



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 4th June 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half term of Year One! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and are ready to enjoy the coming summer weeks.

We started our week with a successful school trip to Gressenhall. We were very impressed with the children's impeccable behaviour. The children enjoyed getting involved in the washhouse by getting water from the pump and heating it on the copper. The children used a wooden 'dolly' to agitate the clothes and smelt carbolic soap. Finally, they squeezed out the water with a mangle. The children were also able to play with a variety of Victorian toys, clean a wooden table with salt and scrubbing brushes and make drop scones. Some children also rode tractors and saw some animals. In addition, they visited the museum, schoolroom and village stores. The children also enjoyed exploring the fantastic adventure playground. In your child's book bag, you will find a complimentary ticket to Gressenhall.

In Bird Family meetings this week we elected our final Top Birds for the year. Mrs Harries shared a story with the children in assembly on Wednesday called *Daisy, eat your peas!* Alongside talking about the importance of healthy foods and also the chance for having a treat, the story talked about how it is easy to criticise others before noticing our own faults.

Literacy

The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their home-school books and holiday news with their classes and hearing about the lovely activities others did during half term. During class literacy the children recalled the activities they participated in at Gressenhall and wrote a recount of their trip in their literacy books.

Mr Fisher's group have been learning 'ow' (brown cow) as well as reading the story text *My best shirt*. The children have been discussing when they might wear their best outfits and have been designing and describing their own outfits. Mrs Wilson's group have looked at suffixes; adding 'er' to the end of nouns (build – builder). The children have been reading the text *Do you have to keep it?* and completing related activities. Mrs Parker's group have been consolidating their learning of 'ou' (shout it out) and 'ow' (brown cow) and they have been reading the text *Jim's House in 1874*. Mrs Brown's group have been introduced to a split digraph, a-e (make a cake). The children have been reading words containing this digraph and remembering the phoneme to grapheme correspondence.

Numeracy

This week the children have been consolidating their learning of place value. We have been locating 2-digit numbers on a hundred square then saying numbers in-between and ordering them. We have been partitioning 2 and 3-digit numbers into

hundreds, tens and ones using base 10 material. The children have been solving place value addition by firstly adding the tens and then the ones to find the answer.

Other lessons and activities

- In music, we have been continuing to learn our songs in preparation for the Summer Concert. If your child learns an instrument (in or out of school) please look out for and **complete the slip** which will be in your child's book bag informing us of their choice of piece.
- In computing, the children have continued to use their word processing skills to create a poster and edit sentences. We have been consolidating our skills, such as inserting and manipulating text, changing the size, style or font and inserting images.
- In PE and games, the children have enjoyed getting ready for sports afternoon on the 19th June. They have practised running in lanes, a racing stance and had fun racing with sacks and eggs and spoons.
- We commenced our new topic, *Long, Long Ago*, with an exciting trip to Gressenhall. We also learned about Victorian houses and explored the similarities and differences between them and houses today.

Over the weekend your child might like to:

- Complete the spelling and handwriting homework allocated by their literacy teacher.
- Complete the maths games allocated on Active Learn.
- As part of our *Long, Long Ago* topic, you may like to enjoy playing a traditional board game together as a family.
- Imagine you are living in Victorian times. Write a few sentences describing two or three things you **would like** about living in that time era and things you **don't think you would like**. Think back to our trip to Gressenhall and the activities we participated in.

Staff news

As some of you are aware, Mrs Pritchard had a routine operation just after half term. Following a successful recovery, Mrs Pritchard will not be returning to her post this term, due to unexpected family illness. We are sure that you will join us in sending her best wishes over the coming weeks.

Dates for your diary:

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, restful weekend with your children.

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

Melanie Harries