



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a busy week of assembly performances: on Tuesday we enjoyed watching Willow class assembly in which we learnt all about the World Cup! On Wednesday, we enjoyed Maple class assembly in which we learnt about being unique. After our hymn practice on Thursday morning, we enjoyed our celebratory Friday assembly before beginning our Royal Wedding celebrations. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as part of our celebrations and we would like to thank parents for organising such splendid outfits!

We enjoyed a wonderful day at Pensthorpe yesterday and were delighted to be able to see such an impressive array of wildlife during our visit. The children particularly enjoyed feeding the birds and exploring the hides! Lots of energy was spent at the indoor and outdoor play areas and the year group drew praise from members of the public for their exemplary behaviour.

### **Literacy lessons**

This week we have identified verbs, adverbs, nouns and adjectives within texts. We have also made lists of these words. In spelling, we have discussed past tense verbs and how they can be used within a story context. We have created story maps about *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* in readiness for writing our own versions in class, including using exclamations that begin with 'What' and 'How'. In guided reading lessons, the children read about Meghan and Harry and answered questions about how they met, where they are to marry and how they contribute to society.

### **Maths lessons**

In maths lessons this week, we have revisited doubling and halving with 2-digit numbers. We have halved and doubled multiples of 10 and 5 as well as 2-digit numbers ending in 1, 2, 3 or 4. We have found a quarter and three quarters of a number and half, a quarter and a third of an amount up to 40. We have practised writing fractions and matched fractions to their equivalent; half being the same as  $\frac{2}{4}$ .

### **Other subjects**

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the Royal Family and exploring the history of their family tree. Year 2 children designed some super bunting in red, white and blue in readiness for our celebrations and decorated biscuits for our special tea on the lawn. In art lessons, we continued our work on Rousseau and explored the first layers of our jungles, identifying how depth is created in a picture.

In science, we ventured out to explore microhabitats in the school grounds. We made predictions about which creatures we might find in particular areas and discussed why they might favour a particular habitat's conditions. In RS we created instructions for looking after our planet, building on our work about Noah.

This weekend you may wish to encourage your child to tell you their version of *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. We have been working hard to include a range of adjectives, verbs, adverbs and nouns and hope that you hear evidence of these!

**Dates for your diary:**

**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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 2.15pm:** Year 2 Sports Day on the front lawn

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** School closed – Norfolk Show day

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm - 2.30pm:** Year 2 Concert Dress Rehearsal in the Read Hall

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 8.30am - 9.30am:** Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with coffee available in the Read Hall from 8.00am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

*Melanie Harries*