



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 1 Curriculum information

Week beginning: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents

This week in assembly Mrs Harries talked to the children about safety in the sun; she shared a story with the children and the important things to remember in order to enjoy the sun and be safe; slip (on a T-shirt), slop (on some sun screen), slap (on a hat), sunglasses and shade, were the things to commit to memory! In Bird Family meetings, celebrating each other was the theme of the day.

We hope that you enjoyed our Year One sports afternoon on Tuesday. The children all participated brilliantly, in the right spirit, and behaved superbly. We were delighted with the turnout and we are sure you are very proud of how the children performed. We look forward to seeing you again next week, either at the whole school triathlon on Monday or the Year One singing and musical instruments concert on Tuesday.

### 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 'oa' (goat in a boat) and retold the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Mrs Wilson's group studied the 'aw' (yawn at dawn) grapheme and also retold a traditional story, 'Hansel and Gretel'. Mrs Brown's group learnt the split digraph o-e (phone home) and read 'Big blob and baby blob'. Mrs Parker's group looked at 'ew' (chew the stew) during phonics and read the non-fiction text 'In The Park'.

We have looked at multiplication as repeated addition e.g.  $2+2+2+2$  is the same as  $4 \times 2$ . We have revised our knowledge of counting out loud in 2s, 5s and 10s and tried to transfer this knowledge. Some of us have tackled multiplication questions mentally whilst others have preferred to use counters and other objects to see the numbers in a more concrete way.

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 also had swimming groups today.
- In computing, we have continued to work on careful mouse control, typing skills and changing the appearance of text on a screen. We have also been using the iPads, using educational apps as well as enjoying some free time. We have talked about e-safety and the importance of keeping safe whilst using technology.
- In topic, we looked at seaside holidays from the past, including transport and entertainment.
- In art, some classes began to look at Claude Monet's 'Water Lily Pond' and used his work as inspiration to create their own piece of artwork.

- As part of class circle times we have discussed 'The Town Close Way' and how it is important to try to follow it at all times.

**Over the weekend, your child may like to:**

- Record any sentences, drawing or photographs of their weekend news in their home school book ready to share next week.
- Continue practising to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and translate this knowledge to multiplication facts, for example '5 twos are 10'. Your child may like to write out a set of multiplication sentences in their home school books, for example  $1 \times 2 = 2$  ,  $2 \times 2 = 4$ ,  $3 \times 2 = 6$  etc.
- Complete the handwriting and spelling task allocated by their literacy group teacher. Please note that due to the whole school triathlon, the weekly spelling quiz will take place in literacy groups on Tuesday next week.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** 'The Town Close Charity Triathlon' – to sponsor your child please use the following link: <https://townclose.com/donations/>

Please can you ensure that your child's swim bag is in school on Monday for the whole school triathlon.

**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, restful weekend with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*