



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 30th April 2018

Dear Parents

In Bird Family meetings this week, we thought about how people are similar and different and that we should be tolerant of different cultures and beliefs. On Wednesday, the Pre Prep children were treated to an assembly by Mrs Brown, who read a story all about Sidney the Spider who wasn't appreciated by a lady when he made cobwebs in her house, though Dillon the horse was very thankful when he kept the cobwebs away from him in his stable. The Top Birds did a wonderful job of counting the Bird Family tokens and announcing to the rest of Pre Prep who was the victorious Bird Family this week!

Literacy lessons

In literacy lessons this week, we continued thinking about Zambia and moved onto a focus of animals found there. We wrote fun riddles about animals, giving clues to partners and making a display of our work. Ask your child about their riddle and see if you can guess which animal they might be describing! We thought about the difference between 'there, their and they're' in our sentence building and when to use 'oi' or 'oy' in our spellings.

Maths lessons

In maths lessons, we have focused on addition and subtraction skills, using partitioning to split a number into tens and units before adding or subtracting. We also looked at missing number problems and equals as a balance.

Other lessons

In RE lessons, we continued with the story of Noah's Ark and thought about the animals we would take on the ark and what they would need. We created links with our science and thought about the animals' habitats as we created our own arks, including hamster wheels and trampolines for the kangaroos!

In topic, we used iPads to research different animals found in Zambia, which linked well with our English riddle work.

In science lessons we had the chance to dissect owl pellets. The children really enjoyed beginning to think about food chains and what we could learn from looking at the pellets. Thank you to those who supplied them.

In art lessons, we continued looking at the work of Henri Rousseau and began sketching leaves and flowers from different house plants, as Rousseau himself did. We looked at how to show that leaves were overlapping and how to build up layers.

This weekend you may like to:

- Look further at Rousseau's work and the paintings that he created, thinking about the things that inspired him.
- Find out more about the next Royal Wedding, in preparation for our celebrations.

Sun cream and hats

Assuming that the sunnier weather continues, please ensure that your child has had 8-hour sun cream applied before coming to school and also brings their sunhat. Being prepared for all British weather will help your child to enjoy their playtimes, so please do continue to send a raincoat too!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th May: Whole School Photograph

Thursday 17th May – 9.30 am - 3.00pm: Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park

Friday 18th May: Pre Prep Royal Wedding Celebrations

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

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

Monday 18th June – 2.15 pm: Year 2 Sports Day on the front lawn

Wednesday 27th June: School closed – Norfolk Show day

Thursday 28th June – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with refreshments available in the Read Hall from 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th July – 9.30am - 2.00pm: Year 2 trip to Winterton Beach

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

