



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum information
Week beginning 16th April 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a lovely, sunny week in Pre Prep! New Top Birds were elected in Bird Family meetings and we enjoyed a whole school hymn practice on Thursday morning. In Wednesday's assembly, Mrs Harries and various volunteers demonstrated that whilst we might not all like all foods available, nature provides enough for all; we just need to share in order that some people do not go hungry. In our whole school assembly on Friday, Mr Bevington talked to the children about the UN Mother Earth Day and how small things we can all do make a huge difference.

We would like to remind parents and children that we are keen to celebrate children's achievements outside school and that all children are warmly invited to bring in any awards, medals and certificates to be shared in our Friday assemblies.

Literacy

This week, our literacy groups have commenced and the children have been consolidating their phoneme to grapheme correspondence. Mr Fisher's group have been introduced to 'o_e' grapheme (phone home) and have been reading the text 'Follow me'. Mrs Wilson's group have been learning about speech marks and how to implement these into their writing. The children have retold the story of *The Gingerbread Man* and included speech marks when the characters were speaking. Mrs Parker's group have learned the 'oi' grapheme (spoil the boy) and have been reading the text 'In the night'. Mrs Brown's group have been revising a variety of set two sounds and recording corresponding words. The children have been reading the text 'Stitch the Witch' and unscrambling sentences from the story.

The children have enjoyed listening to the story *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson which has been a good stimulus for our new topic 'growing'. We have discussed the various characters in the story and the children have been writing a character description of their own imaginative character. The children will be using these descriptions to aid their story writing.

Maths

The children have been learning how to write 2 and 3-digit numbers, practising their numeral formation. They have used a hundred square to aid their addition skills by adding 1 more and 10 more of a given number. We have also been practising our subtraction skills and some, subtracting 1 and 10 from any given number up to 100. The children have also been revising number sequences by counting forwards and backwards in 10s, 5s, 2s and 3s.

Other lessons and activities

In computing, the children have been utilising their word processing skills. They have been introduced to Textease word processing software to create a poster related to our 'growing' topic. Over the next few weeks children will learn how to type with two hands, use the shift, space and enter key properly, and edit work by using the backspace, delete and arrow keys. Children will then go on to learn how to use undo and redo and to select and format text.

In games sessions, the children have thoroughly enjoyed practising their throwing and catching skills through a range of carousel activities. Today the children displayed lots of enthusiasm as we planted our beans. We will be keeping a weekly bean diary to track the growing process through our observational skills. In art, the children have been practising their observational drawing skills. We have enjoyed the lovely weather and taken full advantage of this by exploring the woodland areas and finding beautiful flowers to draw in our sketch books. We looked at famous artists who have created observational drawings of flowers such as Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet.

Notes for parents

Please make sure your child has white PE socks in their PE bags for games PE lessons. Thank you.

Sun cream and hats

Assuming that the sunny weather continues, please ensure that your child has had 8-hour sun cream applied before coming to school and also brings their sunhat. This is particularly important at this time of year when the sun is getting so much higher.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Have a go at 'Bettle Bump' which has been allocated on Active Learn. This is to consolidate learning about adding and subtracting.
- Practise number sequences on Active Learn by selecting 'counting on a back' in the library.
- Complete the spellings or writing task allocated by their literacy teacher.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th May: Whole School Photograph

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

We hope you have a lovely sunny weekend with your children.

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

