



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents

This week we enjoyed our final two Year 1 class assemblies! On Tuesday, Lime Tree class taught us about their Growth topic, through songs and dance and telling the story of Oliver's vegetables. On Wednesday, we enjoyed Larch class assembly in which the children beautifully acted out the story of The Moon Thieves, which teaches us to count our blessings and be thankful for what we have. Well done to all the children for their excellent performances! The children spoke with such confidence to large audiences and should feel extremely proud of their efforts.

We very much enjoyed our trip to Fairhaven Water Gardens this week. We were very proud of the children's behaviour and enthusiasm on both days and thought that they represented Town Close in the best possible way. We were lucky with the weather too!

### **Literacy**

In literacy groups on Monday, all groups had their spelling quiz and were introduced to a new grapheme. Mr Fisher's group looked at 'er' (a better letter) and learnt that although we now know three ways to spell this sound, the 'er' grapheme is most commonly used when the sound is at the end of a word e.g. corner and Fisher. Mrs Brown's group have studied 'oi' (spoil the boy) while Mrs Parker's learnt 'ow' (brown cow). In class literacy, we undertook some independent writing which recounted our trip to Fairhaven. We are delighted to see an ever-increasing number of children becoming confident with their joined-up handwriting.

### **Maths**

We have revised our knowledge of coins this week. We ordered coins from the smallest to largest value and thought about how we could describe their appearance according to colour and shape. We counted money in 2ps, 5ps and 10ps and thought of different ways of making 10p and 20p. We also undertook an assessment to see strong areas of progression as well as areas of development from the maths skills we have been working on this half term.

### **Other lessons and activities:**

- On Monday, all Year 1 classes had dance and library sessions and we have had our usual timetabled music lessons with Miss Skinner.
- We have finished our 'Growing' topic by recording our final bean diary entry, completing our light and dark bean experiment and taking our beans home to look after.
- Also in topic, we dissected flowers and labelled the main parts such as the stem and petals as well as looking in more detail at the stigma, ovary and filaments.
- In computing, we looked at how you edit text onscreen by clicking to the right of what needs editing and using the back space/delete key.

- We finished our sewing project. The children were very excited to make the ladybirds and bring them home!
- In games, we have continued with the core athletics events of running, jumping and throwing.

We have found a Barcelona football kit with the name 'Messi' on the back. If it is your child's please come and collect it from Mr Fisher's classroom. Many thanks.

**Over half term, your child may like to:**

- Record any sentences, drawing or photographs of holiday news in their home-school book, ready to share during the first week back.
- Talk to any elderly members of the family about what it was like growing up when they were young, in preparation for our new topic, 'long long ago'
- Continue to care for their bean plants at home. Your children may like occasionally to write some information/stick some photographs in their home-school book to keep us updated as to how well it is growing.
- Continue practising to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and begin to translate this knowledge to multiplication facts, for example '5 tens are 50'
- Go to the shops and buy some low cost items, totalling the amount together and trying to use the correct money to pay for their goods.
- Complete the handwriting and spelling task allocated by their literacy group teacher. We have been continually impressed with the high number of children who have been achieving full marks in our weekly spelling 'quizzes'!
- Enjoy the great outdoors (weather permitting!)! Going for walks, riding a bicycle, making dens, playing traditional games such as hop scotch, playing ball games and other sports, trampolining and going to the beach are just some ways of having great fun as well as keeping your children active.

**Staff news**

As you know, Mrs Ruth Bush has been away from school for much of this academic year. She has made the decision to retire and so will not be returning to her teaching role at Town Close. We are sure that you will join us in wishing her a very happy retirement and hope that she leaves us with some very happy memories.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 9:30am - 3:00pm:** All Year 1 classes to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 2.15pm - 3.15pm:** Year 1 Sports Day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> June:** School closed – Norfolk Show day

We hope you have a lovely half-term break.

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

*Melanie Harries*