed their usual music lessons with Miss Skinner on Thursday.
- Willow Tree and Larch Tree classes undertook an orienteering task in mixed-class pairs outside on Thursday afternoon.
- The children enjoyed the milder spring weather outside this afternoon with some extra golden time.

We welcomed two new children to Year One this week. Isaac Church has joined Willow Class and Edward Hawkes has joined Maple Class. We wish both boys every success as they begin life at Town Close.

Over the weekend, your child may like to:

- Read their school reading book(s).
- Practise counting aloud in 2s, 5s and 10s and/or record these number patterns in their home/school book.
- Go on a spring walk around the garden/local area. Your child may like to take some photographs or complete an observational drawing of some flowers.

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

Tuesday 22 May – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Willow Tree and Maple Tree class to Fairhaven Water Gardens

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

Wednesday 23 May – 9.30am - 3.00pm: Lime Tree and Larch Tree class to Fairhaven Water Gardens

Thursday 24 May: End of the first half of term

Friday 25 May: School closed – INSET staff training day

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

Wednesday 27 June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

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

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

Melanie Harries