



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 10th September 2018

Dear Parents

We have had a very positive first full week in the Nest and have been delighted to see the children begin to pick up new routines and display increasing levels of independence. Many thanks to all those who were able to attend our information evening; if you were unable to attend we hope you gained a good insight through the various documents sent home in your child's book bag. Please do keep the word lists and maths booklet handy at home, as regular practice of these is essential this year. A copy of the presentation can also be found [here](#).

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries showed the children a range of teddy bears, using them as a basis for talking about how we are all different and all special. The children were keen to engage and had lots of super ideas to share. In Bird Family meetings some members of Year 2 put themselves forward to be Top Birds; this was our first election of the year! We enjoyed our first hymn practice with Miss Skinner on Thursday morning.

Literacy lessons

This week we have begun to explore words containing 'ai' and 'ay'. We have identified that 'ai' is usually found in the middle of words and 'ay' often at the end. We have completed a range of written tasks involving these sounds and also generated list of words containing them in readiness for our first word building homework next week. The children also answered a range of questions about themselves and put their responses into sentences to be displayed in speech bubbles.

Maths lessons

We began the week's lessons with a maths trail through the woods, solving a range of problems. The children worked in teams and did a superb job of sharing the roles of solving, recording and, of course, the honour of holding the team clipboard! It was lovely to see the classes so enthused when problem-solving and it was a great way to start the week. We went on to explore estimating and accurate counting and finished the week generating pairs of numbers that make 10 and 20.

Other lessons and activities:

In RS we introduced the Creation Story and began to talk about different faiths and beliefs. The children discussed some of their own creations and why they are proud of these. Some super drawings were produced in lessons and they were able to write about their personal achievements.

In science, we have sorted everyday objects into 'living', 'non-living' and 'never lived'. Some interesting conversations arose from this activity and created positive debate about items like woollen jumpers and pencils.

Over the weekend you might like to:

- Talk with your child about some of the new experiences they have had this week and what they have achieved already in Year 2.

Pick-up

Parents picking up by car who do not use our stop and collect service are very welcome to arrive at 3.45pm and use the car park (displaying the orange pass you have been given). Children wait in the entrance area from 3.45pm, accompanied by staff, and we allow plenty of time for remaining children to be picked-up before putting children into After School Care. Therefore, please do not feel pressurised to arrive early in order to secure a parking place on the street. We hope that car drivers will mix using stop and collect some afternoons with walking into school or parking at 3.45pm on others so that we have the chance to interact with all parents on a regular basis.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 11th October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – details on how to book appointments to follow

Monday 15th – Friday 19th October: Pre Prep Science Week

Tuesday 16th October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm: Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

Friday 19th October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall – further details to follow

Tuesday 6th November – 8.45am - 3.00pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

Monday 12th November: Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

Tuesday 13th November – 8.45am - 3.00 pm: Half of Year 2 to the Forum and Pizza Express

Thursday 15th November – 10.00 - 11.55 am: Year 2 to Vue Cinema to see *Mary and the Witch's Flower* (based on *The Little Broomstick* by Mary Stewart)

Thursday 6th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 13th December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

