



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents

This week, we have enjoyed a whole school hymn practice and a whole school assembly, both in the Read Hall. The children practised singing the song 'He's got the whole world in his hands' in readiness for singing this together at the Headmaster's assembly on Friday. As usual, Headmaster's assembly started with two terrific musical performances by Prep pupils. Mr Bevington then talked about the importance of saying 'thank you' and how much people appreciate receiving a letter of thanks, with the help of a story acted out brilliantly by Nikita, Amelie, Thomas and Henry, from Years 1, 4 & 8. In Bird Family meetings, the focus was on differences, discussing different beliefs, favourite colours and so forth. We have a new set of work on the 'Wonder Wall' in the Pre Prep entrance, which you are warmly invited to view.

### **Literacy**

In literacy lessons this week we have created story maps of *The Little Red Hen* in readiness for writing the story next week. This method allows the children to identify the key features of the story and also consider the language and emotion associated with different events within the plot. We have continued to practise reading and spelling both Year 1 and 2 common exception words and put these into appropriate sentences. Our word-building work has focused on the trigraph 'igh'; children were able to generate a long list of words containing this spelling. Spelling lessons have explored 'oi' (usually in the middle of a word) and 'oy' (usually at the end) with children becoming much better at listening to words containing these to identify where in the word they can hear the sound.

### **Maths**

In maths lessons this week, we have named 2D shapes and sorted them according to their properties using a Venn diagram. Using a right angle tester, we have identified right angles in our environment as well as those found in 2D shapes. Children have also learned how to read, and enter data into, a Carroll diagram. We have continued to practise a range of skills found in the Year 2 maths booklet and have been delighted to see that many children are already benefiting from regular practice at home.

### **Other lessons**

As part of our 'Farm to Fork' topic, we have explored the journey of a pea. The children have watched a film about the different processes involved in getting a pea from field to fork and learned about what each process involves. Every child has planted their own pea and been given the task of observing change and caring for it.

**To support your child's learning at home you might like to:**

Look through the Year 2 maths booklet and practise naming shapes and the properties of these.

**Bakes and Books Sale! – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

We are very much looking forward to this special event and will be delighted to see good books rehomed! Please bring any unwanted books, in good condition, to The Nest from next week. Homemade cakes (with an ingredients list – no nuts please) or shop bought cakes should be brought to The Nest from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm:** Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – please book via the online booking system

**Online booking system:** Go to the Town Close website and visit the Parents' Information Centre on the left. Click on the parents' booking system. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Pre Prep Science Week

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30pm - 4.15 pm:** Year 2 Book and Bake Sale in The Nest

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Grandparents' afternoon in the Read Hall - further details to follow

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

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

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

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 1.30pm – 3.00pm:** Big School Swim (parents welcome to attend)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm:** Year 2 Christmas Production

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

*Melanie Harries*