



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week, the topic focus was to think about things we need and things that we want; both interesting areas of discussion. On Wednesday, the Year 2 children went to the Read Hall to watch 3V's class assembly and the Reception and Year 1 children had an assembly led by Mrs Harries, all about Elmer and celebrating our differences, being ourselves and the best we can be. Top Birds were presented with their badges and new Wonder Wall work was celebrated. Do come and see them hanging up in the Pre Prep entrance.

This week the children have all been involved in preparing our new Butterfly Lab (Bananarium), by planting thistles in our lovely new planters. We also began the first page of our butterfly diary and our project's blog account is now up and running if you would like to take a look please click on the link below:

<http://townclosebutterflies.wordpress.com/>

### **Literacy**

In literacy groups we continued to learn new phonemes. Each group also enjoyed taking part in spelling activities linked to the sounds that they have been learning and many children carried out a short piece of creative writing.

### **Maths**

We focused on counting in maths this week with an emphasis on doubling and halving. We also enjoyed many practical activities to help us understand the concepts, including rolling dice, finding doubles on dominoes, using the Numicon pieces to complete number sentences, doubling spots on ladybirds and playing games on the Smartboard.

### **Games**

In games, we made the most of the sunshine and the children took part in a carousel of activities. They had to bounce a ball on the ground using a racket, balance on a beam, hit the hockey ball with a stick and jump over the hurdles in a running challenge.

**Other information:**

We are missing a few special books from September to date; it is vital that we have this valuable record of children's learning in school. Please could you return any special books you still have by the end of this week. Thank you.

**Over the weekend you may like to:**

- Play board games with your child or have a go at making your own version. What special rule could you devise in the event of throwing a double?
- You may like to look outside for minibeasts and budding plants. Can you spot any plants that attract butterflies?
- Have a go at writing a 'red' word in a simple sentence about your weekend news.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Whole School Photograph

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00am - 3.00pm:** Reception Trip to Holkham Hall

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** End of the first half of term

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed – INSET staff training day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 2.15pm - 3.15 pm:** Reception Sports Day on the front lawn

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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*